JOIN THE TEAM – REGISTER!

**Summer 2013 Courses**
- Adult Fitness and Wellness (May)
- Adult Fitness and Wellness (June-July)
- Fitness for College and Life (May)
- Tennis (May)
- The Olympics (June-July)

**Fall 2013 Majors Courses**
- Athletics and Media Relations
- Coaching Football and Wrestling
- Health and PE for Teachers
- Intro to Kinesiology and SSP
- Principles of Strength & Conditioning
- Sport Administration
- Sport Marketing and Research
- Practicum and Internship

**Fall 2013 Gen Ed Courses**
- Fitness for College and Life
- Aerobics-Body Sculpting
- Camping
- Golf
- Tennis
- Walk/Jog
- Weight Training (Intro)
- Weight Training (Advanced)
Greetings

Welcome to the 2013 Sport Studies Program newsletter.

Published annually, the newsletter provides information about the Sport Studies Program (SSP) and the Physical Education Department (PED) to majors and alumni, and to Reinhardt faculty, staff, students, and friends of the University.

Sport Studies and Physical Education Department Updates

The Sport Studies Program remains a vibrant and growing degree choice for Reinhardt students. With an estimated 80-100 current majors, an increasing number of course offerings in the discipline, and a healthy record of internship placements, Sport Studies is firmly established as one of the more popular degree programs on campus. The program enrolled nearly 200 students in majors classes during the 2011-2012 academic term, and our students represented Reinhardt University at more than 25 sport-related placements for internship/practicum experiences.

The Physical Education Department continues to serve all Reinhardt students through health, fitness, and activity offerings. The PED enrolled 408 students during 2011-2012 in classes that included concepts-based courses such as Fitness for College and Life and Adult Fitness and Wellness, and activity-based courses such as Camping, Golf, Tennis, Weight Training, and others.

Combined, SSP and PED generated nearly 1500 credit hours for the University in 2011-2012, while enrolling approximately 600 students in courses.

News and Notes

Professor Joe Mullins, a Sport Studies alum, was hired at the start of this academic year. Professor Mullins holds the M.S. in Sport Management from the University of Tennessee, and teaches (among others) Sport Marketing, Coaching Principles, Sport Facilities and Events, Principles of Strength and Conditioning, along with general education courses. Additionally, Joe jumped right into a strong advising role, mentoring approximately 40 majors during fall semester, many of them freshmen. Welcome back to campus Professor Mullins.

Sport Studies majors took several informative trips the past couple of semesters. At Philips Arena, students were treated to an hour-long tour of the facility, much of it led by Atlanta Hawks assistant coach Lester Conner. The students met several Hawks players, went in the locker rooms and on the arena floor (you can see senior Garrick Sanford shooting on the front page of the newsletter), and had a great time. We also visited the Cecil Pruett YMCA in Canton, Georgia Tech, and Turner Field.

A nice array of guest speakers visited our classrooms too. Vic Mitchell, long-time basketball coach at Shorter University; Kelsey Galyon, an SSP alum now working full-time with Athletes in Action; Bill Popp and Glen Crawford of the Reinhardt Athletic Department; Peggy Collins-Feehery of the RU Career Services office and Huitt Rabel (RU Media and Digital Services manager); and Bob Pearson, long-time Athletic Director at Berry College all shared insights with majors.

If you are an alumnus, a prospective major, or just have questions or interest in what we are doing in Sport Studies, please contact either of us at the emails below. Enjoy the rest of the 2012 newsletter.

Kind regards,

Robert Epling, Ph.D.  
Joseph Mullins, M.S.  
Sport Studies Program Coordinator  
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Congratulations!
Sport Studies Class of 2013
Kayla Aiken
Bart Arencibia
Jerome Carmichael
Jack Coulton
Sarah Hewett
Channing Hoyt
Robert Roddie
Garrick Sanford
Brad Smith
Tom Wilson
Commencement
Saturday, May 4, 2013

Front Cover Photos (counter-clockwise from top left)
Bria Bankston, Jessie Clark, Monique Blanding, Kayla Aiken
Tyler Adams and Andy Pringle at Turner Field
Reinhardt football team at practice
Tyler Spinnenweber in Atlanta Braves dugout
Brad Smith, Jerome Carmichael, Quinton Wood at Turner Field
Garrick Sanford on floor of Philips Arena

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Kayla Aiken (SSP ’13) (L) and alumnus Kelsey Galyon (SSP ’11) of Athletes in Action

Sarah Hewett (SSP ’13)
AAC All Academic Team
Women’s Basketball

Jack Coulton (SSP ’13)
AAC All Academic Team
AAC 1st Team All Conference
Men’s Soccer
What is the Sport Studies Program?

The SSP is an undergraduate degree program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Sport Studies. The program combines aspects of a traditional liberal arts degree with the practical applications of professional degree programs.

What can I do with a Sport Studies Degree?

This is a commonly asked question. As with any liberal arts degree, one goal is to prepare students for life. Knowledgeable, well-educated graduates with the ability to think, write, and reason can succeed in any career they may eventually choose. From the liberal arts perspective, we believe sport is an aspect of life worthy of scholarly study … and our graduates can apply their degree as they see fit.

However, some students prefer more specific career preparation. Some want to coach, some to work in college or professional administration, some want to start businesses; the interests of our majors are vast and varied. For diligent students — those who take advantage of opportunities and activities in the program — our course offerings and internship requirements allow majors the flexibility to use the degree program to prepare for their personal career ambitions — whatever those might be.

What are some of your graduates doing?

Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing:

- Bailey Arnaud – Event Staff (Contemporary Services Corp)
- Monique Blanding – Grad Assistant Coach (Tennessee-Temple)
- Cole Dial – Athletic Department Staff (Syracuse University)
- Kinsey Galyon – Graduate School (Carson-Newman University)
- Heath Hooper – Sport Management Professor (Shorter Univ)
- Jay Huffman – Mobile Search Analyst (Qiigo Online Marketing)
- Ricky Johnson – Patient Account Rep (Fresenius Medical)
- Drew McDaniel – Consumer Sports (Mizuno Sports USA)
- Amanda Peckham – Teacher/Coach (Holy Innocents School)
- Jeremy Roberts – Sales Rep (Pittman Industrial Marketing)
- T.J. Rosene – Head Basketball Coach (Emmanuel College)
- Ethan Starr – Graduate School (University of Tennessee)
- Camille Thomas – Director (Cherokee Recreation and Parks)
- Kristin Travis – Special Education Teacher (Bartow County)

How can I find out more?

The Reinhardt website (http://reinhardt.edu) is a good place to start. Follow the “Academics” tab to Education and then to Sport Studies. At the program site, begin with “A Must Read for Sport Studies Majors” and then follow other links of interest. You can also contact Professor Epling (770.720.5615 - rte@reinhardt.edu), or Professor Mullins (770.720.5946 - jwm@reinhardt.edu).
Internship Updates

Sport Studies majors completed twenty-six internship and/or practicum placements during 2011-2012, and several students are out at sites now.

These placements allow students to earn academic credit while gaining valuable work experience. The practicum is 150 hours and 3 credits, and is meant to be introductory in nature. The internship lasts anywhere from 300-600 hours and counts 6-12 credits; it is meant to be a culminating experience.

Many alumni and employers cite the significance of internship placements in students landing jobs upon graduation. Current or prospective majors should begin considering their goals and options now!

Students are introduced to job and internship boards in courses, and we also provide regular links to openings via Twitter (@reinhardtssp).

Andrea Thibaudeau ('12)
Intern – USSSA Pride 2012
Professional Softball Franchise
Orlando, FL

Ben Willingham (SSP ’12)
Intern – 680 the Fan Sports Radio
Summer-Fall 2012

Monique Blanding (SSP ’12)
Intern – Tennessee Temple Basketball
Spring-Summer 2012

Robert Roddie (SSP ’13)
Intern – Global Image Sports

Bart Arencibia (SSP ’13)
Intern – Mizuno Sports USA
Alumni Updates

Kelsey Galyon ('11)
Staff Member Athletes in Action
Missions to India, Australia
Reinhardt Student of Year 2011

Chris Busby ('02)
Exercise Specialist
Richard’s Wellness & Fitness
Masters Sport Studies UGA

Ken Dixon ('02)
General Manager
Marietta City Club

Bailey Arnaud ('12)
CSC Event Management
Atlanta

Paul Wiesboeck ('10)
Assistant Sports Coordinator
Decatur-DeKalb YMCA

Peyton Warren ('03)
Owner/Operator
Operation CrossFit
Alpharetta, Georgia
Current Majors

(A-I)
Currently registered
Sport Studies Majors
(Please excuse omissions or errors)

Abling, Kareen
Adame, Angel
Adams, Tucker
Adams, Tyler
Aiken, Kayla
Anderson, Malcolm
Arencibia, Bart
Berry, Jansen
Blackwell, Carrie
Blount, William
Brown, Austin
Brown, David
Carmichael, Jerome
Cathcart, Luke
Chapman, Chris
Clarke, Kaleigh
Coulton, Jack
Doremus, Kraig
Dyer, Javier
Edwards, Connor
Fiero, Jeannie
Gazzola, Bobby
Gibson, Cameron
Gillis, Jordan
Gobie, Ryan
Gongas, Ashley
Gonzalez, Jean
Greene, P.J.
Griffiths, Ian
Hamilton, Demarcus
Hammett, Dakota
Hewett, Sarah
Hitt, Zach
Holcomb, Tyler
Holmes, Travis
Howell, Jesse
Hoyt, Channing
Ingram, Jacob

Current Majors

(J-Z)
Currently registered
Sport Studies Majors
(Please excuse omissions or errors)

Johnson, Aries
Kelleher, Kris
Lacy, Darius
Lindsey, Zach
Maurice, Claudette
McCoy, David
Minor, Glen
Mullinax, Lauren
Peery, Michael
Pettibone, Erica
Picciapietra, Chris
Pineda, Taylor
Pineda, Tyler
Polhill, Deross
Pringle, Andy
Pryor, Audrie
Reakes, Adam
Reddick, Mark
Roddie, Robert
Sanford, Garrick
Sheffield, Trent
Shelley, Ontarius
Sherman, Heather
Smith, Brad
Smith, Kayla
Smith, Zietrick
Snell, Brett
Sparks, Ben
Spinnenweber, Tyler
Swint, Clayton
Thomas, Alvarez
Williams, Ieisha
Williams, Jesse
Wilson, Tom
Wold, Collins
Wood, Quinton
Wynn, DeVante
Young, Stuart

Tyler Adams – Junior (Canton)
Dual Major – Business and SSP

Audrie Pryor - Freshman (Ball Ground, GA)

Tom Wilson – Senior
Tadcaster, England

Channing Hoyt – Senior
Cumming, GA

Kraig Doremus – Freshman
Woodstock, GA

Quinton Wood – Junior
Rome, Georgia

Stuart Young – Junior
Dallas, Georgia
Faculty Updates

Bob Epling (Program Coordinator)

Since the last newsletter, Dr. Epling participated in the College Sport Research Institute (CSRI) annual conference at Chapel Hill, NC, and the American Kinesiology Association (AKA) Department Chairs Strategic Planning conference in Orlando (for which he earned a Faculty Development Grant). He appeared three times as a guest on In the Zone Sports Radio – 105.1 ESPN Chattanooga. He continued numerous teaching, advising, and service activities.

Joe Mullins (Assistant Professor)

Professor Mullins joined the faculty full-time in August. He taught several courses, and introduced the popular Coaching Strategies of Football/Wrestling. Joe participated in sport management-related conferences and scholarly activities in Atlanta, Knoxville, and Indianapolis (for which he earned a Faculty Development Grant), and has maintained a busy service and advising load. He also started doctoral work at Concordia University-Chicago. Joe’s picture is on page 3.

Kelley Horton (Adjunct Instructor)

Kelley joined the staff in Fall 2012 and has made significant contributions through teaching several sections of the required Fitness for College and Life course. Kelley holds a B.S. in Physical Education, and a Master’s in Health and Human Performance from Auburn University.

Nikki Maples (Adjunct Instructor)

Nikki started teaching activity and general education courses in Fall 2012. She holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Agnes Scott and a Master’s in Kinesiology from Georgia Southern. Coach Maples is a full-time assistant for the 2013 AAC champion women’s basketball team.

Our Veterans!

In addition to our full-time and new staff members, several “veterans” continue to teach for us. Ashley Wolary (various courses), Dr. Walter May (Camping), Dick Laing (Golf), and Jennifer Sackman (various courses), and others all make wonderful contributions to the program and to Reinhardt University students.
Remembering Bob Driscoll

By Bob Epling

Bob Driscoll visited Reinhardt College for his official “job interview” on September 11, 2001. I use the quotation marks because as chair of that search committee there was no doubt Bob was going to be offered the position as Price School of Education Dean; we were only concerned he might turn us down. Thankfully, he was looking for another challenge to finish his distinguished career.

As Bob and I walked down the hallway of the Administration building toward the President’s Office that morning, Curtis Chapman (long-time Art professor at Reinhardt) rushed through the front doors and told us a plane had flown into one of the World Trade Center towers in New York City. Immediate speculation was that a small craft, possibly one of the many tourist planes that flew near Manhattan back then, had gotten off track and crashed into the tower. Bob and I continued down to see Charles Glassick, Reinhardt’s Interim President. As the three of us stood chatting with Bonnie DeBord, a television played in the lobby and we saw the second airliner smash the South Tower just after 9:00 AM. We all knew something more ominous was happening then, but continued the interview in Dr. Glassick’s office. Internally, I was a bit shaken (although none of us yet knew the severity of the attacks), but those two gentlemen never lost their composure in any way. They were quiet, thoughtful, impressive men.

In retrospect, one of America’s worst days turned into one of Reinhardt’s best.

Dr. Driscoll accepted the position as PSOE dean and would later become Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College (now University), effectively the second-ranking administrative office at Reinhardt. In those roles, he was a leading force in the state approval of our teacher education programs, and as VPAA a steadying presence for academics and the faculty, but also for the entire institution. He loved Reinhardt and its people — everybody at Reinhardt mattered to Bob.

Bob played an integral role in my professional life. I left Reinhardt for Berry College in 2003; in several long discussions about the opportunity, Bob fully understood and supported my desire to move to a larger, more established program. In 2006, when Thelma Rogers retired at Reinhardt, Bob made sure I knew about the opening and asked to meet for lunch. Although I was happy at Berry, Bob convinced me good things were happening at Reinhardt, and he was one of the reasons I decided to come back. I’m very grateful he reached out because the last seven years at Reinhardt have been mostly terrific.

This past year has been a tough one though.

Bob passed away in June 2012. For years I enjoyed slipping into his office on occasion for wonderful talks (Angela Pharr would knock and knock to roust us). We might discuss baseball, or politics, or sometimes Bob’s sports background and his days as an undergrad at what is now SUNY-Brockport. On a couple of occasions, we met a great friend of mine from Berry named Bob Pears for lunch. Bob P had been an athlete at Brockport three years behind Bob D (yes – three Bobbys all together and it could get confusing). They were both natural storytellers and I’d sit back sipping an iced-cold Coca-Cola, soaking in the laughter and their tales of youth.

I miss Bob a lot.

A Man of Areté

While the reflections above were my personal ones with a sports slant, many others at Reinhardt could tell similar stories. Dr. Driscoll was at just as much ease discussing music, religion, literature, education, politics, food, his family or yours, and even the annual Reinhardt Hootenanny … (where Bob loved to ham it up on stage). The ancient Greeks used a word with an elusive meaning … areté. Let’s say it was the pursuit of all-around excellence.

Bob was Reinhardt’s Man of Areté.
Dates to Remember

March 18-28 ... Advising and Registration  
(Advising Sign Up Sheets Now Posted)

April 23 ... Classes End

April 25-May 1 ... Exam Period

May 4 ... Commencement

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Thanks for reading the 2013 Sport Studies Newsletter!

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