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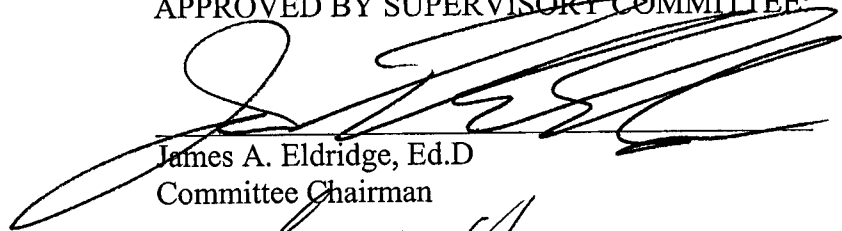


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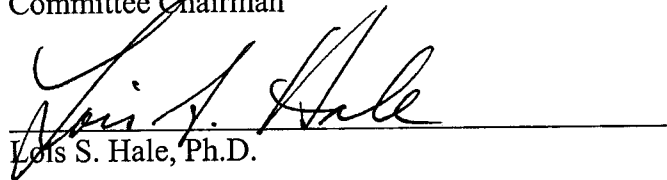
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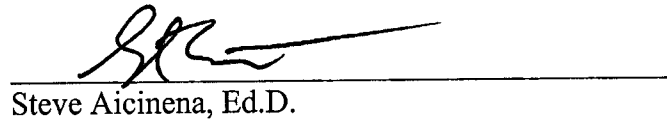
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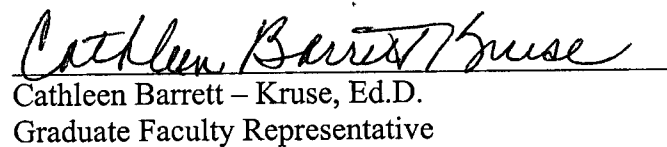
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## **Abstract**

Athletes of today are looking for every advantage over the competition, often subjecting themselves to harmful drugs. The purpose of this study was to determine the attitudes of athletes concerning drug use. Subjects for the study were 71 athletes acquired from the local college, university and professional hockey team. A Modified Tricker/Cook Drug Attitude Survey was used to compare each athlete's response to the other respondents by looking at each of the following categories, sport, country, ethnicity, age, gender, level of education and level of activity. The survey was administered and results were calculated. Results showed that athletes sport, country, ethnicity, age and level of activity were not good indicators of athlete's attitudes towards drug use in this small of a sampling. In the current study results showed that females had a better attitude toward drugs than males. Furthermore, college athletes had a better attitude towards drug use than professional athletes did.