



# LATA Lagniappe

Winter 2012

## Letter from the President

*A Message from Gerard White*

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds your 2012 to be off to a good and healthy New Year. It was great to see several of you at our Winter Education Symposium held at TISM in December. Although we did not have our HOF enshrinement, we were able to have a good time and hear some dynamic speakers.

I believe that this is an exciting time for athletic training in the state of Louisiana. With the recent passage of legislation, we have a great opportunity to promote the health and welfare of the physically active athletes for whom we care for on a daily basis. But know, we have a lot of work which remains to be done!! We will need your help to continue to move our profession and identity across the state. If you are interested in serving on one of the LATA Committees, please visit the website to view the various committees and complete a Committee Interest Form.

We are in the preliminary stages of organizing a **Legislative Summit** to be held on Thursday, June 7th in the morning. I will be asking that the members of the Governmental Affairs Committee along with the Board of Directors for the LATA Political Action Committee begin to make plans to attend this summit. We will be discussing the development of a legislative strategic plan for the association. If you would like to attend and provide your comments, please let me know to ensure adequate meeting space.

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## Summer Clinical Symposium to be Hosted by ULM

LATA will be heading to north Louisiana to host its Summer Symposium in 2012. University of Louisiana Monroe will be the host and is currently creating a program with some excellent speakers. The Summer Symposium will be held June 7-9, 2012 at the Hilton Garden Inn in West Monroe, LA. Rooms are reserved under LATA and contacted information is listed below.

Hilton Garden Inn

400 Mane Street

West Monroe, LA 71292

318-398-0653

Tentative schedule of events are as follows:

**Thursday, June 7:** Registration begins at 12 PM; Committee meetings, business meeting, and social to be held; Legislative Summit in morning

**Friday, June 8:** Symposium; Hall of Fame Banquet

**Saturday, June 9:** Symposium concludes at 12 PM

## Future Hosts of Summer Clinical Symposium Decided

At the 2011 NATA convention, the LATA membership approved the 2013 host site of Ascension Parish Schools in Gonzales, LA to be chaired by Scott Arceneaux and Ronnie Harper. Please be considering possible opportunities to host future symposiums in your area beginning with Summer of 2014.

## Profile of a Pioneer

If you know anyone who was integral in developing the LATA organization and would like to be interviewed for future issues, please contact J.D. Boudreaux at johndboudreaux@yahoo.com. Possible questions are listed below

- How long have you been an athletic trainer?
- How did you get interested in athletic training?
- What jobs have you held throughout your career?
- Explain your past roles as a member of the LATA organization.
- What rewards or honors have you received throughout your professional career?
- What is the biggest milestone you have seen the athletic training profession reach?
- What is the most important thing issue facing this profession in the next five years?

### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

This section is reserved for an interview with a high school or collegiate student athletic trainer. If you have a student that you would like to be spotlighted, please submit some information to johndboudreaux@yahoo.com for the next issue. Some possible questions are listed below

- **What caused you to become interested in athletic training?**
- **What is the most interesting injury you have seen as a student athletic trainer?**
- **What is your dream job?**
- **What is your favorite class?**
- **What is the best part about being an athletic training student?**

## **Gary joins Xavier Staff as athletics trainer**

Submitted by: Ed Cassiere



Tiffany Gary has joined Xavier University of Louisiana as athletics trainer. Gary's position is funded through an agreement between Xavier and Ochsner Health System's sports medicine division. She works primarily with the women's volleyball, women's basketball, and men's and women's tennis teams.

Gary, a native of New Iberia, La., joined XU on Aug. 1 after working the past six years for Willis-Knighton Health System of Shreveport and Bossier City, La. During that time Gary was the athletics trainer for Bossier Parish Community College and the high school teams at Calvary Baptist Academy.

Gary also worked five years as assistant athletics trainer at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette — there she handled women's soccer, women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, football and baseball — and was a graduate assistant trainer at Clemson University, where she received a master's degree. Gary received her bachelor's degree from UL Lafayette.

She is certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association.

Xavier's other athletics trainer, Melvin Wallis, remains on the staff and is in his fifth year at XU. Wallis will work primarily with men's basketball, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's tennis.

## Letter from the President

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Some news for your reference....The membership dues amount has been changed to match the current dues amount being collected by NATA. Effective this year, the LATA dues is \$32.00 for professionals and \$10 for students. If you pay your dues to NATA, then you have paid your dues for LATA. If you are only a member of LATA, please visit the website and update your profile. The website should then generate an invoice for your dues to be paid to Treasurer Scott Cochran. Let me know if you have any questions.

The membership also created a Student Senate Ad-hoc committee. This will be under the Education Committee. The Education Committee will develop the specific policies and procedures of the Student Senate. These members will come from the Curriculum programs within the State. Don't forget to make your plans to come to Monroe for the summer symposium and meeting (visit the website for details).

Please let me know if the LATA can help you further. Happy New Year and good luck this season!!

*Gerard White,*

### LATA PRESIDENT

## West Publishes Article In Athletic Therapy and Training Journal

Submitted by: Vanessa West

An athletic trainer from New Iberia, LA has published a recent article in the November issue of *International Journal of Athletic Therapy and Training* (Vol. 16; Issue 6; page 17-20). The title of the article is Vertical Jumping and Landing Mechanics: Female athletes and non-athletes. Authors include Dr. Jennifer J Didier, PhD, assistant professor at Sam Houston University, and Vanessa West, MS, ATC, LAT. Vanessa West is currently employed by Louisiana Athletic Care as a teacher and athletic trainer at West St. Mary High School.

## Murphy Inducted into McNeese Hall of Fame

Jim Murphy was inducted into the McNeese State Hall of Fame at a halftime ceremony on September 17. Murphy, now in his 31<sup>st</sup> season at McNeese as director of sports medicine, has also received other prestigious awards in athletic training. Other awards received include the LATA Hall of Fame, the prestigious Jim Finks award, and the SEATA athletic trainer of the year award. Congratulations to Jim Murphy this great distinction.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

CONTACT: B.J. DUPLANTIS

A committee meeting was not held at the Winter Business Meeting. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Summer Business Meeting.

#### HALL OF FAME

CONTACT: BOB GOODWIN

No updates on this committee currently.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS

CONTACT: CARY BERTHELOT

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#### EDUCATION

CONTACT: WILL KELLER

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## SELU ATEP Participates in Relay for Life

Submitted by: Josh Yellen

For the second year in a row, the ATEP and AT's Against Cancer placed 3rd in most laps run by a team and raised over \$400 to give to Relay for Life. The ATEP along with the Southeastern Student Athletes provided support for Relay for Life by counting laps and providing hydration. Below is a picture of Southeastern's ATEP in this year's Relay for Life.



## 2012 Youth Safety Clinic Grant Now Available

Submitted by: B.J. Duplantis

The Youth Sports Clinic Request for Proposal (RFP) is ready. Up to 50 Clinic grants, in the amount of \$1,500, are available to Safe Kids USA coalitions and chapters due to the generous support of founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson. Please complete the entire application and return to Lindsay Hansen at [lhansen@safekids.org](mailto:lhansen@safekids.org) by **no later than Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**. Please note that your team is eligible and encouraged to apply for both the Clinic grant and Safe Kids Week Game grant (see below).

**US Safe Kids Coalitions and Chapters:**  
<http://www.safekids.org/in-your-area/coalitions/>

**Find a Safety Event in your Area:**  
<http://www.safekids.org/in-your-area/events/>

## Deadline to Renew NATA Membership Nears



Info obtained from: [www.nata.org/renew](http://www.nata.org/renew)

It is that time of the year again for NATA members to renew their annual membership. The deadline for renewal of NATA membership fees was December 31. The BOC certification fee has been raised to \$34 this year. If a NATA member renews his/her membership on time, NATA will pay the fee for the member. If the membership is not renewed, the athletic trainer will be responsible for a \$50 fee paid through BOC Central on the BOC website. Athletic trainers have until April 30, 2012 to take advantage of the discounted fees offered through NATA membership.

NATA is offering many incentives to renew membership this year including installment payment options, access to webinars, and a chance to be entered into a prize drawing. Prizes include free 2012 Annual Symposium registration (2), a free subscription to Sports Health (2), and a free webinar (1). The grand prize is free 2012 Annual Symposium registration, including airfare (\$500 limit), and lodging (3 nights).

## Website Available to Members

The website is up and running with many new and useful features. Please visit the website and register as a member as this will allow LATA to disseminate important information throughout the state. To register, visit [www.latainc.org](http://www.latainc.org) and click on forgot password on the home page. After typing in your email address, you will receive an email with instructions on how to register. If any problems arise, please contact Gerard White at [latapresident@gmail.com](mailto:latapresident@gmail.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SEATA ATHLETIC TRAINER STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: ATLANTA, GA; CROWNE PLAZA RAVINIA  
DATE: FEBRUARY 2-4, 2012  
HOST: SEATA

### 4<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL SEATA ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE

PLACE: ATLANTA, GA CROWNE PLAZA RAVINIA  
DATE: FEBRUARY 2-4, 2012  
HOST: SEATA

### 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SEATA CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM AND MEMBERS MEETING

PLACE: ATLANTA, GA; RENAISSANCE ATLANTA WAVERLY HOTEL  
DATE: MARCH 15-18, 2012  
HOST: SEATA

### LATA 2012 SUMMER SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: MONROE, LA; HILTON GARDEN INN  
DATE: JUNE 7-9, 2012  
HOST: UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA - MONROE

### LATA 2013 SUMMER SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: TBA  
DATE: TBA  
HOST: ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOLS

If anyone has an event to be placed on the calendar for future issues, please email the event, date, place, and time to [johndboudreaux@yahoo.com](mailto:johndboudreaux@yahoo.com) so we can include the event on the list.

## Lake Area Athletic Trainers' Association Will Host Summer Workshop

The Lake Area Athletic Trainers' Association will be hosting its annual student athletic trainer workshop on June 10-12, 2012 on the campus of McNeese State University. This camp offers four different levels of experience from beginner to advanced II. For more information on this camp, please contact Tammy Khonke at 337-494-4790 or J.D. Boudreaux at [johndboudreaux@yahoo.com](mailto:johndboudreaux@yahoo.com).

## FINANCE

CONTACT: SCOTT COCHRAN

A committee meeting was not held at the Winter Business Meeting. This committee is currently working to finish the policy and procedures related to financial affairs of the organization. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Summer Business Meeting.

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

CONTACT: MIKE BRUNET

A committee meeting was not held at the Winter Business Meeting. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Summer Business Meeting.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

CONTACT: J.D. BOUDREAUX

A committee meeting was not held at the Winter Business Meeting. The goal of our committee is to try to release two to three issues of Lagniappe per year. If you would like to share any information with the members of LATA, please submit it to [johndboudreaux@yahoo.com](mailto:johndboudreaux@yahoo.com). Please encourage other athletic trainers to become members of the LATA Facebook page. We are also encouraging all members to register on the website, as this will be a convenient way to disseminate information throughout LATA. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Summer Business Meeting. We are looking for representatives from different regions to provide information to publish in Lagniappe and NATA News.