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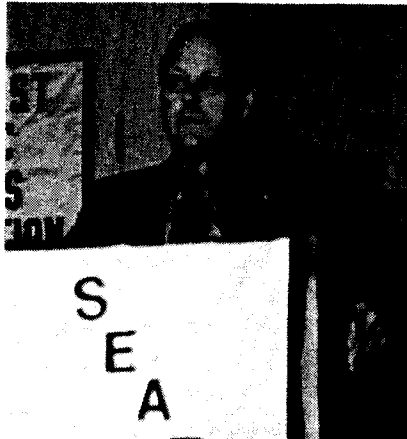
DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT JIM GALLASPY

It was good to see each of you that attended our Annual Symposium in Atlanta and for those who were unable to attend, you missed an outstanding educational program and a good time was had by all. I would like to thank all those who were involved in the planning of the meeting and making the meeting a success. You will find included in this Newsletter the nominations for President of SEATA and I encourage you to vote for the person of your choice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and representative to the NATA Board of Directors for the past six years. It has been an honor for me and I think the NATA has made some major steps forward to make our profession better for all its members. Some of the areas are the development of a task force and now a standing committee to address issues that concern women in our profession, the development of a three year study to look at outcomes studies and third party reimbursement, the development of a new injury surveillance study, the research which can be used for public relations, distribution of money to the districts and states for use on regulation issues, and finally acceptance of the recommendations of the Education Task Force. I think these and some other issues will shape our profession in the next century.

I have heard from many of the members of the NATA who think the NATA Board of Directors and the national office staff should create jobs, develop better public relations, obtain state regulation, and numerous other issues that affect our members. I think it is our job as an NATA member to create jobs in our communities, increase public awareness of our profession in our communities, work for and monitor state regulation issues. It is the job of the NATA to provide resources and information to the member to obtain these goals. I would hope that each of you would become involved in local, state, district, and national issues.

I would like to thank the officers of SEATA, the presidents of each state, and all committee members for their support. A special thank you to Chuck Kimmel, who guards your money better than Fort Knox, who was a valuable resource to me, since he was so involved in this organization for so many years, and to Sue Stanley. I know Sue will be an excellent member of the NATA Board of Directors. Finally, I cannot leave without saying a special thank you to the administration of The University of Southern Mississippi, my staff, and students for allowing me the time to serve in this position. I can only say that it has been an honor for me and my family, and I will continue to work in the best interest of the members of SEATA and the NATA until June.



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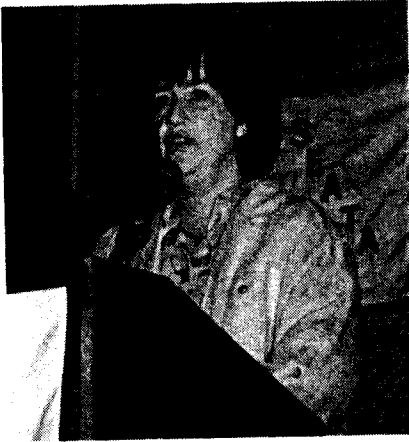
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S.E.A.T.A. OFFICERS

FROM THE PRESIDENT: *SUE STANLEY*

Dear SEATA Member,

Time moves on quickly! We are into Spring and this academic year is almost over. Summer will be here before we know it and it will be time for the NATA National Convention. Hopefully, we will see many of you in Salt Lake City. Mark June 18-21 on your calendars. It will make a great vacation site for families.



I would like to thank everyone who helped make the 1997 SEATA Annual Symposium a great success. Special thanks to Mary Beth Horodyski, Gary Harrelson, J.C. Andersen, and the Research and Education Committee for putting together a fine program. We appreciate the speakers who took their time to share their expertise. Thanks to David Green for his work on the

Exhibits and to Kevin Moser for the notebooks. As always, Chuck Kimmel did a great job of registration for both the SEATA Symposium and SEATA Student Athletic Trainer Meeting. Chuck also does about 101 other things to make everything run smoothly. Thanks, also, to their staffs. They help tremendously by covering during the time SEATA business is a priority. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Jim Gallaspy for the six years he has served as President and District Director representing District IX. He has served us well. I am grateful for the guidance he has given me during my tenure as President.

Thank you to all of the exhibitors and sponsors who helped make the meeting a success. Please support these companies with your business and referrals.

The SEATA WEB SITE is up and running! Scott Gardner has done a great job of constructing and maintaining this Home Page for SEATA. Scott did a presentation at the Symposium, and shared his goal of making this the best Web Site in the NATA. If you have anything you want Scott to add to the Web Page, please contact him and visit the site at www.netcom/~sgardner/SEATA/.

The Site Selection Committee has decided to keep the SEATA Annual Symposium in Atlanta. The attendance has increased each year it has been in Atlanta. This year's attendance was over 450. Next year's meeting will be held at the Radisson in downtown Atlanta on March 27-29, 1998.

As you may be aware, I have resigned my position at the University of Kentucky. My future plans are still on the drawing board. I can always be reached at home by phone 606/223-8972 or fax at 606/224-7047. I have enjoyed my 15 years at the University of Kentucky. The experiences, opportunities, and friendships will last a lifetime.

**Visit SEATA on the
World Wide Web at:
<http://www.netcom/~sgardner/SEATA/>**

-CORRECTION-

**We, in no way, meant to
undermine the hard work of
the athletes or the volunteer
athletic trainers for the 1996
Paralympics in Atlanta
when we spelled
Paralympics incorrectly in
the last SEATA Newsletter.**

SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE SEATA ELECTIONS:

District Director - 1999
President - 2000
Treasurer - 2000
Secretary - 2001

Future SEATA Newsletter Deadlines

July 1, 1997
September 1, 1997
April 1, 1998

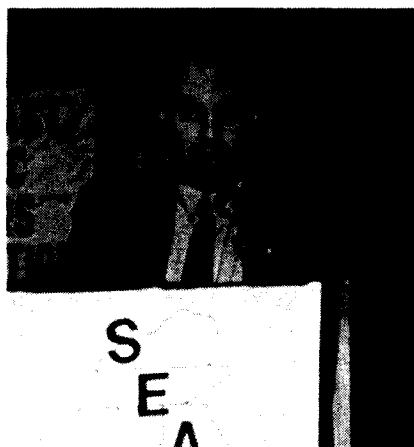
Any pertinent information will gladly be included. Please send your information to: Chuck Kimmel, Post Office Box 4515, Clarksville, Tennessee 37044 by the deadlines listed above for inclusion. Thank you.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF INTEREST

NATA NATIONAL MEETING
AND CLINICAL SYMPOSIA
Salt Lake City, Utah
June 18-21, 1997

SEATA ANNUAL MEETING
Atlanta, Georgia
March 27-29, 1998

**FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER:
CHUCK KIMMEL**



Please find in this report the statement of financial Position of SEATA as of December 31, 1996 as prepared by SEATA's accounting firm of McIntyre & Associates, PA. You will find that SEATA had a increase in unrestricted net assets of \$24,009 for the calendar year of 1996. Also, please find the minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of SEATA from March 20, 1997 for your review. Should you have any quesitons rearding the financial statement and/or Executive Committee Minutes, please feel free to contact me.

**Executive Committee Minutes
of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association**

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. on March 20, 1997 by Ms. Sue Stanley.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Present: Rodney Brown, President Alabama; Frank Grimaldi, President Florida; Keith Webster, President Georgia, Tom Steltenkamp, President Kentucky, Larry D'Antoni, President Louisiana, Andy Bryan, President Mississippi, and Bob Nevil, President Tennessee. Jim Gallaspy, District Director SEATA, Sue Stanley, President SEATA and Chuck Kimmel, Secretary/Treasurer SEATA.

Guests Present: Gary Harrelson and J.C. Andersen, Education Committee; R.T. Floyd, Site Selection Chairman; David Green, Exhibits Chairman; Andy Plemmons, Scholarship Chairman; Ron Courson, Presenter for SEATA Student Athletic Trainer Workshop in Athens, Georgia; and Scott Gardner, presenter for SEATA Web Site.

MINUTES

Mr. Tom Steltenkamp of Kentucky made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 21, 1996 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Site Selection
Dr. R.T. Floyd

SEATA MEETING

Dr. Floyd reported that the Site Selection Committee met earlier on March 20, 1997. Presentations were made from four sites with two being eliminated initially (Chattanooga, Tennessee and the Marriott at Gwinnett Place in Atlanta, Georgia). The Airport Hilton and the downtown Radisson were retained initially for consideration.

He reported that the Radisson's room rate would be \$82.00 for 1998. The Hilton rate would be \$89.00 for 1998. The dates for both properties would be one week later, March 27, 28, and 29, 1998. He reported that the Radisson would provide free exhibit and meeting space whether SEATA hosts a meal or not. He reported also that the meeting room would be able to handle 600 people with additional space for breakout sessions. The property would guarantee no more than a three percent increase for the following two years. The dates guaranteed for 1999 (March 19, 20 and 21) and 2000 would be the same dates as the 1997 meeting, not the later date used for the 1998 meeting. Dr. Floyd reported that cab fare or other transportation from the airport would be significantly less expensive that the current property. The hotel's estimate was \$15.00. Parking charges would be reduced by fifty percent than by the hotel. Current parking rates were \$12.00 per day, thus the membership would have to pay \$6.00 per day for the 1997 meeting.

Dr. Floyd discussed the assistance offered by Connections, a firm who's services include coordinating conventions and assisting in locating facilities that most match an organization's needs. The different services offered by this firm were discussed.

Ms. Stanley discussed the apparent advantages of the Radisson over the current facility including meeting space, food costs, and exhibit space.

Mr. Andy Bryan of Mississippi made a motion that SEATA
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accept the Radisson Hotel bid for the 1998 SEATA Meeting with options on 1999 and 2000. Mr. Frank Grimaldi of Florida seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

SEATA STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER MEETING

Dr. Floyd then discussed the 1998 SEATA Student Athletic Trainer meeting. The Chattanooga Marriott and Radisson and the University of Georgia had made proposals. Connections, too, had offered to put together a proposal for the Atlanta area. It was discussed that Connections had implied that the Downtown Radisson would be able to put together a more favorable bid if the property was used for both meeting dates.

Dr. Floyd informed the committee that the Radisson could handle the following dates for 1998: February 13 and 14 or 27 and 28. In 1999, they would have February 5 and 6, possibly 19 and 20, and 26 and 27 were available.

Mr. Ron Courson joined the meeting and made a proposal for the University of Georgia at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. The motel rooms are adjacent to the Center with the athletic complex being across the street. The topic would be emergency medicine, competencies, and a C.E.U. program for certified athletic trainers. Banquet facilities are also available. The Center would charge a flat \$18 per participant that would include facility rental, A-V needs, continuous breaks with coffee and soft drinks, and continental breakfasts. The Conference facility holds up to 600 people. Two separate rooms would be large enough to handle the competencies workshop with one holding up to 200 people and one that would handle 100. The room rate would be \$55 for two people per night. A Ramada Inn would be one mile away with a flat rate of \$55 for one to four people. The Ramada will block up to 120 rooms for the meeting, if needed.

Mr. Gallaspy asked if 80 rooms meant that only 160 people could stay at the Georgia Center. Mr. Courson replied that yes, only two people can stay in each room because of their size.

Ms. Stanley expressed the committee's gratitude for his presentation.

Mr. Nevil of Tennessee then discussed the Chattanooga proposal. Room rates would be \$69.00 with \$2.00 going to AV charges. Meeting space would be \$600 with less than 80% of guaranteed number. Rooms at the Convention Center would be \$720 if a meal was served there during the meeting.

Ms. Stanley asked Dr. Floyd for his recommendations. Mr. Floyd recommended that Connections be given the opportunity to make an offer for Atlanta within a week or so.

Discussion followed with Mr. Kimmel suggesting that the considerations be limited to Athens, Chattanooga, and Atlanta. Ms. Stanley suggested that Dr. Floyd be charged with keeping the sites discussed, see what Connections could come up with, consolidate the offers, and fax them to the Committee in the following week or two.

Education and Research

**Dr. Gary Harrelson
Dr. J.C. Andersen**

Dr. Harrelson reported that the committee had met that afternoon. For the 1997 meeting, pertaining to research, 19 abstracts were submitted for the meeting. This is the best turn out for abstracts since the committee came into existence.

He reported that "Posturing Athletic Training for the New Millennium" would be the topic for the 1998 meeting. The two topic areas would be looking at the Educational Council and the Reform that is happening and how that is going to affect each athletic trainer in the future and a topic around health care, in general. Mini-courses would continue with as many as possible taking place.

Discussion followed concerning the committee and any needs it might have. Ms. Stanley complemented Dr. Harrelson and Dr. Andersen and their committee for doing a good job. Ms. Stanley suggested that the committee be authorized for two to three conference calls during the year to discuss topics for the meeting. Mr. Gallaspy agreed that the committee should have this opportunity.

Dr. Harrelson discussed SEATA funding research for masters and/or doctoral candidates for District IX members. Discussion followed concerning donations that the Association makes to the Research and Education Foundation (REF) on an annual basis and, also, grants that were being given to District IX members. Mr. Gallaspy asked Dr. Harrelson to discuss his proposal with Dr. Bobby Barton of the REF while attending the meeting.

Finance Committee

Ms. Stanley discussed the finance committee and the sponsorship program. It was pointed out that this committee's charge is to coordinate fund raising activities for SEATA.

Mr. Kimmel suggested that the duties of the committee be headed by the SEATA President. Mr. Gallaspy agreed and added that the meeting itself falls under the responsibilities of the President. Mr. Gallaspy added that the Secretary/Treasurer and Exhibits Chair should also serve on this committee.

Mr. Grimaldi of Florida, discussed their sponsorship program that SEATA could use as a successful model. He discussed the different levels of the program as well as the different benefits that are included with each level. Mr. D'Antoni of Louisiana discussed a similar program that their state has initiated. Mr. Webster of Georgia brought out that sponsorship and exhibitors are down in his state.

Mr. Gallaspy cautioned the Executive Committee to remember that the corporate sponsorship program is designed so that those sponsors are not continually asked for donations and/or money and that District IX distributes its share equally among the seven states.

Ms. Stanley asked Mr. Grimaldi of Florida if he would be willing to assist in the Finance Committee's work and he agreed to serve in an advisory capacity.

Ms. Stanley suggested that Mr. Kimmel chair the Finance Committee's effort to design a sponsorship program. Mr. Kimmel agreed to lead this effort.

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Scholarship Committee

Mr. Andy Plemmons

Mr. Plemmons presented the Executive Committee proposed changes in the Details of the Scholarships and Criteria for Consideration for the SEATA Scholarships.

Changes that were proposed by Mr. Plemmons are as follows:

1. The applicant must have worked as a student athletic trainer for a period of two years at the college level would be eliminated.
2. The applicant must be a student member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association for a period of not less than one (1) year at the time of application. The verbiage in bold would be dropped.
3. The applicant must request three [one] letters of recommendation be sent to the District Nine Committee Chairperson. The letters should be from the people who you feel would be best able to judge your qualities and abilities in the areas of academics and athletic training other than your supervising athletic trainer... The verbiage in bold would be eliminated and that which is underlined would be added.
4. That the amounts of the Undergraduate and Graduate Memorial Scholarships be increased to \$1,000.00 annually.

Following Mr. Plemmons' proposal Mr. Steltenkamp of Kentucky made a motion that his proposal be accepted. Mr. Keith Webster of Georgia seconded the motion.

After some discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

SEATA Web Site

Mr. Scott Gardner

Mr. Gardner made a presentation on the SEATA Web Site on the World Wide Web. He has set up a page that his provider has given him for free and that he has donated for SEATA's use. Items that can be found on the page include the Constitution and By-Laws, Association Officers, State Associations, News and Notes, Upcoming Events, District IX Hall of Fame members, and NATA/SEATA Award Recipients. Mr. Gardner pointed out that Florida and Tennessee have existing web pages and that Alabama is coming on line in the near future. Mr. Brown of Alabama confirmed that their site is under construction.

Mr. Gardner encouraged the committee to submit any information at all for inclusion on the page. Ms. Stanley reported that Mr. Gardner was going to make a presentation at the SEATA Member's Meeting.

The committee expressed its gratitude to Mr. Gardner for his time, effort, and investment in the web page on SEATA's behalf.

Exhibits

Mr. David Green

Mr. Green presented the committee with a report on the exhibitors for the 1997 Annual Meeting. He said that the 1997 numbers for exhibitors is down from 52 to 41 but the figure did not include seven who were paying to have information stuffed into the

participant's packet.

After some discussion it was decided that exhibiting is down on all levels from the National meeting to the State level. He also pointed out that four other districts have their meeting at the same time as the SEATA meeting.

Mr. Green revealed that it appeared as though the Radisson would work out more favorably for the exhibitors because of the greater space and the ability to get everyone in the same area adjacent to the meeting area.

Governmental Affairs

Third Party Reimbursement

Mr. Keith Webster

Mr. Webster discussed the current status and recommendations of the Governmental Affairs Committee. He reported that Alabama had been the recipient of a grant to assist in implementing the recommendations that include standardizing regulations across the United States.

Mr. Webster reported that the Committee had examined the possibility of having the NATA look at each state and render an opinion as to what their regulatory act would or would not allow. It was decided that this was cost prohibitive. The final recommendation was that each state seek this opinion of an attorney in their own particular state.

Regarding Third Party Reimbursement, Mr. Webster reported that they are continuing to try to recruit more participants in the outcomes study. He discussed the committee's concern and attempts to get athletic trainers certified with Medicare as a Medicare provider.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

District Director

Jim Gallaspy

Mr. Gallaspy reported that the Finance Committee of the National Athletic Trainers' Association has recommended a \$5.00 dues increase across the board for the 1998 year. This is recommended due to rising costs of operation, a hedge against a potential drop off in sponsorship income, funding for the fiftieth year celebration, and the education council expenses. He requested that the Executive Committee members take this request to their state's membership for a vote to either support or defeat this recommendation. He also asked the Presidents to report the outcome of the vote in their state to him as soon as possible.

The collection of state's dues was defeated by the Board of Directors. The Board decided that if a district wanted to collect dues for the states in its district, then they could increase their District's dues in the amount that would go back to the states for their dues.

The Board of Directors voted to keep sponsorship allocations for the districts at fifteen percent. The original agreement stipulated that the percentage would decrease after the third year but since

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sponsorship monies have not been coming in like they had predicted, the Board left the distribution at fifteen percent.

Mr. Grimaldi of Florida asked how the sponsorship monies were distributed to the states. Mr. Kimmel responded that the sponsorship share is distributed equally among the seven states. He continued to explain that ten percent of the District IX dues are distributed to the seven states based on the number of certified athletic trainers in the state as of the June membership report.

Mr. Gallaspy reported that if the Board votes for a distribution of monies for regulatory and reimbursement issues, it will be divided equally between the ten districts.

Regarding public relations, Mr. Gallaspy reported that the Board of Directors has decided that we are Athletic Trainers and that the membership should call itself athletic trainers and nothing else (i.e. trainers). The public will have trouble knowing what to call athletic trainers if there is confusion among the practitioners as to what they should be known as.

The recommendations of the Education Task Force were accepted by the Board of Directors. Chad Starkey has been appointed chair of the Education Council. Mr. Starkey will be making appointments to the Council.

Mr. Gallaspy discussed the upcoming election for SEATA President. He encouraged the Executive Committee to promote voting to their membership.

President's Report

Ms. Sue Stanley

Ms. Stanley reported that the NATA does a good job preparing incoming Directors as they have allowed her to visit two board meetings prior to her assuming the Director duties this June in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She suggested that the Executive Committee begin its meeting earlier in the day at the 1998 meeting since the Committee meeting is requiring more time to do an adequate job covering the issues.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Mr. Chuck Kimmel

Mr. Kimmel reported that 1996 income taxes had been prepared by Mr. Brooks McIntyre and had been mailed. He reported on the "Statement of Financial Position" prepared by Mr. Brooks McIntyre and published elsewhere in the April Newsletter.

He reported that the investments not covered in the report are doing well and, if secured, are at competitive rates. He reported that the folio value as of March 19th was just over \$210,000.00. He also noted that the hotel from the SEATA Student Trainer Meeting had not been paid yet as well as significant charges associated with the SEATA meeting. He estimated that these bills would be around \$30,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kimmel made a presentation to the Committee requesting an upgraded laptop computer for the organization. The current equipment is four years old and has been depreciated to a value of \$322.00 by Mr. McIntyre. Mr. Grimaldi of Florida, recommended that if a computer was purchased, that it should be the largest available.

Ms. Stanley requested that SEATA consider a new fax machine for the Director. It was pointed out that the current faxes are much older than the laptop.

Mr. Steltenkamp of Kentucky made a motion that Mr. Kimmel be charged with purchasing a top of the line laptop computer and two fax machines that he would feel comfortable with and would serve SEATA for the immediate future. Mr. Grimaldi of Florida seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. It was decided that the computer would be for the Secretary/Treasurer and that the two new faxes would replace the two currently being used by the Director and President.

The vote was carried out and it was unanimous in support of the motion.

Mr. Gallaspy pointed out that the Executive Committee had previously voted to send an officer to each state meeting. He requested that the Committee consider waiving the registration fee for the SEATA Officer that attends each State's meeting.

Mr. D'Antoni of Louisiana made a motion that the District Officer attending a state's meeting representing SEATA have his or her registration fee waived. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steltenkamp of Kentucky.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A request was made by Ms. Stanley that each state send their Newsletter to the other state's Presidents. Each President agreed to ask their Newsletter editor to abide by this request.

Mr. Kimmel encouraged each President to send information to him for the Newsletter. He pointed out that it could be written material, photos, or anything that they would want included in the Newsletter.

Mr. Kimmel pointed out that the election of the next SEATA President would trigger the new Constitution and By-Laws as it relates to officers, terms of office, re-election rules, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. Bryan of Mississippi to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steltenkamp of Kentucky.

No discussion followed and the motion passed with a unanimous vote at 11:50 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 1997.

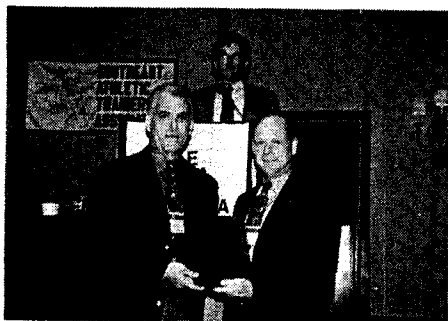
1997 SEATA AWARDS



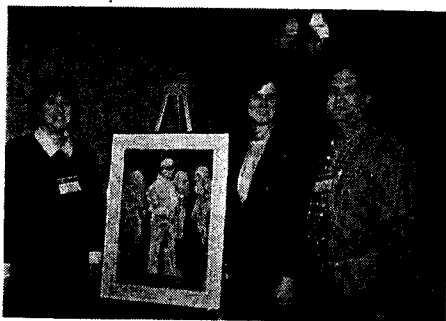
L to R - Arnold Gamber (Backbone Award) and Jim Gallaspy, '97 SEATA Meeting, Atlanta, GA



L to R - Jim Gallaspy (SEATA Award of Merit) and Doug May, '97 SEATA Meeting, Atlanta, GA



L to R - Chris Gillespie (District Award), Doug May (in background) and Jim Gallaspy, '97 SEATA Meeting, Atlanta, GA



L to R - Sue Stanley, Dr. Ireland (Sports Medicine Person of the Year), and Al Green, '97 SEATA Meeting, Atlanta, GA

To the Board of Directors:

We have compiled the accompanying statement of financial position – cash basis of Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 1996, and the related statement of activities – cash basis for the twelve months then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

A compilation is limited to presenting, in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared on the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's financial position, results of activities and net assets. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

McIntyre & Associates, PA
March 5, 1997

Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
Cash Basis
As of December 31, 1996 and 1995

Current Assets	Assets	
	1996	1995
Cash - 1st America Checking	\$ 1,292	\$ 3,130
Cash - 1st America Savings	15,505	24,545
A.G. Edwards Investments	140,143	102,101
N/R - States Association	0	2,400.00
Total Current Assets	156,940	132,176
Long Term Assets		
Equipment	3,774	3,774
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,442)	(2,687)
Total Long Term Assets	332	1,087
Total Assets	\$ 157,272	\$ 133,263
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	1996	1995
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	133,263	102,235
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	24,009	31,028
Total Net Assets	157,272	133,263
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 157,272	\$ 133,263

**1997 S.E.A.T.A. ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
ATLANTA, GEORGIA • MARCH 21-23, 1997
TOTAL HOTEL ROOM NIGHTS**

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH	141
FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST	204
SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND	171
TOTAL ROOM NIGHTS	520

Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.
Statement of Activities
For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Revenues & Support		
601 S.E.A.T.A. Meeting	\$ 43,962.00	\$ 39,595.00
602 District IX N.A.T.A. Dues	25,212.00	22,908.00
603 Student Trainer Meeting	15,005.00	13,877.81
604 Other Annual Meeting Income	0.00	480.00
605 Interest	2,711.74	1,015.31
606 N.A.T.A. Grant Income	41,176.52	15,000.00
607 Gift Income	80.00	0.00
608 Misc. Income	83.21	0.00
609 NATA Corporate Sponsor Income	4,809.00	6,261.00
610 Newsletter Income	3,844.52	1,358.07
Total Revenues & Support	136,883.99	100,495.19
Operating Expenses		
801 S.E.A.T.A. Printing Expense	2,761.35	165.89
802 S.E.A.T.A. Telephone Expense	848.86	901.66
803 S.E.A.T.A. Newsletter Expense	7,334.42	2,066.26
805 Legal & Accounting	1,160.26	815.00
807 S.E.A.T.A. Postal Expense	809.47	315.36
808 District IX Scholarships	1,500.00	1,500.00
809 S.E.A.T.A. Meeting Expense	31,261.09	38,599.05
810 Student Trainer Meeting	14,564.32	15,524.21
811 S.E.A.T.A. Awards Expense	1,557.58	672.48
812 Depreciation Expense	755.00	724.53
813 Insurance	1,271.00	1,450.00
814 Bank Charges	104.29	0.00
815 CEU Expenses	18.00	56.37
816 Dues Expenses	2,492.10	2,079.35
817 Gift Expenses	2,450.00	2,250.00
818 Travel	1,806.23	87.56
820 Computer Expense	4,809.00	0.00
821 State Assoc. Grants	0.00	6,261.00
822 N.A.T.A. Grants	42,451.52	2,142.86
Total Operating Expenses	117,954.49	75,611.58
Other Revenues & Expenses		
901 Portfolio Income	6,555.30	6,220.20
902 Misc. Investment Expense	(1,476.04)	(75.56)
Total Other Revenues & Expenses	5,079.26	6,144.64
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 24,008.76	\$ 31,028.25

CLASSIFICATION OF CPT CODES

submitted by Dan Campbell

One of the more perplexing questions facing certified athletic trainers (ATC's), particularly those in clinical and industrial settings, has been the interpretation of the CPT procedure codes. CPT codes are devised by the AMA Department of Coding and Nomenclature with consultation from committees of physicians and allied health personnel. The procedure codes are used by billing departments in invoicing third party payors for reimbursement of services. In 1995, the CPT Coding Manual was amended. In the 97000 series of codes, new language was added in all areas to delineate who could perform a specific procedure and be reimbursed for it. Therapeutic procedures were limited to "physicians or therapists" having "direct patient contact." Confusion was created since it was unclear whether or not ATC's could be considered "therapists" for the purpose of reimbursement. Confusion also existed regarding ATC's being reimbursed for performing modality treatments in physical therapy clinics as that was one of the restricted procedures.

In August of 1996, John Cornellssen, PT/ATC, who is a physical therapy clinic director in Ohio, petitioned the AMA Department of Coding and Nomenclature to clarify the issue of "therapist" and to determine the status of ATC's as providers. The response should help clarify the ambiguity surrounding the issue of what constitutes a "therapist" and might allow ATC's to use the 97000 series of codes, as well as other series, for billing purposes.

In the response, DeHandro Hayden of the CPT Information Service, states that a provider is "the individual providing the service described in the code," "...can be anyone who is licensed to perform the service" and "that the term 'therapist' is not intended to denote any specific practice or specialty field." Those comments indicate that ATC's could use the CPT codes for billing purposes if:

1. legally able to do so in their state and
2. able to find a 3rd party payor who will reimburse them.

The AMA does include a disclaimer based the value of the information given the inquiry.

Essentially, the concern over the word "therapist" was unnecessary. As long as the state allows (or does not forbid) billing of fees for service by licensed athletic trainers, the appropriate CPT codes can be used in the invoicing process. The problem remains, though, in having an insurance company or managed care organization actually grant reimbursement to ATC's. Confusion also remains over the issue of "licensed" athletic trainer as opposed to state athletic training regulations awarding certification or registration. This issue will be clarified in the future.

1997 S.E.A.T.A. STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER MEETING COLUMBUS, GEORGIA • COLUMBUS HILTON TOTAL HOTEL ROOM NIGHTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH	35
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST	91
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND	10
TOTAL ROOM NIGHTS	136

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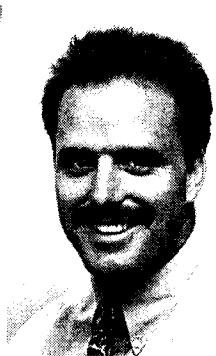
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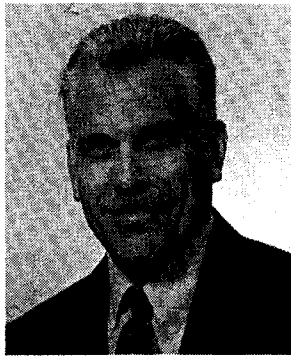
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BART BUXTON



CHRIS GILLESPIE



CHUCK KIMMEL

Dr. Bart Buxton is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health & Kinesiology at Georgia Southern University, where he serves as the Sports Medicine Program Coordinator. His previous academic appointment was at the University of Hawaii, where he was a tenured Associate Professor and the Athletic Training Education Program Director in the College of Education and the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Dr. Buxton also served as an Assistant Professor and Athletic Training Specialist at San Jose University and as a clinical and laboratory instructor at the University of Virginia. Prior to his academic appointments, he was the Director of Sports Medicine and Athletic Training at Fork Union Military Academy. Dr. Buxton received his Ed.D. in 1990 from the University of Virginia in Sports Medicine. He also holds an M.Ed. in Athletic Training from the University of Virginia and a B.S. in Physical Education from Tulane University. His doctoral dissertation entitled "The relationship between personality characteristics and pain response" was awarded the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association Research Award. Dr. Buxton's research interests focus on responses and relationship of acute pain, athletic healthcare, computer assisted learning, strength and conditioning and motivation. He has published numerous articles in both refereed and service journals, has contributed to two textbooks and has presented his research and work at regional,

Chris Gillespie has been the Director of Athletic Training at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama since 1984 when he became the school's first full-time certified athletic trainer. At the present time, Gillespie and his staff of three full-time and some 30 student assistant athletic trainers are responsible for the health care of all Samford intercollegiate athletes encompassing 17 sports for men and women. In addition to his athletic department duties, Gillespie serves as Assistant Professor in the Exercise Science and Sports Medicine Department and directs the NATA Approved Athletic Training Education Program.

Gillespie earned his B.S. in Education from Mississippi College in 1980. While at Mississippi College, he served as a student athletic trainer for four years. He was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Northeast Louisiana University under NATA Hall of Fame athletic trainer, Charlie Martin from 1980 to 1982. He earned his Master of Education degree from Northeast Louisiana in 1981.

Gillespie has been active on several state, district and national committees. In 1993, he was elected to serve a four year term on the Alabama State Board of Athletic Trainers and has since been re-elected to serve an additional term. He was also elected by the Board to serve as Vice-Chairman in 1996 and again in

Chuck Kimmel is the Assistant Athletic Director and Head Athletic Trainer for Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. He has been at Austin Peay since 1981. Prior to his employment at Austin Peay, he served as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at East Tennessee State University from 1978 until 1981. He received his B.A. from the University of Kentucky in 1976 and his M.A. from East Tennessee State University in 1978.

He has served on numerous committees during his tenure at Austin Peay and is an instructor in the Department of Health and Human Performance. Kimmel has also served as host athletic trainer for Cramer Student and Advanced Athletic Trainer Workshops on Austin Peay's campus since 1985. He has also made numerous athletic training presentations to groups in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Kimmel is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association (SEATA), and the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society (TATS). He is certified by the NATA and the State of Tennessee.

Kimmel has served as a volunteer in many capacities in the athletic training profession. On the state level, he served as vice-president of the Tennessee Athletic

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national and international conferences. Dr. Buxton has been an invited consultant and lecturer to the Hong Kong Olympic Committee and also to the Badminton Association of Malaysia. He served as an advisory consultant for the American Running and Fitness Association and was a board member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Injury and Research Committee. Dr. Buxton currently serves on the editorial review board for the Journal of Sports Rehabilitation, Athletic Therapy Today and is a grant and abstract reviewer for the NATA Research and Education Foundation. His other professional service includes serving as the Chairman of the NATA Board of Certification Written Examination Committee, a Test Site Administrator for the NATA Board of Certification, and as a Program Evaluation Specialist for the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Athletic Training and Allied Health Education. Dr. Buxton is the past Chairman of the Far West Athletic Trainers' Association Injury and Research Committee, and the past Chairman of the Hawaii Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Sports and Sports Medicine Committee. In 1992, Dr. Buxton developed and consulted on the implementation of the Hawaii Athletic Health Care Specialist Program, which received state funding for more than \$1.6 million dollars. This project was the first state funded project, nationally, to place Certified Athletic Trainers into a public school system. His honors include, the Dan Liberia Award for Outstanding Service to the NATA Board of Certification, NATA Research Committee Outstanding Service Award, Far West Athletic Trainers' Association Outstanding Service Award, Oahu Interscholastic Association Appreciation Award for Outstanding Service, University of Hawaii College of Education Award of Excellence, City of New Orleans Outstanding Service Award, and Outstanding Young Man of America Award (11/96).

CHRIS GILLESPIE

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1997. Gillespie is currently a member of the NATA College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee and is chairman of the SEATA College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee. He is a member of the SEATA Awards Committee and the ALATA Awards Committee. He has served as a member of the NATA Annual Symposium Exhibit Committee, the SEATA Student Symposium Planning Committee, the SEATA Executive Council, the ALATA Licensure Task Force, the NATA Physician/Athletic Trainer Advisory Council, and the 1992 NATA Leadership Symposium. He received the SEATA District Award in the Spring of 1997.

Gillespie is a frequent speaker at sports medicine and athletic training seminars across the country. He is a member of the Sherwood Medical Expandover Professional Evaluation Team and has served as a consultant to National Sports Underwriters. His "Athletic Health Care Cost Containment Plan" has received national recognition in the N.A.T.A. News and the N.C.A.A. News and has been used as a model by several other colleges and universities. In the Summer of 1996 Gillespie served as a member of the sports medicine staff for track and field at the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Gillespie is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association and the Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association.

The 38 year old native of Pontotoc, Mississippi and wife of 14 years, Deborah, are the parents of two daughters, Morgan (12) and Ashley (10). The Gillespie family resides in Homewood, Alabama and are active members of the Church at Brook Hills. Gillespie lists his hobbies as jogging, reading, photography, and spending time with his family at their Seagrove, Florida beach home.

CHUCK KIMMEL

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Trainers' Society (TATS) from 1985-1989 and as President from 1989-1993. During his tenure as President, an awards program was initiated as well as an annual state meeting, and a revision of the state athletic trainer practice act was enacted. While President, TATS became incorporated as well as establishing a liaison relationship with the Tennessee Medical Association's Sports Medicine Committee. In 1991, he received the TATS College Athletic Trainer of the Year Award. He currently is serving as Parliamentarian and is supervising the election of officers for the 1997-2000 term.

At the District level, he served as Exhibits Chairman from 1982-1992 for the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association (SEATA) and has served on its Site Selection Committee since 1988. He was presented with the inaugural District Award in 1988. Kimmel also has served on the SEATA Executive Committee since 1989. He has served as SEATA Secretary/Treasurer since 1992 and has seen SEATA's assets go from \$61,600 to the current \$180,000. While serving as Secretary/Treasurer, he has coordinated registration for the SEATA Student Athletic Trainer Meeting and the SEATA Meeting. He also has been the Newsletter Editor since 1995. While Secretary/Treasurer, Kimmel proposed and the membership passed a ten percent redistribution of SEATA dues back to the seven SEATA states for their unrestricted use.

On the national level, he served as Chairman of the Banquets Committee for the 1984 National Convention and has served on the NATA Secretary/Treasurers Committee since 1993. He has assisted with the NATA Certification Examination on numerous occasions since 1981. Kimmel also served as a volunteer athletic trainer at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1995. He will be presented with an NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award at this year's National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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AWARDS

DOUG MAY
423/493-5534

At its Annual Symposium in March of this year, the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association presented its highest awards to its membership at the Tim Kerin Award Ceremony and Reception. This year marked another outstanding group of recipients to receive these coveted awards.

The Awards Committee presented the highest District Honor to Jim Gallaspy, ATC, as a recipient of the Award of Merit. The Head Athletic Trainer and Curriculum Director for the University of Southern Mississippi was recognized as the athletic trainer who has worked for the district on the national level. This award is reserved for the most able professional in the field of athletic training in District IX of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

The District Award is given to the person who serves SEATA. Chris Gillespie, ATC, of Samford University has given of himself to promote, lead and work for the business of the District as the honor so states. He is the Head Athletic Trainer and Curriculum Director at Samford.

One of the oldest awards of the District is the Backbone Award given to the Assistant Athletic Trainer who plays a major role working in this position for their institution or organization. Arnold Gamber, ATC, an assistant athletic trainer with the Atlanta Falcon Football Team, was recognized as the person in the trenches that is there day to day doing what is needed in the athletic training room.

Dean Geary, ATC, of Jessamine County High School, was awarded the High School Athletic Trainer of the Year for his dedication to his school and community. The Secondary School Athletic Trainer many times does not have the time to serve on the district or national level but their importance has been seen in their state and communities where they reside. Dean has fulfilled this as he has contributed to the growth and awareness of the Athletic Trainer at his institution.

It was the pleasure of the Association to recognize Dr. Mary Lloyd Ireland, M.D., as the recipient of the Sportsmedicine Dr. of the Year. The internationally known orthopedist of Lexington, Kentucky, has always excelled in recognizing the athletic trainer. Dr. Ireland's professionalism in the district and nation has contributed to the profession as she has lectured, presented, and served athletes from high school to the international level. The Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association is proud to have honored her in this special way.

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

Eva Clifton
606/622-2134

The Board of Certification would like to thank all certificate holders that assisted with the NATA BOC certification exam over the past year. Without the help of so many volunteers, the exam process, as we know it, would not be possible.

All certificate holders have entered into a new CEU period. The new CEU folders have been distributed. If you have not received yours yet, please contact me and I will be happy to help you. Only a few changes have occurred, but please read the information thoroughly.

The BOC is proceeding through a board restructuring process. This process involves many changes. These changes

include a smaller (eight) board, the addition of several committees and a new administrative process. Further details and explanations will be included in the next BOC update.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eva Clifton at 606/622-2134 or 606/624-5937. You may also contact the BOC office at 914/787-2721.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING

CHRIS GILLESPIE
205/870-2574

1. The CUATC will have a conference call in April. At that time the following topics will be discussed. Please contact me with any comments or suggestions. Also, please let me know if there are other areas of concern which you would like for us to discuss in the near future.

A. Update of the NCAA, Prop 125 (Spring Practice Rule) - As most of you know, this has been a very tough issue. Without going into great detail on this, I simply ask you to wait this out and see what happens. It is very important that we don't become so segmented that we lose our strength. Even though you and I don't totally agree with some of the issues at hand, keep in mind that the number one issue that we are all concerned about is the health and welfare of the student athlete.

B. Adequate Emergency Medical Coverage - The NCAA Competitive Safeguards Committee has asked our committee to help them in setting up standards for "adequate emergency medical coverage" at member schools. This would be included in the NCAA Certification process and would specifically outline the minimum standards that would be required.

2. I have several "Athletic Helmet Removal Guidelines" cards remaining. If you would like a copy of this card or need several for your staff, please contact me and I will be happy to get these to you as soon as possible.

3. You may contact me at: Chris Gillespie, A.T.C.
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Birmingham, AL 35229-2448
205/870-2574 - Office
205/414-4002 - Fax
cagilles@samford.edu

EDUCATIONAL MULTIMEDIA

R.T. FLOYD
205/652-3714

The NATA Audio Visual Committee has been changed to the Educational Multimedia Committee and is now chaired by Dr. Ken Wright of the University of Alabama. Three primary responsibilities are: 1) hosting the Educational Multimedia Review room at the NATA Convention; 2) conducting the Video Production Contest with commercial and non-commercial categories; and 3) technology based activities including web page development and maintenance. The Video Production Contest is

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now underway with six video tapes submitted in each category.

The Educational Multimedia Review Room will have 39 video titles and ten software programs available for your review during the NATA convention in Salt Lake City. The room will be open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 18; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19; and 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 20. Please stop by to review some of the most current multimedia products relevant to our profession.

ETHICS TO BE ANNOUNCED

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT KEITH WEBSTER 706/576-3352

The Athletic Training Outcomes Assessment conducted for the NATA by BIO Analysis System began in the winter of 1996. This report represents data from January 1, 1996 through December 1, 1996. It includes 1,533 patients from a nationwide geographical distribution who received 90% or more of their care from certified athletic trainers.

Analysis of the data reveals a very positive impression by patients regarding the care provided by certified athletic trainers. Furthermore, these positive outcomes are consistent across different site types including sports medicine clinics, high schools, colleges and universities, and industrial settings. Using a scale of 0 = lowest rating and 4 = highest rating, important findings are:

1. 1,533 participating patients rated their satisfaction with certified athletic trainers at 3.87.

2. Patients rated their satisfaction with treatments provided by the certified athletic trainer at 3.84.

3. Patients rated their overall pre-treatment status at 2.48. Following a treatment program by a certified athletic trainer, patients rated their overall status at 3.55.

4. Patients ratings of their overall status prior to treatment by certified athletic trainers were 2.35 in sports medicine clinics, 2.50 in high schools, 2.66 in colleges and universities and 2.64 in industrial settings. These values increased to 3.40 in sports medicine clinics, 3.72 in high schools, 3.73 in colleges and universities, and 3.59 in industrial settings following the completion of treatment programs by certified athletic trainers.

5. Patients rated their pre-treatment ability to participate in sports or recreational activities at 1.80. Upon discharge from a program of care provided by the certified athletic trainer, patients rated their ability to participate in sports or recreational activities at 3.24.

6. Patients rated their pre-treatment ability to participate in work-related activities at 2.28. Following a treatment program by a certified athletic trainer, the rating increased to 3.47.

7. Prior to initiating a program of care provided by a certified athletic trainer following injury or surgery, patients rated their status for movement, strength, and sensory perceptions at 2.22, 2.21, and 2.19, respectively. Upon discharge, patients rated their values at 3.54, 3.45, and 3.46, respectively.

8. 115 patients who underwent reconstructive surgery rated

their overall status at the initiation of treatment by a certified athletic trainer at 2.05. At discharge from the treatment program, the patients rated their overall status at 3.48.

9. Patients with grade III, or severe, sprains rated their overall status at 2.10 at the initiation of treatment by a certified athletic trainer. The rating improved to a value of 3.45 at discharge from the treatment program.

10. The average duration of the treatment program ranged from a high of 28.16 days in sports medicine clinics to a low of 12.57 days in colleges and universities.

11. The average number of treatments provided during the treatment program ranged from a high of 15.88 for colleges and universities to a low of 9.68 in industrial settings. The averages for sports medicine clinics and high schools were 10.24 and 14.21, respectively.

12. The total number of treatments provided is a positive factor in determining overall outcomes.

13. As the number of days increased between the date of injury or surgery and the beginning of treatments by the certified athletic trainer, the patients' rating of their overall outcomes decreased.

Athletic training methods produce an excellent overall outcomes with the best results in functional outcomes (particularly in sport, recreation, wellness, and work activities), and in physical outcomes (i.e., movement-range of motion, etc.; sensory-pain relief, etc.).

Athletic training is effective in treating injuries at all body locations.

The most effective athletic training modalities, among those frequently used, appear to be: cold packs, ice massage, heat packs, therapeutic exercise, functional activity exercises, electrotherapy, and taping/bracing. Work hardening appears to be very effective with industrial patients.

Athletic training outcomes are fairly consistent across site types, referring sources, and payer groups.

Before making definitive conclusions, and specific implications, it will be necessary that the number of patient episodes be increased within each, and across all, data collection sites.

The Athletic Training Outcomes Assessment is a three year study.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES JAY SHOOP 404/894-5461

For some time now the committee has been interested in creating a permanent display that will document the history of Athletic Training. This would be a permanent room displayed in a museum quality atmosphere that could be viewed by SEATA members and the general public alike.

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After a survey of several members, we would like to pursue placing this display at the Hughston Sportsmedicine Clinic in Columbus, Georgia. The Hughston Sportsmedicine Clinic has a long standing history supporting SEATA and the Athletic Training Profession.

At this time the committee would like to solicit SEATA members to collect artifacts to be placed in this display. We would ask that these artifacts be old but still in good condition. Examples of what we are looking for include the oldest training room table, the oldest ultrasound, the oldest athletic trainer's bag, etc. If you have any questions, concerns, or donations please call Jay Shoop at 404/894-5461.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED

PLACEMENT BETINA KRUGLER 305/669-3320

Several workers are needed to work the following schedule at the NATA Placement Center:

Tuesday, June 17	10:00 a.m. to noon (training session)
Wednesday, June 18	Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 19	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, June 20	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 21	8:00 a.m. to Noon

Job duties include helping with set up, scheduling interviews, typing job openings onto placement vacancy forms, and anything else that is needed.

Non-registrants interested in these positions would be paid as contract workers at \$6.00 per hour. Workers are reimbursed for parking, given a guest badge for admittance to the welcome reception, and will be provided lunch.

Meeting attendees interested in volunteering for Placement Center duty would, in lieu of payment, be eligible for reimbursement of half of their registration fee following the convention for working 20 hours or more as a volunteer.

Interested parties should contact Sandy Ward, Director of Membership/MIS, NATA at 214/637-6282.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOBBY BARTON 606/622-2134

The state's representatives to the REF are as follows: Gary Harrelson (Alabama), Gary Gillis (Florida), J.C. Andersen (Georgia), Bobby Barton (Kentucky), Ray Castle and Dean Kleinschmidt (Louisiana), Mike Wilkenson (Mississippi), and Brian Franklin (Tennessee).

The mission of the Foundation is to enhance the healthcare of the physically active through funding and support of research and education.

The Foundation believes that athletic trainers should be supported by the finest, most complete resources to create the greatest opportunities and gain the highest level of respect. To make this happen, the Foundation offers a variety of research and education programs for the athletic trainer not provided by the NATA.

Research allows you to do your job better and gives athletic training increased credibility and exposure. This recognition will enhance athletic trainers' prestige and marketability. The Foundation funds research and makes the practical application of the results available to members. The Foundation seeks to become the primary source of research dollars for athletic trainers.

Increased exposure and recognition of athletic trainers calls for an increasingly greater need to demonstrate levels of skill and competency. The Foundation provides education programs to meet this need. The Foundation provides educational opportunities at the national and district levels as well as home study for the individual. The Foundation provides a wide variety of educational materials for FREE to NATA members such as summit proceedings, original research supplements to the Journal of Athletic Training and informational crib cards.

The Foundation relies on voluntary support and suggests that each member donate one day's pay per year. The money from members is used to fund over 15 research and education programs. NATA provides only 15% of the Foundation's operating budget from the corporate sponsorship program. No part of NATA member dues support the work of the Foundation.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for your attendance, participation, and donations related to our recent Atlanta meeting. Dr. Mueller's presentation was well received, and he was very impressed with our organization's participation and professionalism. We will continue to emphasize a high percentage of membership participation in our fund raising efforts. The states of Mississippi and Alabama continue to lead in this area. A comparative accounting of your generous participation will be given in Salt Lake City. Thank you again for your assistance.

SCHOLARSHIP ANDY PLEMMONS 205/783-6335

Recently the Executive Council on the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association met and voted on specific changes to the process of applying for scholarships sponsored by the SEATA. The idea was to simplify the application process and increase the number of eligible students. Also the council voted to increase the amount of the SEATA sponsored awards to \$1,000.00 each (one designated for a graduate student and one for an undergraduate).

The following list updates the requirements needed to be met in order to receive an application:

1. The undergraduate applicant must have at least Junior standing for the upcoming year.

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2. The applicant must be enrolled in a curriculum leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

3. The applicant must have a grade point average of "B" or above.

4. The applicant must be sponsored by a certified athletic trainer who is a current member, in good standing, with the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association and the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

5. The applicant must not be currently on full scholarship.

6. The applicant must be a student member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association.

7. It must be the intent of the applicant for this scholarship that he or she pursue the profession of athletic training or related field as a means of livelihood.

8. The applicant must submit a statement from the Registrar of his or her college indicating the applicant's current grade point average through the most recently completed school term.

9. The applicant must request a letter of recommendation from someone other than the supervising athletic trainer. This should be sent to the District Nine Committee Chairperson. The letter should be from a person who you feel would be best able to judge your qualities and abilities in the areas of academics and social involvement.

10. The applicant is required to submit a one-page biographical including a statement as to why he or she feels that they should be awarded the scholarship.

11. The applicant must have his or her supervising athletic trainer complete the Evaluation Sheet included with the application and have this person submit it directly to the District Nine Committee Chairperson.

12. Optional - please send a recent photograph.

Send your request for an application to:

UAB Sportsmedicine Clinic
Andy Plemmons, A.T.C.
1600 7th Avenue South, Suite 402
Birmingham, AL 35233

Applications are accepted from November 15th through January 15th. Ideally, you should submit a letter for the application in the Fall of the year in order to initiate the process.

SEATA STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER WORKSHOP
JACK REDGREN
615/342-5600

The theme for the 1998 SEATA Student Athletic Trainer Workshop will be **Emergency Care and the Athletic Trainer**. As always, there will be a concurrent Competencies Workshop for those students preparing to take the NATABOC examination within the year.

SITE SELECTION
R.T. FLOYD
205/652-3714

The SEATA Convention Site Selection Committee met Thursday, March 20, 1997 in Atlanta to consider five convention

proposals, four of which were from the Atlanta area. The Committee decided, due to recent attendance records to stay in Atlanta, but move to a larger facility to accommodate our space needs. The Radisson Hotel Atlanta at Courtland and International Blvd. was chosen for March 26-29, 1998.

This facility is large enough to accommodate all our meeting, banquet, and exhibit needs. The 1998 room rate will be \$82.00. Additionally, we have reserved this facility for March 18-21, 1999 and March 23-26, 2000 with an option to change our plans, if necessary. The Radisson has 750 rooms, a pool surrounded by a large courtyard with a retractable roof for our events, and is close to numerous downtown attractions and restaurants. Mark your calendar to join us for a great educational experience next year.

STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER
RYAN KLING 606/783-2392

1997 SEATA STUDENT ATHLETIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT MARCH 26, 1997

BY STATE:

	ATC	COMPETENCIES	PREVENTION	STATE'S TOTAL
ALABAMA	11	16	40	67
FLORIDA	4	17	55	76
GEORGIA	14	25	30	69
KENTUCKY	5	11	22	38
LOUISIANA	0	1	0	1
MISSISSIPPI	2	12	32	46
NOVA SCOTIA	0	1	0	1
TENNESSEE	8	16	63	87
TEXAS	1	0	0	1
WEST VIRGINIA	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	45	100	242	387

SEATA WEB SITE ON THE INTERNET

SCOTT GARDNER

Many of the members of SEATA were not able to attend the Annual Meeting in Atlanta this March. During the member's meeting, I presented the members a view of the SEATA Website which I have been working on since October of 1996. For those of you with access to the Internet, the address of our Web page is as follows:

<http://www.netcom.com/~sgardner/SEATA/>

Please visit the site and view the following:

1. The SEATA Constitution.
2. The SEATA By-Laws.
3. Directory of Officers - A listing of the

Executive Committee as well as District IX representatives on NATA committees with their addresses and phone numbers.

4. State Associations - A listing of each state associations' and their officers. Some of the state associations also have sites on the Internet. At the present time, Florida and Tennessee are fully operational with Alabama and Georgia coming online soon. Their websites are accessible by "clicking your mouse" on their highlighted name and in the near future their logos will be present and also will provide access to their site.

5. Upcomong Events - A listing of upcoming events on the National, District, and State levels. Also, the dates and locations of NATABOC Examinations in District IX.

6. News and Notes - Information from around the District will be posted here. Information for the schoarships awarded through SEATA can also be assessed through this page.

7. Hall of Fame - Biographies of all the members of SEATA that are members of the NATA Hall of Fame. As they become available, some photo clips of these individuals will be added to this page.

8. Links to other sites - This is a listing of other Internet websites that might be of interest to the membership of SEATA. Organizations, universities, and resource locations that pertain to athletic training will be availble through this page. If anyone has an interesting site that should be added to this page, please forward the site's address to me through any way of communication listed below.

Throughout the Website, you will have names of individuals that are highlighted and underlined. This allows you to click on the name and send that individual an electronic mail message (e mail). Any time you see my name listed at the bottom of each page will allow you to send me a comment or suggestion. I look forward to hearing from the members of SEATA on improving this website. You can also contact me at the following:

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S.E.A.T.A. MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

MARCH 26, 1997

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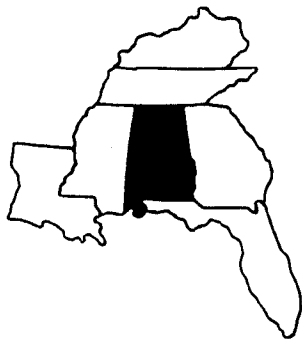
ALABAMA	49
FLORIDA	74
GEORGIA	124
ILLINOIS	2
KENTUCKY	45
LOUISIANA	12
MISSISSIPPI	64
NORTH CAROLINA	4
OHIO	8
SOUTH CAROLINA	1
TENNESSEE	71
VIRGINIA	1
TOTAL	455

BY MEMBERSHIP STATUS

ASSOCIATE	10
CERTIFIED	323
NON-MEMBER	3
RETIRED	2
SPEAKER	11
STUDENT	48
STUDENT/CERTIFIED	58
TOTAL	455

STATE REPORTS

ALABAMA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION



• The 1997 ALATA Annual Meeting will be on May 16, 17, and 18 at the Quality Inn Beachside in Gulf Shores. In addition to an outstanding continuing education program (and, hopefully, great weather!) other events will include the ALATA Business Meeting and Hall of Fame Luncheon. For more information, contact Mike Roberts, Program

Chairman, at 334/844-9823.

• The Alabama Sports Medicine Society Annual Meeting will be on Friday, June 28, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Alabama Sports Festival. For more information, call Tony Sutton, President, at 334/826-2090.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA

ATAF can now be located in cyberspace. Set up by Mike Bumalough, the web page will give browsers information about ATAF and will also feature hyperlinks to some of our Corporate Partners.



Located on the web page, members will find the following:

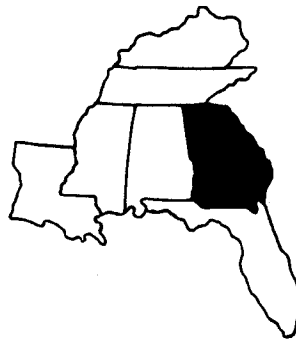
- Placement for the State of Florida
- Committee members and Executive Board work numbers and e-mail addresses,
- Licensure information,
- Symposium information,
- Newsletter headlines,

And more to come...

the ATAF location is:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~bumb/exec.htm>

GEORGIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION



New officers for GATA have been elected and are as follows: Keith Webster, President, Kelli Sabiston, Vice-President, and J.C. Andersen, Secretary-Treasurer.

GATA would like to thank all who participated in the GATA Golf Tournament held on Friday of the SEATA Annual Meeting. All proceeds go to the GATA scholarship fund and they would encourage as many as possible to participate in next year's event.

• The GATA will be exhibiting at the Georgia Athletic Director's Association annual meeting April 24-25 in Statesboro.

• GATA would like to congratulate Dana Cravey and Tattnell Square Academy for being awarded a 1997 Award of Excellence by "Athletic Management" for in-house operations.



Photo L to R: J.C. Andersen-Armstrong Atlantic, State-Sec/Treas, Kelli Sabiston-Marietta HS VP, Keith Webster-The Hughston Clinic-Pres.

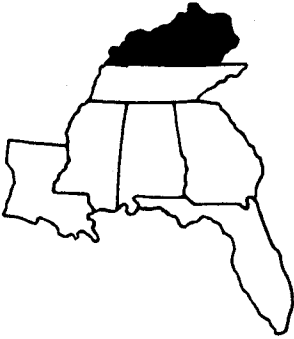
• The high school committee has been very busy making plans for the inaugural statewide student athletic trainer symposium. This event will occur at four different locations across the state on May 3, 1997. The purpose of the workshop is to provide high school student athletic trainers with an avenue to learn more about the profession of athletic training.

Content for the session will be very basic covering such topics as careers in athletic training, taping, and emergency care of injuries. Monies raised by this workshop will benefit the GATA scholarship program. For more information contact Dana Cravey at 912/477-6760.

Message from President Keith Webster: I appreciate the warm welcome as your new President. However, the "honeymoon" did not last long with the arrival of HB 581 at the beginning of this year's legislative session. HB 581 would have abolished our Board and effectively deregulated the athletic training profession in Georgia. I am pleased to announce that HB 581 was successfully defeated and would like to thank everyone who fought to have it defeated. GATA's decision to join the Georgia Society of Allied Health Professions proved timely. The Society of Allied Health Professions is a national organization that deals with legislative issues pertinent to allied health professions.

STATE REPORTS

KENTUCKY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY



The Bluegrass State Games will be held at the end of July in Lexington, Kentucky. Al Green and Sue Stanley will be looking for people to help work these annual games. As always, you will be paid, provided with housing, food, apparel, and FUN!! For more information, please contact

them at the following number - 606/223-8972.

The KATS Medical Symposium committee will be meeting to decide if we will be able to put together a symposium for the same time as the Bluegrass State Games as we have done in the previous years. With some of the new changes at the Lexington campus we are trying to see if this will be a good time to continue to meet. We will get information out as soon as possible.

The KATS will be holding elections for the position of President. Jamey Gay, secretary of KATS, will be in charge of the election. All K.A.T.S. members should be receiving information about the upcoming election.

ATTENTION: Anyone who holds a license in the state of Kentucky as a certified athletic trainer and you have not received a CEU packet from the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, you must contact the office at 502/429-8046. Any questions concerning the process can be referred to Dean Geary at 606/887-2421.

A note of thanks from Tom Steltenkamp: I want to take this time to thank all the members of K.A.T.S., SEATA, the executive staff from the other states, Jim Gallaspy, Sue Stanley, and Chuck Kimmel for all the help and support they gave me in running the position of President in the state of Kentucky!! Thanks for making my job easier!!

LOUISIANA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION



The LATA will be holding its 1997 Summer Symposium and Membership Registration Symposium in Thibodaux on June 26-28, 1997. Pre-Registration for Certified Members of LATA and MATA is \$70.00. C.E.U.'s, meals, and entertainment are all a part of the registration fee. The host motel is the Howard Johnson and the room rate is \$50 + 11%

tax. Please call Edward Evans at 318/357 4273 for further information.

TENNESSEE ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY



Once again, the TATS membership wishes to express its praise and gratitude to David Green, Mollie Malone, Chris Snoddy, David Adams, and the entire educational committee that planned such an excellent Annual 1997 State Meeting at David Lipscomb University on January 19th. The overall consensus was most positive towards the subjects presented, the awards luncheon and the quality of speakers. This year's combined attendance of 172 Certified Athletic Trainers and Student

Athletic Trainers equaled last year's record high. While the number of exhibitors were less than in past years, this hopefully allowed those present to have more exposure to the products and closer interaction with the exhibitors. Our appreciation is conveyed to those persons who "behind the scenes" contributed so much to the success of this meeting as well as those certified members and aspiring athletic trainers who supported this meeting by their presence.

For those unable to attend the meeting, many important items transpired at this year's business meeting. A public relations budget was approved in an effort to develop a professional promotion campaign and a resource center from which the entire membership can promote our profession in Tennessee. TATS members agreed to invest a portion of TATS' funds in potentially higher performing investment vehicles in an effort to strengthen our financial position. The TATS by-laws were amended to implement some "house cleaning" items, and most significantly, to require that TATS applicants be licensed in the state of Tennessee in order to qualify for membership. Nominations were received for TATS President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer positions for the 1998-2000 term. Biographies are included in the March 1997 TATS Newsletter with official ballots to be mailed by May 1, 1997, and a return postmark before May 15, 1997. The candidates who were nominated for office all possess strong leadership capabilities and a history of involvement in TATS activities, so TATS members should feel secure in the future direction and advancement of our professional organization. Also, there will be a yes/no vote on the ballot for the student scholarship proposal which was discussed during the March SEATA meeting.

Also included in the March 1997 Newsletter was a survey for the membership to complete in an effort to gain feedback on improving the TATS organization.

It was with much regret that the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of the Hall of Fame chairperson Doug May. Doug initiated the Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony and has propelled it quickly to the high level of respect and dignity which it deserves. We are also appreciative for the input and guidance that Doug has provided this professional society as well as many other contributions he has made in promoting our profession in Tennessee.

At the SEATA Meeting in Atlanta, the 1997 NATA award winners from Tennessee were announced. Jerry Robertson will receive the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award at the NATA Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City in June. Also, David Adams and Chuck Kimmel will receive the NATA Athletic Trainers' Service Award.

TATS members send their best wishes to their fellow athletic trainers in SEATA for a successful, healthy spring season and an enjoyable summer.

OBITUARY

Brian Aaron Keicher

APRIL 7, 1997

Brian Keicher, ATC, Head Athletic Trainer at Greeneville High School (GHS) passed away on April 7, 1997 in Greeneville, Tennessee. Brian served GHS, his alma mater, in many different capacities since graduating in 1976. While pursuing a degree from East Tennessee State University (ETSU), Brian volunteered as an athletic trainer for GHS. Upon graduation from ETSU, Brian spent one year in South Carolina before returning to GHS in 1982 to work part-time as the Head Athletic Trainer at GHS. In 1984, Brian was hired as the first full-time athletic trainer at GHS. Upon his certification in 1993, Brian became one of the few full-time certified athletic trainers on the high school level in Tennessee. He served as a volunteer athletic trainer for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, and served as a venue athletic trainer for Field Hockey. Brian was a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, Tennessee Athletic Trainer's Society, and the Mountain Empire Sports Medicine Society. He was a guiding force in developing the Greene County Sports Medicine Outreach Program that was developed to provide sports medicine coverage for High Schools in the Greene County area. Brian will be most remembered for his passion for the field of athletic training and his dedication to preparing future athletic trainers. Since his hiring at GHS, Brian sent out many well-prepared student athletic trainers to colleges all over the Southeast.

DETAILED SEATA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY 1997

CERTIFIED	
REGULAR	1,649
RETIRED	26
STUDENT	<u>273</u>
TOTAL	1,948
ASSOCIATE	
ASSOCIATE	159
STUDENT	
UNDERGRADUATE	436
GRADUATE	<u>112</u>
TOTAL	548
SUPPLIER	
SUPPLIER	11
INTERNATIONAL	
INTERNATIONAL	1
OVERALL TOTAL	<u>2,667</u>

NATA CERTIFIED MEMBERSHIP BY SETTING AS OF MARCH 31, 1997

SETTING	<u>TOTAL</u>
CLINIC/INDUSTRIAL	3,545
HIGH SCHOOL	2,267
HIGH SCHOOL/CLINIC	1,995
HOSPITAL	814
JUNIOR COLLEGE	237
NO DATA	322
OTHER PROFESSIONAL	770
PRO BASEBALL	244
PRO FOOTBALL	97
PRO GOLF	4
PRO HOCKEY	72
PRO SOCCER	22
PRO TENNIS	8
RETIRED-CERTIFIED	1
STUDENT	1,889
UNEMPLOYED	26
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	<u>2,558</u>
TOTAL	14,871

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