

# CPASS E News

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*Who is doing the snow dance? You can stop now. Please see just a few the latest accomplishments & news items from CPASS.*

## **Abildso working to 'change the world' starting with Morgantown**

As a volunteer, Christiaan Abildso serves as chairman of the Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board by developing a comprehensive Pedestrian Safety Plan for Morgantown that would create a network of well-lit and well-maintained sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, and traffic calming throughout Morgantown. He presented the plan to a public forum hosted by the Dominion Post on Jan. 28 to a somewhat "cool" reception, according to Abildso.

The DP, WBOY, and WV Public Radio covered the presentation:

*Dominion Post, Jan 29:*

<http://olive.dominionpost.com/Repository/ml.asp?Ref=RFBvc3QvMjAxMC8wMS8yOSNBcjAwMTA0&Mode=HTML&Locale=english-skin-custom>

*WBOY news story (with video), Jan 29:* <http://wboy.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=74266>

*WV Public Broadcasting (with audio), Feb 1:* <http://www.wvpubcast.org/newsarticle.aspx?id=12955>

*Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board website:*

<http://www.morgantown.com/ped-safety-board.htm>

## **CPASS Adventure Sports Program offers new race series**

The CPASS Adventure Sports Program is producing an exciting new special event series for 2010. Morgantown Adventure Sport Series, or MASS, will challenge participants with six adventure based athletic competitions. Competitors can earn awards for their performance in each individual event and will also earn series points which will accumulate upon completing multiple events. The series' awards will be presented at the end of the year and ultimate outdoor athletes will be recognized.

Inaugural year events include the Mountain Duathlon on the trails of Coopers Rock State Forest, Get Lost! Orienteering Competition, throughout Coopers Rock State Forest, Friendship Hill 5-Mile Trail Run through a National Historic Site located 10 minutes north of Morgantown. Additional events are scheduled through Oct. 3. For more information, please contact Nathan Kile, series director, 304-293-0851 or [Nathan.Kile@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Nathan.Kile@mail.wvu.edu)

## **Coaching & Teaching Studies department news items**

Valerie Wayda, CATS department chair, presented paper at the National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE) conference on "Creating a Culture of Professionalism in Your Physical Education Program" on Jan. 7 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Andy Hawkins also presented at the conference and PETE doctoral student Kasey DiGiacinto and recent PETE graduate Amy Sidwell had poster presentations.

Wayda was elected to serve as vice president-elect of the National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE).

## **Sport Sciences department news items**

Thirteen undergraduate sport and exercise psychology students will be attending the 19th Midwest Sport and Exercise Psychology Symposium hosted by Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Jack Watson is conducting research on a project designed to better understand what athletes are looking for in a sport psychologist. He is also working on a grant for the National Science Foundation related to ethics education in social sciences.

#### **New releases from FiT:**

Impress your friends with interesting trivia about controversial Games, athletes and performance issues, and the commercialism of the Olympics from FiT's new book, [\*Rethinking the Olympics\*](#). Editor Robert Barney uncovers the past and provides an outlook for the future of the Games through a series of essays that capture the historical, cultural and political implications of the Olympics. To learn more about *Rethinking the Olympics* and purchase your copy, visit <http://www.fitinfotech.com>.

#### **Service-related activity**

[ICPE](#) is currently providing internships for five WVU students from the P. I. Reed School of Journalism, Eberly College of Arts & Sciences, and CPASS. The students are gaining experience working on projects that are relevant to their respective degree programs. Several of the projects for spring 2010 are designed to promote ICPE's publishing division - Fitness Information Technology (FiT), and its line of [eTextbooks](#).

Meanwhile, the College alumni relations and development office has offered an internship to sport management grad student Jason Hostetler.

#### **Speakers and other events**

Fitness Information Technology (FiT) is available to demonstrate its [eTextBooks](#) at lectures and receptions. Contact us to learn how you can **help your students save money!**

#### **College hosts "Dollars for Disaster" collection**

CPASS, with support from the WVU Athletic Department, and Athletic Coaching Education members, sponsored a "Dollars for Disaster" collection booth at the end of January at the Blue Gate area of the Coliseum.

Faculty, staff, students and visitors to the Coliseum offered their support to benefit the Haiti earthquake relief efforts. The College also collected new or slightly used shoes for distribution to Haiti and those in need. Dollars for Disaster partnered with iRelief to send the shoes to those in need. Click the link below to find out more details about the campus-wide relief efforts.

<http://cce.wvu.edu/dollarsfordisaster>

#### **In Memory of Coach Corum**

A memorial service for Coach Gene Corum has been scheduled for Saturday, April 10th at 1 p.m. at Touchdown Terrace, Milan Puskar Stadium.

*Stay warm,*

**Dana D. Brooks, Ed.D.**