Often in talking with my sons, David and Steven, I encourage them to think about where they have been, where they are now, and where they are headed; in essence, to appreciate their progress. Similarly, since I appreciate many wonderful things about our department, I would like to briefly share with you some of our progress over the recent months.

Appreciating Where We Have Been
In March 2007 alumni, faculty, staff, students, family members and friends came together at the Annual RPTM Recognition Banquet to celebrate sixty years of departmental leadership. That evening we paid tribute to Fred Coombs, Tony Mobley, Pat Farrell, Frank Guadagnolo, Herbie Lundegren, Dick Shafer, Stuart Mann, Bob Lee, and Sara Parks. Fortunately, Fred, Pat, Herbie, Frank, Bob, and Sara were with us for at least part of the evening. Please refer to www.hhdev.psu.edu/rptm/about/60yrs.html for words of appreciation I shared that night. I take comfort that most of these leaders, whose collective wisdom I access regularly, reside in Happy Valley. As a final note about past leaders, at the Recognition Banquet we acknowledged the 22-year Penn State career of Sharon Houser, who was a devoted RPTM budget assistant; her contributions were numerous and the positive demeanor that she brought to her work is surely missed.

Appreciating Where We Are Now
Space, the final frontier...on September 8 we held an open house to celebrate our new location on the seventh and eighth floors of the newly renovated and renamed Donald H. Ford Building (formerly the Business Administration Building). Our new space is spectacular! We have several research laboratories interspersed among our faculty offices that facilitate stimulating interactions among our faculty, students, and scholars across
campus and around the world. We offer our students a technology-enhanced classroom and an academic support wing with offices for our undergraduate coordinator, internship and alumni relations coordinator, academic adviser, and student leaders. We have top-notch space for our golf management program that provides offices for our instructors, a lounge and reception area, an internship office, and a learning laboratory. One way in which we have strengthened our ties with Shaver’s Creek is by designating an office for their staff. In addition, there are several lounge areas and conference rooms dispersed across the two floors where students, faculty and staff can interact on a regular basis. And finally, almost every office has windows that provide an amazing view of Mount Nittany, Tussey Mountain, the University Park campus, and State College.

**Appreciating Where We Are Going**

One way to get a sense of where we are going is to consider the people and positions we have in place and those we are searching to fill. To enhance our international presence we created the position of professor-in-charge of international relations. We are fortunate that Duarte Morais assumed this new role to coordinate and extend efforts associated with tourism and culture by Christine Buzinde, Garry Chick, Deb Kerstetter, and Careen Yarnal. To increase our examination of recreation and leisure services on people’s health, we are in the midst of searching for a faculty member whose expertise in examining the physical and mental health aspects of recreation activity can complement work by Linda Caldwell, Geoff Godbey, Andy Mowen, and Ralph Smith. Our graduate program has been strengthened in the area of outdoor recreation thanks to the funding of several graduate assistants by Alan Graefe, Mark Ivy, and Harry Zinn. We are pleased to hire a new undergraduate academic adviser, Angie Rothrock, who brings to her position enthusiasm and experience that extend Patty Kleban’s efforts to ensure quality undergraduate instruction. To increase our strategic efforts to engage and serve our alumni, the long-time role of our internship coordinator, Tammy Buckley, has expanded to a full-time position with new responsibilities for coordinating and enhancing our relationships with RPTM alumni. We have acquired space for our golf management program to house a new Golf Teaching and Research Center. This center will be managed by a new instructor whom we will hire this year to work alongside Eric Handley, Stevie Lovell, and Burch Wilkes. Finally, we hired Jennifer Howard as our administrative specialist, Gennifer Blesh as our budget specialist, Hodya Margolis as our receptionist, and Krista White as our program specialist to complement the terrific work by Jeanne Korman.

We have a wonderful heritage associated with a more than sixty-year-old department, now housed in a great space in the Ford Building that enhances our education, research, and outreach. This year we have received substantial support from our alumni and the dean to enhance our instructional capabilities, fund scholarships, mentor students, and obtain equipment critical to our research and teaching. As you can see, there is much for us to appreciate.
HAPPY NEW YEAR on behalf of the Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management Affiliate Program Group Board of Directors! Everyone who has graduated from the RPTM program (or any of its predecessors) is a member of the RPTM APG alumni organization—free of charge!

The main role of the RPTM APG Board of Directors is to maintain and enhance the connection between alumni, students, and the department of RPTM. We accomplish this by following a specific format for goal-setting and operations called “MACS,” which stands for Mentoring, Awards, Communications, and Social/Professional Activities.

We as an APG have been in existence since 2003 and we’ve come a long way already! Some examples of our accomplishments include creating the Deb Kerstetter Outstanding Alumni Award; continually connecting with alumni, students, and faculty at NRPA and PRPS conferences; developing this newsletter as an additional form of connecting with alumni; and offering career-building programs for RPTM students such as the Alumni/Student Speed Networking event.

I’m really excited for what we have planned for 2008. We have several events planned for the first weekend in April at Penn State, such as the RPTM Mentoring Brunch, Alumni/Student Networking event, and the 4th Annual RPTM Recognition Banquet. The weekend will conclude with our RPTM APG General Meeting. These events are open to anyone, so please plan to attend one or all of the events!

As you can see we are a lively organization, undertaking many exciting plans and projects, and we hope that you’d like to get involved! There are many ways you can support the RPTM department and the APG, whether it be through volunteering with the board, mentoring a student, or making a financial contribution. You can find out more by completing the interest card in this newsletter or by contacting me at angela_andiorio@yahoo.com. If you have a desire to meet new people, help others, and stay connected with Penn State, this is a perfect opportunity. I hope to hear from you soon!
WHAT DOES AN AFFILIATE PROGRAM GROUP (APG) DO?

The purpose of the RPTM APG is to unite alumni of the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management and the College of Health and Human Development, to strengthen the professional reputation of the major, and to provide a means for alumni to connect with fellow alumni, faculty, and students. All alumni are automatically a member of the RPTM APG upon graduation and there is no fee to become a member. The APG sponsors programs and activities in four areas:

- **Mentoring:** Participating in the College of Health and Human Development Mentoring Program; sponsoring career panel discussions and career-building workshops for students.
- **Awards:** Nominating alumni for APG and College of Health and Human Development awards.
- **Communications:** Communicating with alumni about the RPTM department and its alumni, faculty and students.
- **Social/Professional Activities:** Sponsoring social gatherings at professional conferences and other venues.

Any alumni interested in becoming more active in the RPTM-APG should contact President, Angela Andiorio, ’03 at angela_andiorio@yahoo.com

THE GIFT OF MENTORING

by MICHELLE FISHER ’99

Back in 2005, I was approached about becoming an alumni mentor to a current RPTM student. I never could have imagined what a difference being involved in the College of Health and Human Development Mentoring Program could make in my life. The program became the first step in my return and reconnection to Penn State and the RPTM department.

The mentoring program was as beneficial to me as it was to my student protégé, Catie Star. When Catie shared her experiences, I found myself feeling instantly reconnected to Penn State. Our communications brought back a lot of great memories! The mentoring program, just like so many programs, is what you make of it. It can be as involved as the mentor and protégé want it to be. Catie and I communicated mostly by email but, since I am also a State College “townie,” we had opportunities to get together when I came to State College, either to visit family or represent Hershey Entertainment and Resorts at job fairs. Even if it was only for a few minutes, it was always nice to see Catie. Catie and I agreed from the start that we would always keep in touch. There were weeks throughout the year when we emailed back and forth a lot. During busier times, our emails were less frequent but we had set our expectations accordingly.

As we became friends, we talked about more than Penn State issues. Catie was heavily involved in Homecoming and she would give updates on that, as well as what was going on in her classes and with her family. She also learned about my family and what was going on in Hershey.

When Catie was a senior, she shared her job search with me. She included me in her triumphs as well as her disappointments. I found myself bragging about her accomplishments like she was a close relative. Ironically, our roles reversed and Catie became a source of support for me when I had applied for a new job within my company and did not get it. Catie had been through a similar experience with her job search. She predicted to me that something better would come along and it did! Catie was the first person I told when I earned my recent promotion.

Because of our very positive experience, we were asked to speak at the department’s March 2007 Mentoring Luncheon where we were more than happy to share our story. I also participated in the RPTM APG’s Alumni-Student Networking program and Catie and I attended the RPTM Recognition Banquet that same night. I was excited to find out what was going on in RPTM as well as in the College of Health and Human Development and Penn State. It was great to reconnect with the faculty and other alumni!

Michelle Fisher is an RPTM mentor and the training and quality assurance manager for Central Reservations and Information at Hershey Entertainment and Resorts. Alumni interested in becoming a part of the Mentoring Program should contact Tammy Buckley, RPTM alumni relations coordinator (tbuckley@psu.edu or 814-867-1756), or Kris D’Alessandro, APG mentoring chair (kris.dalessandro@us.army.mil).
As always, RPTM remains proud of the many current students and graduates of the program who have contributed to the RPTM profession, the RPTM Department, fellow students, and professionals. We are proud to acknowledge the 2007 RPTM award and scholarship winners!

**Fred M. Coombs Scholarship**
Philip Stout ’07
Courtney Fox
Sarah Lawrence

**Jonathan & Judy Mills Trustee Scholarship**
John Deegan

**Mills Family Scholarship**
Jeremy Deiter ’07
Jacob Hoffer
Bobbi-Jo Witmer ’07

**PGA Professional Golf Management Diversity Scholarship in The College of Health and Human Development**
David Kim
Megan Padua

**Anita N. & Fred M. Coombs Scholarship in Professional Golf Management**
Patrick White

**AT&T Scholarship in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management**
Jonathan (Kenny) Hiser
Christine Murawski
Kristen Trout ’07
Robin Bang

**Paul Runyan Collegiate Golf MGT Scholarship**
Michael Pius

**Pamela Nicholson-Dadey & Kevin Ryan Dadey Memorial Student Scholarship in the Professional Golf Management Program in The College of Health and Human Development**
John Ebmeyer

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AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTINUED

PGM Scholarship for Creative Thought (Mason and Juliet Champion)
Patrick Gunning

Karen Ann Rugh Excellence (K.A.R.E.) Scholarship
Jeremy Deiter

College of HHD Student Professional Development Endowment Award
Grayson Zacker
Jeremy McLean

Herberta M. Lundgren Graduate Scholarship in Leisure Studies
Toni Liechty

Deb Kerstetter Outstanding Alumni Award
Bob Griffith ’72

RPTM Alumni Recognition Award
Joanne Finegan ’83

RPTM Emerging Professional–Graduate Degree Award
Laura Payne ’98

RPTM Emerging Professional–Undergraduate Degree Award
Joe Hughes ’99

APG CREATES NEW AWARD

In 2007, the RPTM APG created the “Deb Kerstetter Outstanding Alumni Award” to honor an alumnus/alumna who is committed to the highest ideals of the RPTM profession, ongoing communication with alumni and students, and strong professional leadership. Bob Griffith ’72, executive director of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, was the first alumnus to be honored.

“Bob Griffith is a great credit to Penn State and the recreation and park profession,” explained Dianne DeFusco, APG awards chairperson. “He has served as the leader of the recreation and park profession in many ways, such as establishing a permanent office for the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, developing educational lectures and training sessions, serving as chair of several bond issue campaigns, and bringing a high level of professionalism to the annual conference.”

Griffith has served on many advisory boards and commissions, such as DCNR’s Advisory Council; the State Recreation and Park Advisory Committee; the Governor’s Conference on Recreation, Parks, and Leisure; the Council of Executive Directors; the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of the National Recreation and Park Association; the Strategic Planning Committee for Recreation and Park Management at Penn State; the Rivers 2000 Conference; and the Coalition for Key 93.

William C Forrey ’71g commented that, “Bob’s modesty is a likeable trait that helps him win friends and influence people to advance recreation and park issues in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

Griffith has received many awards and it is significant that five presidents of PRPS have honored Bob with Presidential Citations for his outstanding administration of PRPS. Congratulations, Bob!

If you would like to nominate an alumnus or alumna for the APG’s Deb Kerstetter Outstanding Alumni Award, please visit www.hhdev.psu.edu/alumni/apg/rptm/awards.html or contact Di-anne DeFusco, APG awards chair, at diannedefusco@yahoo.com.

NOTABLE QUOTES

I was very honored and humbled to receive the first RPTM APG Outstanding Alumni Award, particularly after it had been designated for Deb Kerstetter for her impressive work with both the department and with her students. I also felt fortunate to receive the award at a time when many of the Penn State faculty and alumni who had helped me over the years were present so I could do my best to convey my thanks and appreciation to them. —Bob Griffith ’72 (commenting at the 3rd Annual Recognition Banquet)

I am appreciative that you still send the RPTM News magazine to me. As one of the old timers I still enjoy looking through it and continue to be amazed at the growth of the entire program. When I was there it was the College Health, Physical Education and Recreation and I’ve always thought that “recreation” was just an “add on” for the college. But once it became a full department it really blossomed. You are to be congratulated for having the “growth and opportunity” vision for this field. —Bob Hepburn ’49
RPTM GOES DOWN UNDER
by MARK IVY

A GROUP of twenty-three students representing a variety of academic disciplines participated in the inaugural study abroad adventure to Australia this past year. The 6-credit, faculty-led course, Sustaining Human Societies and the Natural Environment, took place entirely within the state of Queensland (northeastern Australia).

Following a week of orientation to the flora, fauna, and culture of the region in Cairns, the group traveled from the reef to the Outback. The first stop on the trek was Port Townsend, featuring a trip up to Cape Tribulation to search for the elusive Cassowary bird and to see the beautiful beach where Captain Cook ran aground. The group then visited a cattle station in the Outback and spent an afternoon with George Archer, a descendant of the Aboriginal tribe that has occupied the region for thousands of years. One student commented, “I was not aware that Aboriginals existed; what an amazing learning experience!” Next the group headed to the rainforest on the Tablelands and searched for wildlife while paddling through a lake at night. Undara National Park was the next destination, where the group saw kookaburras and parrots and toured the lava tubes. The final leg of the journey included an overnight stay aboard a yacht moored alongside the Great Barrier Reef.

Students wrote a series of essays on issues related to sustainable tourism and natural resource management. They also participated in small group research projects at the Great Barrier Reef, tropical rainforest, and Outback. One student summed up her feelings about the course in this way: “From learning to identify coral bleaching while snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef, to measuring canopy cover in the rainforest with makeshift measuring devices, every day was a rich and cultural experience.”
GOLF’S GROWING GAME
SECRETARY OF THE PGA OF AMERICA VISITS PENN STATE’S PGM PROGRAM
by STEPHANIE LOVELL

THE PROFESSIONAL Golf Management Program was honored on September 5, 2007, when the secretary of the PGA of America, Allen Wronowski, visited Penn State as the guest speaker for the PGM Student Society’s first meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year. Wronowski will serve as the PGA’s secretary for the 2006-2008 term, and its vice president for the 2008-2010 term, before assuming the position of president during the 2010-2012 term. He has been the PGA head golf professional at Hillendale Country Club in Phoenix, Maryland since 1990.

Wronowski has had a distinguished record of service to the PGA since being elected a member in 1981. He has served in a variety of roles in the Mid-Atlantic PGA section including secretary, vice president, and president, and currently is a Board of Control representative for the section. In addition, he has been a nationally-recognized award winner in a variety of industry areas. These include section awards such as Assistant Golf Professional of the Year, Marketing Professional of the Year, and Mid-Atlantic Merchandiser of the Year. Other awards include the Section PGA Golf Professional of the Year and the Bill Strausbaugh Award.

Wronowski met with faculty and student leaders in an informal setting before addressing the PGM Student Society. Mr. Wronowski’s discussion highlighted the importance of growing the game of golf, particularly in light of today’s more sedentary society. He also stressed the importance of introducing the game to young people. He was very impressed with the Penn State “Golfapalooza” event, which targeted 130 fifth grade elementary school students last spring. The event took place at five different golf courses in the area and was very successful in introducing the game to Centre County youth.

Wronowski also spent some time talking about the critical importance of mentoring young PGA professionals. He was intrigued with the PGM mentoring program, where incoming freshmen are paired with upper-class students as they transition to the University and the PGM program. It was just the kind of program that he envisions happening at the PGA professional level.

It was a very exciting evening, with the PGM students being able to ask a governing board member of the PGA any questions that they had about the industry. It also allowed Wronowski to stress to the students the importance of being involved in their professional association as early as possible. Wronowski ended the evening by telling the students that he looks forward to returning to Penn State to visit during his term as president of the PGA of America.

Stephanie “Stevie” Lovell is an instructor in the Professional Golf Management program, the largest of the four options in RPTM with approximately 200 students enrolled annually. Alumni interested in contributing their expertise to the PGM program can contact Stevie at 814-863-2624 or ssl1@psu.edu.

PGA Secretary Allen Wronowski speaks to PGM students
EDUCATING, INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING WOMEN STUDENTS

by CAREEN YARNAL

FORMED IN the fall of 2004, the goal of the College of Health and Human Development’s Women’s Leadership Initiative (WLI) is to prepare women students for future leadership. The competitive selection process means the class is limited to thirty students annually. Participants receive 4 credit hours for their two-semester involvement. The class includes weekly meetings, monthly seminars, weekend workshops, observations of and discussions about leadership, and individual mentoring by Health and Human Development alumni, including several from RPTM. Participants emerge from the class with an understanding of their leadership style and capacity, ability to foster leadership in others, and a firm understanding of leadership in other cultures and contexts. It’s a tremendous learning opportunity, a lot of fun, and a great chance to network with a variety of women and men who hold prominent leadership positions.

Over the past four years, many wonderful students from the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management have participated in WLI. This year, for example, RPTM student applicants were so outstanding that three of them garnered spots in the WLI program. (The usual allocation is two per academic unit in the College.) And, to a person, RPTM women love the program! Crystal Lumley (WLI ’03-’04), a park ranger with the US Army Corps of Engineers and a substitute teacher, writes: “The WLI helped me become a much more confident and outspoken person. I was always a touch on the shy side and was scared to take a challenge in case it ended up badly. [With the WLI] I learned nothing is too hard and taking a challenge in case it ended up badly. [With the WLI] I learned nothing is too hard and taking a challenge is important in life.” Echoing those positive sentiments, Jillian Poznick (WLI ’04-’05), a marathon runner who raises funds to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and who is currently attending outdoor leadership school, writes: “So far my journey after college has been fantastic and the WLI comes up in my thoughts often. I actually [recently] looked through many of the notes I took during the WLI to help me re-establish what my values were and what my goals were.” Larissa Wittmer of WLI and the significant advantages my group had because of them.” Larissa also mentioned that she will be serving as a mentor to a WLI student, becoming one the youngest mentors the WLI has ever had.

With a mission is to “educate, inspire, and empower the next generation of female leaders,” RPTM women are rising to the challenge. The department is proud of each of its Women’s Leadership Initiative graduates and participants. Personally, I can’t wait to see where these awesome role models and leaders will go next!

Careen Yarnal is an associate professor and serves on the Internal Advisory Committee for the Women’s Leadership Initiative. Any alumni interested in becoming a WLI mentor, speaker, panel member, volunteer, or facilitator, contact Careen at 814-865-1851 or cmy122@psu.edu
INTERESTED IN RECRUITING RPTM STUDENTS?

Recreation and Resort Internship/Employment Fair/February 29, 2008

The RPTM Student Society will again be collaborating with Penn State Career Services to sponsor a Recreation and Resort Internship/Employment Fair on February 29, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Alumni who are looking for interns, part-time, or full-time employment are encouraged to register for the event. The fair is open to all Penn State students and will be held in Alumni Hall of the Hetzel Union Building (HUB). If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Patty Kleban at plk4@psu.edu for registration information.

RPTM Student Career and Interview Center

New this year, RPTM has developed a Student Career and Interview Center to assist alumni looking to hire RPTM students and graduates. The center assists alumni who are interested in recruiting current students or graduates for internships, jobs, or seasonal employment who may wish to visit Penn State, post their job opportunities, speak in classes, conduct interviews, and/or set up an exhibit outside of our busy classroom. For agencies or organizations related to recreation, park and tourism management in general, please contact Tammy Buckley at tbuckley@psu.edu or 814-867-1756. For visits specific to the Professional Golf Management Program, please contact Eric Handley at esh12@psu.edu or 814-863-2924.

RETIREMENT

RALPH SMITH, ’84G, associate professor of leisure studies in Penn State’s College of Health and Human Development has announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2008, after twenty-one years at Penn State. Smith is a certified therapeutic recreation specialist who specialized in the areas of inclusive programming for individuals with disabilities, attitudes toward disability, and disability adjustment. Smith has over twenty-eight years of university teaching experience to undergraduate and graduate students, during which he received two university teaching awards. His professional background includes eight years as the director of a community-based recreation and camping program for persons with disabilities, and thirty years with the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA). He was inducted in the NWBA Hall of Fame in 1995. Smith has authored textbooks, conducted research in the area of inclusive recreation programming, and has served as associate editor on various professional journals. Since 2006, he has been a professional associate of Penn State’s Management Development Programs and Services. In that role, Smith has served as an instructor for the U.S. Army’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Academy on Inclusive Recreation Programming for Wounded Warriors. Smith is medically retired from the U.S. Army due to combat wounds incurred while serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. Smith received his Ph.D. in Recreation and Parks from The Pennsylvania State University. His M.S. and B.A. were in Physical Education from the University of Illinois and Western Maryland College, respectively.

LAND OF THE LOST

Do you know any RPTM alumni who might have lost contact with the department and who would want to hear from us? Let them know that we are looking for them and/or send a quick email to Jennifer Howard at jxh6@psu.edu and we will be sure to include them in our future communications. It’s all about staying connected!
WELCOMING NEW FACES

GENNIFER BLESH joined RPTM as a budget assistant on March 6, 2007. Gennifer began work at Penn State in August, 1998. She is originally from Savannah, Georgia. She received her A.A. degree in Letters, Arts & Sciences from Penn State in 2006. She came to the department from the Center for Language Acquisition in the College of Liberal Arts.

ANGELA ROTHROCK joined the RPTM team in fall 2007 as the department’s new academic advisor. Angela is a Penn State alumna (ADM J, ’01) and holds an M.Ed. in College Student Affairs (’07) from Penn State. She previously worked at the Schreyer Honors College and the Department of Geosciences at PennState.

JENNIFER HOWARD joined RPTM as an administrative specialist on November 26. Jennifer received her B.S. degree in RPM in December 1998. For the past eight years, she has worked in the hotel industry for Marriott, Starwood, and Embassy Suites hotels in Virginia. She recently moved back to Pennsylvania and was employed by Penn State’s Department of English before coming to RPTM.

HODYA MARGOLIS was hired as a staff assistant on July 2. Hodya holds a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies from Penn State. She has worked at The Second Mile and Centre Volunteers in Medicine as well as at the Penn State School of Languages and Literatures, Liberal Arts, Undergraduate Studies, Information Technology Services, University Apartments & Suites, and the Department of Chemistry prior to joining RPTM.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, April 5, 2008
Nittany Lion Inn
University Park, PA
10:00 a.m.   RPTM Mentoring Brunch   Boardroom 1
1:30 p.m.   Alumni/Student Networking Event   Assembly Room
6:00 p.m.   Reception and 4th Annual Recognition Banquet   Boardroom

Sunday, April 6, 2008
Nittany Lion Inn
University Park, PA
10:00 a.m.   RPTM APG General Meeting   Penn State Room

Saturday, May 10, 2008
15th Annual PGM Family and Friends Tournament and Banquet
University Park, PA
Contact Burch Wilkes at gbw10@psu.edu or 814-863-8987

October 14-18, 2008
National Recreation & Park Association
Congress and Exposition
Baltimore, MD
Contact Jennifer Howard at jxb6@psu.edu for more information about the RPTM Alumni Social

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