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DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

This fall the department will welcome three new faculty members in the areas of Nutrition Epidemiology, Cardiovascular Disease, and Infectious Disease.

Dr. Lenore Kohlmeier (Professor) joins our faculty with a joint appointment in the Department of Nutrition. She comes to us from the Institute for Social Medicine and Epidemiology, Bundesgesundheitsamt, Germany. Her research is in the area of Nutrition Epidemiology focusing on nutrition and cancer. Her work will enhance the department in developing an area of training in Nutritional Epidemiology. Dr. Kohlmeier's office will be located in Suite 2105.

Dr. Wayne Rosamond (Assistant Professor) has joined our faculty in the area of Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology coming from the University of Minnesota. He will be a co-instructor in EPID 168 with Dr. Victor Schoenbach and assist Drs. Heiss and Tyroler in the Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology activities. His research will focus on community surveillance of cardiovascular diseases, and he will work with Dr. Heiss and other investigators at the ARIC Coordinating Center, Department of Biostatistics on the surveillance component of the ARIC research project. His office is located in Suite 2102.

Dr. Rachel Royce (Assistant Professor) joins our Infectious Disease faculty and is from the Harvard School of Public Health. She is concentrating on the study of the natural history of the HIV infection. In the future, she will be teaching EPID 268. Her office is located in Suite 2104.

Please stop by and give these new faculty members a traditional "Southern" welcome to our departmental family.

FROM THE CHAIRS' DESK

Welcome back from a summer of relaxation and new adventures. I hope this semester will continue to bring you new adventures in the realms of Epidemiology.

Over the summer new faculty and staff members have come aboard and we wish them luck in their endeavors here in our department.

I hope to see you at our Fall Picnic to renew friendships and make new ones.

Barbara S. Hulka

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

The department extends a "Southern" welcome to 40 new students. This brings our student population to approximately 168. Joyce Allen and Nancy Colvin have been extremely busy loading your mailboxes with all the good information that you need to make your first few days enjoyable.

The staff and faculty of the department will be glad to help assist any student (new or returning) when Joyce and Nancy are busy. We may not be able to give an immediate answer, however, we can listen.

Once again, welcome to the Department and we hope your adjustment will be a smooth one.

EPIDEMIOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The Epidemiology Student Organization (ESO) welcomes everyone to the start of a new academic year!

If you are an Epid student, then you are automatically a member of the ESO. The purpose of the organization is as follows:

- (1) To provide academic, professional, and social support to students in the Department of Epidemiology,
- (2) To promote communication between students and faculty, and
- (3) To encourage participation in activities sponsored by the Student Union Board and other student groups within the School of Public Health.

Activities traditionally pursued by the ESO are monthly meetings to discuss issues of general interest to the student body, organization of the annual student/faculty retreat, planning of parties and other social events, facilitating participation in intramural sports, assignment of study carrels, overseeing general upkeep and improvements to the student room, etc.

This year's officers include: Chris Nardo, planning coordinator; Kate Curtis, treasurer; Sheryl Parker, faculty liaison; and Kurt Andrew, social director. There is plenty of room for more help, so even if you are new to the department - we want your input! Hope to see you at the next meeting --

STAFF MEMBER RECEIVES SPH HONOR

Joyce Allen, Student Services Manager for the department received the 1992 School of Public Health Staff Award for Excellence this spring. This award was created to recognize a staff member who has outstanding initiative, an excellent attitude regarding work, and leadership that enables the school to carry out its mission.

Glowing nominations were given by staff members and students.

CONGRATULATIONS! An award well deserved.

IT'S A BOY

William Heath Hudgins was born to Terry Hudgins and Hope Bryan on July 22. Heath has already been seen working with his Dad on computer problems.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

NEW STAFF MEMBERS IN THE DEPARTMENT

During the summer the department has added some new faces to the support staff. Susan Reel and Kathy Sutton are located in Suite 2101. Susan is the receptionist and assists the support staff. Kathy is the newest member of the secretarial staff.

You should receive a Faculty/Staff Locator this week which will give telephone numbers and office locations of the faculty and staff. If you do not receive this, please let Lesa McPherson know either by calling (6-7426) or sending EMail (LMCPHERSON@UNCSPHVX) and one will be sent to you immediately.

EPIDEMIOLOGY NEWS IDEAS

This is the first newsletter of this type which has been published. *Epidemiology News* is being distributed to all Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, Staff, and Students and it would be very helpful to know what issues you would like to be informed about. Please send your suggestions to the Editor, Lesa McPherson.

UPCOMING DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

The Annual Fall Departmental Potluck Picnic is scheduled for August 25, 1992 beginning around 4:00 pm and eating between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. The picnic is being held at the Faculty Farm. Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, Staff and Students are all encouraged to attend. This is a time to meet new friends and reacquaint yourselves with old friends.

A Departmental Faculty Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 at 3:30 pm in the Epidemiology Conference Room in the McGavran-Greenberg Building.

Departmental Seminars will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. At this time there is not a schedule due to the fact that this semester the seminars will be dedicated to the Departmental Chairperson candidates. Announcements will be sent out and posted in the department. Please keep this in mind and plan to attend.