

Welcome to this week's edition of



The Chair's Chatter

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Greetings!

As May comes to an end, we welcome our new DPT students, the Class of 2016! We are delighted to have some new additions to our research infrastructure. Read on for the details!

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To the incoming Class of 2016!! They are: 31% Male 69% Female
73% in-state 27% Out-of-state (Arizona, Florida, Georgia,
Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia)
17.8% Ethnic Diversity (3 Black, 2 Asian, 3 Hispanic, 1 Middle
Eastern, 1 international (Hungary))

An interesting fact: 11% of the class is named some variation of "Chris" - 7 people: 3- Christopher, 1-Christa, 1-Christina, 2- Kristen. DPT Application, enrollment and score statistics for this year and last follow.

Application Summary	2013	2012
Applications received	785	712
Applicants invited to interview	144	206
Applicants offered admission	85	111
Enrolling	56	68

Academic Average(Admitted and Enrolling)	2013	2012
Cumulative GPA	3.68	3.64
Pre-requisite GPA	3.69	3.65
Verbal GRE	153	153
Quantitative GRE	153	148
Analytical Writing	4	4



Margaret L. Campbell, PhD, ARRT Program Coordinator & Senior Scientist for Planning and Policy Support, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Education will be visiting the department on May 30, 2013. She is scheduled to meet with the UMANRRRT postdoctoral fellows and the Executive Committee to discuss project progress and future directions for the program.



In the past couple of months we have had two major upgrades to the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science research capabilities:

First, to keep up with our increasing research demands, we recently purchased a new Vicon state-of-the-art motion capture and analysis system. The new system significantly expands our ability to precisely and accurately measure complex movements of test subjects. The purchase was funded through the generosity of the Dr. Gladys E. Wadsworth Physical Therapy Research Fund, the David R. Solomon Fund, and the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science.

Second, with the advent of several new research projects, a movable wall was installed in AHB 102 in order to facilitate efficient use of lab space. The new wall provides the flexibility to simultaneously collect experimental data and train subjects, greatly improving space utilization. The installation was funded jointly through the PTRS Departmental funds and the generosity of the Dean's office of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.



Did you know that the May 2013 issue of the *UM VOICE* newsletter was the last issue? Beginning in June, the Office of Communications and Public Affairs will begin issuing *The Elm* – an interactive hub that will replace the *VOICE* in publishing the diverse and high-achieving activities of the University community.

The Elm was chosen as it is a symbol that captures vibrancy and growth. One that's alive and reflects the University community, that references our long history as the founding campus of the University System of Maryland, where the Davidge Elm was a familiar landmark early on.

