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INSIDE THE TRAINING ROOM

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This ethnographic photo-essay delves into the daily life of Illinois Wesleyan University Athletic Trainers. We all know, vaguely, what an athletic trainer is. We see them run onto the field at the Super Bowl when the quarter back gets hurt. We see them at the Olympic Games stretching out world-class sprinters. But what we see them do on the television and at sporting events is merely one facet of their job. By illustrating findings based on independent research into the history of the field of athletic training, interviews with Bill Kauth, the head athletic trainer at Illinois Wesleyan University, and participant observation in the training room at Illinois Wesleyan University, this poster presentation unearths what athletic trainers really do.