

President's Corner

By Lyndsey Paul

Can you believe we're halfway through this year!? That means only 2 units of fun and excitement remaining here at Victoria Hall and then off to the clinical world. I'm sure we'll all be ready to impress our preceptors as our classmates have done in years past. I've had a great time working with all of the committees so far and I look forward to a great year helping numerous organizations throughout the community with service and educational activities. Keep up the great work everyone!

Alumni: *Amanda Brooks*

On Saturday, October 1st, 2005 Alumni Affairs sponsored a catered tailgate party at the Wake Forest vs. Clemson football game. There were about 150 attendees including current students, graduates, friends and family. Look for other activities in the Spring.

Bowman's Capsule: *Amanda Brooks*

I hope you enjoy the first issue for the Class of 2007! If you have any suggestions or are interested in writing a column please contact me at abrooks@wfubmc.edu.

Community Service: *Ann Collins & Ross Mangin*

Our class has been very successful in several community service projects. We have been involved with Habitat for Humanity with group participation on two Saturdays; we plan to continue this after the winter season. As a class we also held a food drive to donate food to Katrina relief, in addition to the successful Penny War. Several students volunteered to serve at the Winston festival, with proceeds going towards AIDS Care. Finally, some students functioned as medical volunteers at the Special Olympics in Winston-Salem.

Fund Raising: *Adam Baker & Emily Beard*

We have been working on several fundraising ideas. The Class of 2007 t-shirt and sweatshirt sale is off to a good start, the shirts will be delivered before Christmas break. Thank you to everyone for coming up with shirt ideas and compromising. Upcoming fundraising projects include a 5K run and Annual Golf Tournament.

KAS BRIEFS

REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Health Effectiveness Committee:

Marianne York & Pat Davidson

The HEC, Health Effectiveness Council, is a collaborative group made up of clinicians, faculty, med students and PA students. We provide **confidential** assistance and education to students who are struggling with a variety of difficulties, for example, substance abuse, ADD, depression, learning disability, eating disorders, anxiety, or psychiatric disorders. Students are welcome to contact any HEC member to be referred for assistance. All contacts for the HEC are listed on our web site:

<http://infinet.wfubmc.edu/depts/hec/> .

Humanism and Multicultural Committee:

Harmony Johnson & Mark Mering

We presented a document to students that summarized different cultures and their impact on health care, along with suggestions on how to handle these cultures as a PA. We are also considering organizing a lecture or panel discussion on the effective outreach to different cultures as a health care provider.

Parliamentarian: *Catherine Staplefoote*

I have been reading Roberts Rules of Order, to better determine my role as Parliamentarian, I enjoyed the last meeting and look forward to learning more about Parliamentary procedure.

Public Education: *Kate Jones & Katie Skillman*

National Physician Assistant Week: October 6-12. We worked to recognize the PAs at WFUBMC on National PA week for all their hard work, which entailed a few broadcasts on local radio stations explaining a little about the role of a PA and their importance in healthcare. In addition, flyers were displayed at WFUBMC in recognition of PA's and National PA week. Kate has been organizing monthly PedsPal Parties. PedsPals is run through the Pediatric Oncology Unit under the coordination of Jeff Ungetheim. We go to the unit on a Friday evening and set up games and activities for the kids to participate in. It is very rewarding to be able to interact with these kids and it ends up putting a smile on everyone's face.

SAAPA: *Lauren Fallis & Keith Hill*

Attended August NCAPA meeting at Myrtle Beach with President Lyndsey Paul. At this meeting, our school was the only school represented and we were able to bring back information to the class on certification testing, the STEAD center, and other NCAPA issues. The next meeting I will be attending is Nov. 19th meeting in the Research Triangle.

In addition, we have collected money and purchased a STEAD Center brick for the class of 2007.

Scrapbook: *Tina Hill*

The scrapbook is coming along well, currently we have pages showing: intramural sports, lab experiences, CLNAP, small groups, the penny war, and the Stead Brick fundraiser.

Social Committee: *Tiffany Beal & Megan Skiles*

We hoped you enjoyed the following parties: Around the World (Island Theme), Mardi Gras Masquerade, and Halloween Party (we showed the med students how to party). We are currently planning the Christmas party which will be held Saturday, December 3rd, we look forward to everyone blessing us with their presence. Happy Holidays!

Technology Rep: *Roger Ordronneau*

The Class of 2007 will receive palm pilots during clinical year, the current contract has expired and there are negotiations for next years palm pilot and software. I will let you know when a decision is made. Let me know if you are having any technology problems and evaluation of your current laptop programs

Yearbook: *Tina Miller*

I am currently collecting pictures from students for submission to the School of Medicine yearbook. Be sure to send me appropriate pictures!

