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Happy Holidays!

"There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves."

*Albert Guinon
(1863-1923)*

Well, the holiday decorations have long been up at the UMB School of Nursing and the end of another busy year approaches quickly. Where does the time go?!

As each semester seems to get busier and considerably more hectic, we extend many, many heartfelt thanks your way for your usual professionalism, flexibility, and, most importantly, your sense of humor, as we adjusted and readjusted SP encounter schedules. You guys are the greatest!

A couple of new and different cases were added to the line-up this year. Most recently, we did a dysfunctional family psychiatric counseling case. This was created for psychiatric nurse practitioner students. The case involved

an unfortunate, maladjusted family -- mother (recovering alcoholic), father (retired vet w/clinical depression & chronic pain), and teenage child (delinquency & possible substance abuse). The teen has been brought in by the parents for counseling & treatment.

The case was most unique for us as it involved recruiting two teens (June Abell & Jerry Brown) from the Baltimore School for the Arts. They really enjoyed the roles and were such great impromptu performers. We got such a kick out of them! I know the "parents" had a good time with them, too.

Another interesting and challenging case we did last semester was for physical therapy students and involved a patient with painful injuries from a car accident. PT students were introduced to

inpatient Lester Jacobson, who was 24 hours post-op from surgical fixation of a right hip fracture and removal of glass from his right eye. He was also suffering from painful lower spine compression fractures. To top it all off, he was terminated from his job the day of his accident and had recently separated from his wife. Poor fellow!

In addition to verbally addressing the painful physical and emotional issues, students were expected to move the patient from his "bed" to a chair while working around catheters, IV's, vision problems and spinal and hip injuries. Phew!

Most students pulled it off successfully, but what a workout for the patients. Our hats off to all the Lester Jacobson's! You certainly know who you are!

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CEEL puts HCC Cardiovascular Technology students to the test

As you may know, the UMB CEEL has reached beyond its campus to provide clinical skills assessment services to area allied health programs. For a number of years we have provided simulation experiences for EMT programs at nearby community colleges. Last year, we began providing services for the Community Colleges of Baltimore County Physician Assistant program, who just this month came to the CEEL to assess PA students' head-to-toe physical examination skills.

This past Fall, we were

contacted by the coordinator of the Howard Community College Cardiovascular Technology Program about bringing students to the CEEL to assess cardiac catheterization intake skills.

If you're not familiar with exactly what a Cardiovascular Technologist does, you're not alone – neither did we before we worked the HCC program. So, for your edification, here's a bit more about cardiovascular technology.

Cardiovascular technologists and technicians assist physicians in diagnosing and



Cardiovascular technicians who obtain EKGs are known as electrocardiograph (or EKG) technicians.

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What's Up?

Here's what some of our SP's are up to as of late:

Peg Barton, one of our newer SP's, has just ventured into the world of small business. Says Peg, " Since August 2005 I officially began my pet sitting business, *No Worries*. I've been informally pet sitting friend's cats and dogs for years. I'm always looking for new clients and can be reached at 410-666-2325 or buddie399@hotmail.com. Other great things that I continue to do, are usher at Center Stage and enjoy visiting friends, especially in Richmond and NYC. I look forward to the snow so I can cross country ski and shoeshoe. Happy Holidays to All!"

Look for **Jim Black**, veteran SP and local actor extraordinaire, in the newly released film "Syriana" starring George Clooney and Matt Damon. He plays a member of an oil company board of directors in a scene where merger negotiations are being heatedly discussed and his character provides facial expressions supporting the comments of the oil company president (played by actor Chris Cooper). Kathy's seen the movie and easily spotted Jim! Jim's also to be in a no-dialogue close up with Nicole Kidman in the upcoming file "The Visiting" (see box at left).

Lisa Burdette has had a busy year. She can be seen as the host on two short promotional videos for Belgard Pavers and just appeared on a commercial in the local DC area networks for the Fannie Mae Foundation National Walk for the Homeless. She's spokesperson for Ourisman Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge in Howard County, where she's wearing a little Santa's helper outfit in their Christmas spot out currently! Lisa just finished shooting on a short called "Butterfly Riddle", has done a number of industrial training videos, and just had her first extra experience on "The Wire" as a television reporter in a news conference in episode 5 of season 4 called "Alliances." She also will be shooting as the host of a home show for Fox45 next month called "Home Pro." All that, in addition to being mommy to adorable daughter Bella, whom several of you have met here at the CEEL.

Jim Clark's wishes all of you the best and report the following acting activities. He'll

appear in May 2006 as a stand-in for Harvey Keitel in a currently untitled ABC film on 911 (that's Jim, not Harvey, getting out of the black Suburban and walking into CIA headquarters). Jim also did a day on the film "Music High," played one of six cops sitting around a table with a mayoral candidate on the 2nd or 3rd upcoming episode of the "The Wire," and did a couple of days on the film "Invincible," a football movie shooting in Philly. As several of you, he also did work on the film "The Visiting" along with his wife (whom he dragged there) – and she might get front billing in a scene as a nurse if it makes it through editing!

Sarah Cowie reports "I'm planning some dance events for the new year. The first is called *Dance Freedom*. It will take place at on 1/27/05, 7:30pm, at St David's Cathedral on Roland Avenue. It is part of a series of four Fridays, the last Friday of each month thru April. There will be world music and any style of dance goes. There will be a bring and share refreshments table and a networking table where people can display information about their business, passion, campaign or events. I am also offering *Devine Dirty Dancing* classes this spring (which are more innocent than they sound in everything but attitude). I am also looking forward to going to Kirpalau for a week to dance with Gabriel Roth." For more information, call Sarah, (410)367-4004

In addition to doing SP work, **Ina Hamburger** is a clinical supervisor in speech pathology at Towson University and just started a 5-week auditioning class at Everyman Theatre with Dawn Ursula. She also recently returned from a speech pathology convention in San Diego and fell in love with the area!

April Kersey would like her fellow SP's to know: "I started my own company BEYOND ZOAR Entertainment. I set it up as a vehicle to promote myself as a singer, writer, actress. The first tier of the business, I am writing and producing shows that will travel to area daycare centers and pre-schools to perform shows that will reinforce what the kids are being taught, as well as local history and social skills and biblical themes. For the second, I will team up with local musicians

A number of our SP's have found work on two films being shot in and around Baltimore during the past months.

One is a horror/sci-fi flick starring Nicole Kidman called *The Visiting*. It is loosely based on the Jack Finney novel, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. During a recent press conference, the actors and production team referred to it as a "reinvention" rather than a remake.



The Visiting tells the story of a mysterious epidemic that alters the behavior of human beings. When a Washington D.C. psychiatrist (Kidman) discovers the epidemic's origins are extraterrestrial, she must fight to protect her son, who may hold the key to stopping an imminent invasion. Whoa.

Another, somewhat lighter, movie filmed in Baltimore recently that several fellow SP's were involved in is currently entitled *Music High*. It is a Disney Touchstone distributed music-filled film in the genre of *Fame* and *Footloose*. The basic story involves a rebellious youth who must do community service at a high school for the performing arts after he vandalizes their auditorium. He then falls in love with a dancer/student and the rest is, well, I bet a little predictable, but no doubt heartwarming and fun...

CEEL tests Cardiovascular Technology students (con't from page 1)

treating cardiac (heart) and peripheral vascular (blood vessel) ailments. Cardiovascular technologists may specialize in three areas of practice—invasive cardiology, echocardiography, and vascular technology.

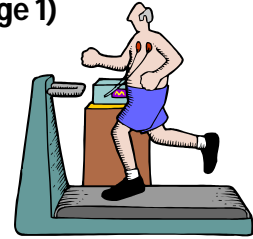
Cardiovascular technologists specializing in invasive procedures are called *cardiology technologists*. They assist physicians with cardiac catheterization procedures in which a small tube, or catheter, is wound through a patient's blood vessel from a spot on the patient's leg into the heart. The procedure can determine whether a blockage exists in the blood vessels that supply the heart muscle. The procedure also can help to diagnose other problems. Part of the procedure may involve balloon angioplasty, which can be used to treat blockages of blood vessels or heart valves without the need for heart surgery. Cardiology technologists assist physicians as they insert a catheter with a balloon on the end to the point of the obstruction.

Technologists prepare patients for cardiac catheterization and balloon angioplasty by

first positioning them on an examining table and then shaving, cleaning, and administering anesthesia to the top of their leg near the groin. During the procedures, they monitor patients' blood pressure and heart rate with EKG equipment and notify the physician if something appears to be wrong. Technologists also may prepare and monitor patients during open-heart surgery and the implantation of pacemakers.

The students from HCC who came to the CEEL were tested on a standardized patient who was being interviewed and prepared for a cardiac catheterization procedure -- the procedure just described. Rest assured, however, there was no shaving, cleaning or anesthesia involved!

The course coordinator found the SP encounters to be quite effective for assessing the students' clinical & interpersonal skills and thought it was very valuable to the students to be able to practice and demonstrate these skills in a safe environment.



EKG technicians, cardiovascular technologists with advanced training, perform Holter monitor and stress testing. During a stress test, they monitor the heart's performance while the patient is walking on a treadmill, gradually increasing the treadmill's speed to observe the



What's Up (con't from pg. 2)

to perform jazz and Christian music at various venues. Acting will develop along with that. And the last is to complete my stage and screen play ideas and set about the task of getting them produced. So, that's what I have been up to. Prayerfully by the spring everything will be in full swing for me. I hope everyone else is doing wonderful things as well."

Kathleen Meckley is the proud grandmother of her second granddaughter, Evelyn Danielle, born 8/22/05. Her 18-month-old sister, Eleanor, is very happy to have a playmate. Kathleen launched a new business this year with partner, Beth Smith, for organizing, interior redesign

and home staging called *Transforming Spaces LLC*. Visit www.transformingspaces.biz to learn about this full service company. *Transforming Spaces LLC* had four articles appear in *The Capital Newspaper*, which can be read at the website. Office number is 410-353-1413. Kathleen has also been busy performing with the Singers Madrigale at the Maryland Renaissance Festival and Colonial caroling in the greater Baltimore Annapolis area. In between all her jobs, Kathleen took an interior design class at AACC.

Diane Megargel has enjoyed her time directing the *Mental Health Players*. She's done shows on disabilities for government employees in Fairfax Co., VA; on client "boundaries" for social workers and counselors; and other

shows on Alzheimer's for the Alzheimer's Association of the Eastern Shore. She's looking forward to SP's Edd Miller and Diane Hood joining the *Mental Health Players* soon! Other than that, she says, "I'm doing SP work, volunteering at AVAM, and babysitting my nearly-4-yr-old grandson who is the love of my life!"

Stephen Price reports: "I just got back from Manitoba Canada where I was able to spend a week observing a community-based justice program in the Ojibway band at Hollow Water. It was a wonderful experience and I learned a great deal that I'm bringing back to my own work

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with sex offenders here in the Maryland/DC area. I also got to mush (drive) a dog sled team and learned not only how to drive, but what to do when you tip over the sled (this from personal experience)!"

Arnold Sampson is working on an "SP Training Film" for Johns Hopkins. If someone has filmmaking-related skills or interests, there is still time to be involved. He hopes to shoot more footage and is commencing some early editing now. Any interested SP (who also works for Hopkins) can email ahsswami@aol.com or call him at 410-664-5699.

Lois Schmidt wants to let you know she continues with her holistic nursing practice, offering energy healing work that includes Healing Touch therapy along with support and education for wellness and for people dealing with disease processes. Additionally, she has

returned to work as a nurse practitioner with MinuteClinic in Bethesda. If interested in her holistic nursing practice, contact her at: (410)566-7284, loischimidt@aol.com.

The biggest news in **Diana Sowle's** household is "that our second daughter, Dorianne, and her husband, Gordon, are expecting a baby, their first, (boy) the middle of January. This means that Bill, my husband, and I will have to live, and be alert, until we're at least 95 years old, in order to see this child into adulthood. Wish us well in our efforts to accomplish this. I have a small role as a "snatched" mother in the new Nicole Kidman film, "The Visiting." My warmest wishes to everyone for the holidays and the new year."

Dwane Starlin reports in: "Just finished a gig with the Washington National Opera's production of Porgy & Bess as the Coroner. Currently doing a one-man show for Senior Theatre as the late but great barrister Clarence Darrow. Also bringing the red suit out of moth balls and attempting to assure children that, Yes, Virginia & Maryland

& DC, there is a Santa Claus! Happy Holidays!"

Stephen Szibler has enjoyed his film endeavors in the past few months. In the summer he was an orderly in one scene with one line in *Crazy Eights*, the Traci Lords movie filmed at the former Crownsville Mental Health facilities. Recently, he had a word or two as Pilot #2, the arm of the helicopter pilot, in *The Visiting*. In the same movie he was also a doctor at GWU, a Snatcher at the Legg Mason building, and an "unchanged" person running from an inoculation compound near a Wyndham DC hotel.

Robert Vick (Vique) will play the New York deli owner in THE MENTOR, the comedy/drama/love story based on the life of comedian/singer/actor Pete DeLorenzo. The feature shoots early spring. Information at www.petedelorenzo.com. Robert has also been performing with www.otterproductions.com.



SP Spotlight: John Wilson



John Wilson giving feedback to an undergraduate nursing student.

So... who of you *doesn't* know John Wilson? That's what I thought – very few of you. While John isn't the most veteran standardized patient we know of, he certainly is one of the most active, versatile and gregarious – and also one of the most traveled. John not only works as an SP and Genitourinary Teaching Associate here at the CEEL, but also at Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), George Washington University (GWU), and Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).

This month we put the spotlight on John not just because he's one of our best-known SP's, but also because he's one of our best... period. John is quick study and often helps us out in a pinch when faculty surprise us with extra students, when a student needs to make up a missed encounter at the last minute or when another SP is unable to

make a session. He's always willing to pitch in!

John is also great with the students. While he can really lay it on when the case calls for it (making the students quake in their boots a bit sometimes), he completely puts them at ease during the feedback sessions.

As the father of 5, grandfather of 17, and great grandfather of 8 (and sibling to 5 brothers), John Wilson is a family man first and foremost. An Army veteran and DOT/Coast Guard retiree, he is sure to find time to enjoy the great outdoors, vocal country music, ceramics and growing roses.

John comes to SP'ing by way of an acting bug that bit him several years ago. He had done some extra work for the TV series "Homicide" and the film "The Replacements" and decided to answer an ad calling for actors to do SP work at JHU. The rest is history.

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Take-One Productions teams up with CEEL to cast medical training projects

Take One is an Annapolis-based production company that, in addition to many other projects, produces medical industrials. Kathy developed a relationship with *Take One* last year as the result of chance meeting at a local Annapolis venue.

Since that time many of our standardized patients have been hired by *Take One* through Kathy to participate in some interesting medical industrial filming. For one of the first *Take One* projects, folks were hired as nurses and patients to demonstrate nursing tasks and procedures for a training CD ROM. Among the tasks performed were brushing patient's teeth, giving a

sponge bath, and other somewhat mundane, but important procedures.

Recent projects involved publishers, Lippincott and Bates. Lippincott publishes nursing and medical textbooks, journals, and PDA software for health professionals. Bates is one of the most high profile medical textbook publishers out there. So, being in either companies' publications assures being viewed by thousands of students!

The Lippincott project that *Take One* hired several of our SP's for was the production of a CD ROM attachment to a Nursing Assistant training manual and textbook. This CD

ROM was very similar to the previous project in that it demonstrated some of the techniques and procedures being discussed in the textbook. Kathy and Nancy even filled in on a lark one day to portray a receptionist and an employer interviewing a nursing applicant (non-speaking, voiced-over roles). I (Nancy) for one quickly realized I did not miss my calling!

The Bates project was also for a CD ROM textbook attachment. The textbook was basic anatomy and physiology for medical students. SP's hired got to demonstrate body parts and systems. Fun!

Getting down to business

Given that snow days are upon us, let's review our Inclement Weather Policy:

- First and foremost, be aware that the University rarely closes. Snow storms, hurricanes, you name it -- we've worked through it.
- But, if bad weather does hit and you're scheduled to be at the CEEL, the procedure for inquiring about our status is as follows:
 - ✓ 1) Call the Campus Emergency Information Phone Line (410-806-8622) to see if the campus is open or closed;
 - ✓ 2) Check the campus alert webpage at <http://www.umaryland.edu/alerts> ;
 - ✓ 3) If you find the University is open (more than likely!), but you're stuck in snow and can't make it or will be late, PLEASE call Kathy at home (410-315-9662) between 5:30 and 6:30am or on her cell (443-995-9397) from 6:30-7:15am (she's in the office (410-706-7987) by 7:30am). Try to reach her instead of leaving voicemail, so if it is necessary to make alternative arrangements we are alerted as soon as possible.
- Be aware that the news media may confuse UMB with other institutions or



UM campuses and announce incorrect information regarding UMB status. We ARE NOT: Univ. of MD Baltimore County (UMBC), University of Baltimore, or the generic Univ. of MD (that is College Park).

Other important CEEL business:

- Recently we've begun providing Daily Instructions Sheets for each SP encounter you are involved in at UMB. These sheets are placed on the break room table with the day's student schedule. Even if you've done a case before, please read these instructions as they are revised fairly regularly. They also serve as a good reminder of the day's procedures – especially if you have been doing other cases and may have forgotten whether

you're doing feedback that day, whether you print out the evaluation form, or whether you give the form to the student, etc.

- In addition, if you need to review the case you're doing on any given day, remember that cases can be found on the exam room computers in the Exam Rooms folder on the desktop. They are arranged by case and course name.
- Especially if you are new to UMB, the payroll process may be a bit confusing. First and foremost, ALWAYS remember to leave your *signed* timesheet with Kathy or Nancy if it is the last day you are working in that pay period. Regarding paychecks, remember that the pay period printed on your paycheck is *not* correct (that time period is correct for *salaried* employees only). You are paid 3 weeks after the last day of the pay period noted on your timesheet. If any questions, call Nancy (410-706-7779).

SP Spotlight (con't)

John finds his SP and GUTA work very rewarding and enriching. He says, "Well, the money is nice, but there is also an altruistic need inside that says to me, you are doing something worthwhile with your life and you are doing a service for others."

In fact, when asked what he hopes to be doing ten years from now, John responded, "Hopefully still doing this because it is such a cool way to still be a part of the medical profession."

John, we hope you're still doing this ten years from now, too!

Did you know... you can "impersonate" a witness in court and get paid for it?

Yeah, well, we were surprised, too! We were contacted recently (through a UMB graduate nursing student whose husband is an attorney) to provide folks who would be willing to read witness testimony in front of a jury in court for absentee witnesses (e.g., hospitalized, out of the country, or for other reasons unable to attend the hearing). It's a very unique and interesting process that we were completely unaware of.

So, SP's Jim Black and Martha Abrams who were scheduled to work at CEEL the day of the court hearing (taking place just several blocks from UMB), agreed to participate. They were called into court in the morning and spent the next three hours waiting, being prepped and

eventually sitting in front of a jury reading actual witness testimony for the plaintiff of a sexual harassment case. They then returned to CEEL to have GERD (reflux disease) for graduate nursing students.

Martha found the experience to be quite intriguing. She commented, "it really was an illumination on what happens in the courtroom. One interesting thing I learned is that they actually play "white noise" when the lawyers go up to the bench to speak with the judge to avoid others in the courtroom hearing the conversation."

Jim found the whole process fascinating and really enjoyed it. He even remarked afterward, with a deadpan expression, "it sure beats having GERD!"

Reading Corner: Some recent articles that may be of interest



- Here's a flyer about Standardized Patients that was created as a Patient Page for docs by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) – wonder how many subscribers printed it out and put it in their waiting rooms?
<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/294/9/1172>
- This is an interesting article on a "hybrid" standardized patient used for skill development of practicing physicians called a *Care Actor*.
<http://xnet.kp.org/permanentejournal/sum05/actor.html>
- This study uses standardized patients to determine the costs of patient-centered communications as associated with diagnostic testing expenditures. The investigators found that physicians with a more patient-centered communication style order less diagnostic tests and, hence, have lower expenditures.
<http://www.annfammed.org/cgi/content/full/3/5/415>
- There's another SP-related article that you might want to take a look at the next time

you're at the CEEL (full text not available online). It provides noteworthy findings that counter the generally accepted view that SP's are more lenient in scoring students when they know they'll be providing verbal feedback immediately after an encounter.

http://www.leanonline.com/doi/abs/10.1207/s15328015tlm1703_9

- Thanks to Bruce Shaffer for alerting me to this article recently in USA Today.com.
http://news.yahoo.com/s/usatoday/20051222/t_s_usatoday/badmedstudentsbaddocs
- And if you missed it, be sure to take a look next time you're here at the extensive article written about the CEEL and some of our Annapolis area SP's in the *Annapolis Capital-Gazette Newspaper* on 11/27/05. It's a great piece and features SP's Larry Spice, Tina Clark, and Tom Fox in a multiple page spread!

The UMB Employee ID – it'll save you time, money, and may even help you lose weight!

As always, a reminder to those who've yet to get a University ID – it may be worth the walk!

Educational discounts
With your ID you have full access to the University's **Health Sciences and Law Libraries** (<http://www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/>) and you can make purchases at the **University Bookstore** (<http://www.bkstore.com/umb/>), receiving an educational discount on books and computer hardware and software.

Cheap (or free) gym memberships

Show your ID and you can get into

the University of Maryland Baltimore County gym

<http://www.umbc.edu/UMBCathletics/Recreation/index.html> for free.

Their air-conditioned gym is state-of-the-art and you can use the indoor and outdoor pools and tennis courts for free, too. You can also join the gym on the UMB campus <http://www.umaryland.edu/athleticcenter/> (just behind the Nursing School building where our office is located) for less than \$70 per year.

Want good savings and loan rates?

Your ID will allow you to join the State Employees Credit Union of



Maryland, Inc. (SECU)

<http://www.secumd.org/html/index/index.cfm>

And besides all that...

Having a University ID makes coming and going here at the Clinical Education and Evaluation Lab a whole lot easier.

Give us a call if you'd like to arrange to get your University ID.

Laughter's the Best Medicine

Who is this?

A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor queries. "No, you idiot!" the man shouts. "This is her husband!"

Tough diagnosis

A doctor completed an examination of a patient and was not able to find any specific cause for his complaint. He said to the patient, "I can't find a cause for your complaint. Frankly, I think it's due to drinking." "In that case," said the patient, "I'll come back when you're sober."

"Doctors at a hospital in Brooklyn, New York have gone on strike. Hospital officials say they will find out what the Doctors' demands are as soon as they can get a pharmacist over there to read the picket signs!"

Funny excerpts from actual medical records...

- By the time he was admitted, his rapid heart had stopped, and he was feeling better.
- Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- She has had no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
- The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1983.
- Patient was released to outpatient department without dressing.
- The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
- Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
- The patient will need disposition, and therefore we will get Dr. Blank to dispose of him.
- Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year-old male, mentally alert but forgetful.

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WELCOME NEW SP'S!!

We'd like to send a very warm and appreciative welcome to all the new SP's hired during the past few months. A recent article in the local Annapolis newspaper, *The Capital*, generated a lot of interest in standardized patient work and a number of wonderful recruits were found as a result!

We look forward to getting to know all the new SP's over the upcoming months. And, as always, we look forward to another fun-filled semester and seeing your smiling faces

as you teach our students a thing or two about being good healthcare providers.

Newly hired standardized patients include: Ted Bell, Matthew Day, Tina Clark, Elaine Gill, Jessica Hansen, Roma Matiukiene, Jennifer Mays, Amanda Rash, Erica Siegel, and Diana Sowle.

Summer Workshops at CEEL draw rave reviews!

As many of you know, during the slower summer months we offer free workshops that are often presented by talented and generous fellow SP's. This past summer we had some wonderfully varied workshops that were well attended and well received (unfortunately, I only got the first workshop - David Deboy, 7/22/05 - on film below).

The workshops series kicked off with local actor, writer, director, and motivational speaker David Deboy, who spoke on the fundamentals and business of acting. Folks who attended his workshop couldn't say enough about how entertaining, informative, and gracious David was.

The second workshop was offered by one of our UMB faculty in the Department of Physical Therapy, Randy Keyser. He educated attendees on the mechanics and benefits of

aerobic conditioning. He didn't make them run around the block, but participants certainly left with a much better understanding of why they should.

The third workshop was taught by fellow-SP and nurse Lois Schmidt, who has provides Healing Touch Therapy in her holistic practice. She gave a really fascinating and truly insightful hands-on presentation on the principles of Healing Touch.

Another fellow SP, Diane Megargel, presented the fourth workshop, giving those who attended an entertaining and valuable lesson on getting more in touch with their inner actor. All present gave kudos to Diane for her dynamic style.

SP Jack Yarborough wrapped up the series with an interactive workshop on developing dialects and impersonations. Participants learned about refining their "flexible voices" and Jack delighted them with his unique and special talents.

