Congratulations to all those who managed to meet the NSERC deadline of October 31st. The final days of panic are over and we can now only wait patiently for the results.

I am pleased to announce that a recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Charles Krieger as Physician-Scientist has been sent to the Dean of FAS. Dr. Krieger visited the School during October and will hopefully join the faculty on either July 1st or September 1st, 1998. He is currently at UBC and we hope that his appointment here will lead to useful collaboration with the neurology group in the Department of Medicine at UBC.

John Dickinson, Director

ERIC BANISTER and GORDON BHAKTHAN were honoured with a Retirement Reception on October 10th, in the Diamond Club. Over 50 invited guests were in attendance to hear anecdotes and words of appreciation given for their 30 and 25 years of service respectively. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

Photos to mark the occasion have been given to Eric and Gordon, and a copy has also been placed for all to see in the Kinesiology photo album.

The School of Kinesiology along with all of the units in the University is currently preparing a 3-Year Plan. This Plan will attempt to specify the changes and evolution of the department over the coming years. A basic assumption that we are using in the preparation of this plan is that there will be very little change in the resources allocated to Kinesiology in terms of operating budget or faculty positions. In order to prepare this plan the School is engaging in a process of consultations via a series of Focus Meetings. One of these, on the Graduate Program, has already been held. The second Focus Meeting on the Undergraduate Program will take place on Friday the 7th of November in the Kines Seminar Room between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. The final one, which will consider issues regarding the Constitution of the School and Infrastructure within the School will take place on Friday the 14th of November at the same time and in the same place. It is the intention of these Focus Meetings to outline the strategic directions that the School will take. I encourage all members of faculty, as well as student representatives, to attend these meetings to provide their point of view. This is an opportunity to examine the broad, philosophical issues concerning Kinesiology which we normally do not have time to address in our regular meetings. The 3-Year Plan will also enable us to write our response to the External Review which we received in September.

This month we’ve received from Analytical Studies the results of a survey which is a 2-year follow-up of 1993 baccalaureate graduates. What this survey showed was that our students generally seem to be reasonably well satisfied with their experience in Kinesiology at SFU. The survey had responses from 29 out of the 44 graduating students and the results in part suggest the following: 85% said that they would take the same program if they were starting their bachelor’s degree again. 100% of the students surveyed either strongly agreed or agreed that the course instruction in their program was good. 24 out of the 29 students had found employment. When
they were asked what the main thing that SFU could do to improve the integration of graduates into the workforce, the vast majority of them said that Co-op experience and more practical and less theoretical training would be the change they would like to see. There were many more questions on the survey and a copy is available from Marianne if you would like to see the full study.

**Faculty, Adjuncts & Graduate Students**

There was a sizeable contingent from SFU at the recent SCAPPS meeting in Niagara Falls. Faculty attending included: DAVID GOODMAN, DAN WEEKS, and JOHN DICKINSON. DIGBY ELLIOTT whom many of you will remember from when he was here on sabbatical was also present. The presentations at the conference were made by graduate students JIM LYONS, GAYLE HEINRICH and BILL RANDALL. Former graduate students RICHARD CARSON, ROMEO CHUA, PETER CROCKER and CHRIS IVENS were at the conference and made presentations. Chris Ivens’ presentation was co-authored with RON MARTENIUK.

DIANE FINEGOOD gave the first in the 1997-98 President’s Faculty Lecture Series during October. Her presentation “From Bathtubs to Beta-Cells: How Mathematical Modeling has Shaped Our Understanding of Disease,” was very well received.

DIANE FINEGOOD also co-chaired the program and organizing committee of the recently held 1st Annual Professional Conference & Scientific Session of the Canadian Diabetics Association (CDA) held in London, Ontario. 1,200 attendees were at the conference, including DAWN MCARTHUR, MARION THOMAS, NARINDER DHATT, LUONG TRAN, JACQUELINE TRUDEAU, WARREN FIELDUS, BRIAN TOPP, DAN TZUR and MARK LIPSETT of her lab, plus the American summer students, ALI NELSON and CHAD REITER. Presenters were: Finegood, McArthur, Tzur, Fieldus, Dhat, Dunichand-Hoedl.

JIM MORRISON recently spent a week in Alabama at the US Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory in Ft. Rucker, Alabama, where he presented a review of the 6 years of work that he accomplished for the US Army on studies of the effects of repeated shock on performance. Jim was happy to learn that the review was received highly positively.

During the last month ANDY HOFFER attended the 28th Neural Prosthesis Workshop, NIH in Bethesda, Maryland to report on his contract there. KEVIN STRANGE also made the visit. Andy has also recently submitted a patent application, together with members of his lab, PAUL CHRISTENSEN, YUNQUAN CHEN and KEVIN STRANGE.

TED MILNER attended the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans. He and graduate student DAVID FRANKLIN presented a poster. BARRY FOSTER and TONY HERDMAN also presented posters at this same meeting. Both had TOM RICHARDSON as co-author.

WADE PARKHOUSE has recently taken the position of Chair of the Biomedical New Investigator panel for BCHRF. He is also a member of that organization’s Scientific Advisory Committee. Wade manages to fill up the rest of his time by taking on the position of Reviewer for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

ERIC ACCILI has been able to complete his projects at the Rammelkamp Center in Cleveland earlier than expected. I have initiated the paperwork to change his start date to December 1st. This will enable him to organize and prepare to teach in 1998-1.

DOUG CHEYNE was in Spain recently to present a lecture on “Neuromagnetic Studies of Human Brain Function and Motor Control” at a Conference on Bioelectromagnetism in Madrid.


**Staff**

SOPHIE DUNBAR recently attended a Banff Management Course entitled “Team-work in
the 90’s - Striving to Reach New Heights.”

She reports: “Nine administrative staff members from the Faculty of Applied Sciences attended this intensive, 3-day workshop. The course was held at the Banff Springs Hotel, which is over 100 years old and quite luxurious. It is a novel experience to sit in an outdoor, heated whirlpool when it is close to 0 degrees outside, surrounded by snowcapped mountains. Besides a little sightseeing and relaxation time, we did actually get some work done.

There were approximately 140 participants from a variety of backgrounds and organizations. As we worked both independently and in groups, this diversity made for an interesting mix.

The course focused on managing in an environment of change, developing superior work groups, becoming an effective team leader, productivity and time-management, winning strategies for working with different and sometimes difficult people, improving memory and concentration and reducing stress and its effects.

I learned some techniques that I was able to apply immediately. For example, we were given approximately 10 minutes to memorize, in chronological order, the 20 prime ministers of Canada. I got 14 out of 20 correct. This isn’t bad considering it was early in the morning. The next day, we were asked to memorize 22 faces and the accompanying names. We were exposed to each face and name for 10 seconds only. I was able to recall 20 of the 22. I’m obviously more effective later on in the day. These may seem like silly exercises but these memory techniques can be applied to a variety of materials.

I’m going to experiment with some of the other techniques I learned to improve productivity and time-management and to deal with difficult people. Not that there are any difficult people in our School!

I have gained new skills that will contribute to my long-term personal and professional goals. Thanks to RON MARTENIUK, JOHN DICKINSON and JOE VAN SNELLENBERG for making it possible for me to attend this valuable course.”

AWARDS

I have just learned that KIM VANDER HOEK represented Canada at the Francophone Games in Madagascar. These games are attended by something over 80 countries. Kim won the Gold Medal in the Pentathlon. Congratulations!

ERIN MACRI, who will be finishing her Kinesiology degree in December, received the University Women’s Club of Vancouver Scholarship. Over the summer and this semester Erin has been working on Directed Studies with PARVEEN BAWA.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

ANDREA MASON of Kinesiology will speak on “The effects of target viewing time versus target velocity on the transport, grasp preshape, and force generation phases of prehension,” on Tuesday, November 18 at 11:30 a.m. in SCB 8669 (Resource Management Seminar Room).

KERRY DELANEY of Biology will speak on “Cellular Analysis of Olfactory Processing by an In Vitro Nose-Brain Preparation,” on Tuesday, November 25th, at 11:30 a.m. in ASB 9896.

UPCOMING DEFENCES

ROB WOSKOSKY, M.Sc. Proposal, Nov. 13, 10:00 a.m. in Kines Seminar Rm (K9624).

MICHAEL GREY, M.Sc. Defence, Nov. 26, 9:00 a.m. in Kines Seminar Rm (K9624).

DID YOU KNOW?

• The University will now reimburse on Travel Claims at the rate of $1.41 for US dollars.

• The University is now paying $0.30 per kilometer on Travel Claims. Thanks to DONNA CARSWELL for being involved in lobbying for this increase.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar now for:

Kines Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 11th
11:00 a.m. - Diamond Club
Cost: Approx. $16
Available Seating: 45

(Watch for further information via e-mail re: reserving a seat.)

Please submit your news items to Dr. John Dickinson or Marianne Lazaro (dickinso@sfu.ca / lazaro@sfu.ca).