Congratulations are in order for Dr. Jeff Hartman. On December 12, 2009, Dr. Hartman ran the 26.2-mile Thunder Road Marathon in Charlotte. Shortly after completing the race, he returned to Boiling Springs for his wedding to Shana Woodward, Assistant Professor of English at Gardner-Webb University. Dr. Hartman’s story was featured in the Charlotte Observer on December 13. An excerpt from the article by Kathy Haight reads:

“A veteran of seven marathons before Thunder Road, Hartman saw a clear-cut choice about how to spend the hours leading up to his wedding. He could hang out in his basement to avoid seeing the bride getting ready upstairs with her friends and family. Or he could go for the ‘freedom and joy’ of the open road. So he asked his wife-to-be, Shana Woodward, who teaches English at Gardner-Webb, what she thought of a wedding day marathon. ‘I think it's great,’ she said. ‘Just make sure you've got enough energy to walk down the aisle.’”

When asked about his recent endeavors, Dr. Hartman said that his wedding ceremony was beautiful and that it was nice to see PEWSS Department members who have supported him for so long take part in the special time for his family. He said his choice to run a marathon on his wedding day was a healthy alternative to celebrating as opposed to a typical bachelor party. The time was also special because it allowed him to fellowship with close friends and family who attended the race with him. The PEWSS Department is very proud of Dr. Hartman and wishes him the best of luck!
Club News

The HeWe Majors club participated in the Walk to School and Walk at School events at Marion Intermediate School, Graham Elementary School, and Shelby Middle School. Club members helped greet the students as they arrived and helped sign them in. The club members then led groups of students safely to school. At the Walk at School events, club members helped educate students in bike safety, crosswalk safety and other important signs and strategies for safely crossing the street. It was a wonderful experience for all involved and an event the club enjoys participating in every year.
Sports Management Club News

The Sports Management Club is gearing up for a productive and eventful spring semester. Nineteen students attended the first meeting. Some of the activities planned include donating money for the Haiti effort as well as donating blood! After learning about the extreme blood shortage, the club was challenged to give at the drive held on campus. Several members gave blood, and for some it was their first time. Shown in the picture from left to right: Brooke Bull, Brandon Crawford, Ashton Turner, Daniel Merck, David Damerell, Tom Morrow, Adam Izokovic, Dr. Ware, and Brock Wilson (seated). This was an excellent turnout because most members are athletes and cannot give blood.

Upcoming events include assisting in the administration of the Cleveland County Senior Games, selling concessions at home softball games, accepting donations to aid area homeless shelters, and planning a bowling outing.

ATS Club News

The Athletic Training Student Club finished the fall semester with a few service projects. A group went to visit Hospice in Shelby, NC. In addition, they participated in Operation Christmas Child. The Athletic Training Student Club also started the spring semester off in a very busy way. As a club, they sprang into action to organize a donation drive for medical supplies for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. They reached out to the local community and to other athletic training clubs across the state. In the coming weeks, they will be attending the Southeastern Athletic Training Student Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia, hosting socials for prospective athletic training students, and fundraising by participating in a 50/50 raffle. March is also National Athletic Trainer’s Association Month. The month will be dedicated to recognizing the athletic training profession and taking a little more care in educating others on what athletic trainers do.
Where Are They Now?

Logan Welch (BS ‘09) – Physical Education
Gabriela Welch (Licensure Only) – Physical Education

Logan and Gabriela are both teaching Physical Education at the Word of Faith Christian School in Spindale. Logan is also substitute teaching in the Rutherford County Public Schools when time allows. They have a son named Nolen who is now three years old. They are expecting a second child at the end of April. Neither are pursuing graduate studies at this time.

PEWSS Movie Night

The PEWSS Department will host Food, Inc. as the spring movie for all current majors, staff, and faculty on February 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Bost 122.

December 2009 Graduates

Kenny Baker – Physical Education
Jordan Gaines – Sport Management
Yayoi Guzman – Sport Management
Jenny Gomez – Physical Education
Ryan Maxa – Sport Management
Ryan Quirello – Sport Management
Kimberly Morrow – Sport Science and Pedagogy

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