During the month of November I spent time at a Western Deans & Directors meeting in Edmonton and also at the National Conference of the Canadian Council of University Physical Education and Kinesiology Administrators (CCUPEKA) meeting in Waterloo, Ontario. At the Western Deans meeting a significant item on the agenda consisted of discussion of electronically based courses. Many faculty members are placing part or the whole of their courses on the Web. This is a time consuming and labour intensive process. It was suggested that since many of the Western universities teach similar courses that it might be possible for us to share or perhaps license access to part or all of courses. Dr. Art Quinney at the University of Alberta has agreed to collect information with respect to what is currently available and what is being developed at each of the universities. When we have some indication of the range of courses and material available, we may then be able to begin discussions with respect to the sharing of the information.

At the CCUPEKA Meeting the principal item for discussion was a draft document prepared by Dr. Lou Bilek from St. Frances Xavier University concerning the accreditation of programs in kinesiology and physical education. Draft versions of these accreditation documents were presented for discussion. The rationale for such a development is that in some provinces, notably in Ontario, a powerful kinesiology association has developed and membership in that association is now being used as a criterion for employment. The members of that association are making decisions with respect to the quality of programs. It was felt by the Deans and Directors that an accreditation document emanating from CCUPEKA would provide a national basis for the evaluation of programs. Final decisions with respect to the accreditation process will be made at the main meeting of CCUPEKA which will be held in Vancouver in May 1998.

John Dickinson

The BCAK

We have been asked to include the following information about BCAK in the Kines News.

The British Columbia Association of Kinesiologists is a provincial body that serves to unify Kinesiologists, act as a resource for members, and promote the diversifying roles of kinesiologists to the general public.

The BCAK is dedicated to upholding the standards of the profession of Kinesiologists and encourages members to become involved in order to exchange ideas, increase awareness and ensure the interests of all Kinesiologists are protected. As a registered member or student member, you will have access to networking, continuing education and professional development opportunities. You will receive a newsletter with research updates, member profiles and job postings. Registered members may also be included in the group insurance plan.

For more information or to register, please contact Grace Salmon, Student Rep, either at e-mail gsalmon@sfu.ca, or leave a message on the BCAK phone list 878-7288.

Faculties, Adjuncts & Graduate Students

TOM CALVERT has taken a leave of absence from SFU to become a Vice President at the new Technical University of B.C. Tom has had a long history with the School of Kinesiology. He was Director of the School from 1975 to 1977 and his presence and wise counsel will be missed not only in Kinesiology but by the University as a whole.
ANDY HOFFER was the invited Keynote Speaker at the annual Japanese FES Association meeting held at the National Osaka Hospital in Osaka on November 15. Drs. K. Akazawa, J. Kawamura and M. Yoshida were his hosts.

ANDY HOFFER also gave a 2-hour presentation near Nagoya at the Clinical Kinesiology Lab, Institute for Developmental Research, Aichi Prefectural Colony, invited by Dr. Katsumi Mita, long-term colleague of Drs. E. Banister, P. Bawa, and T. Calvert. He also spent time with Dr. K. Atayaki. The Institute, situated on top of a mountain, looks much like a “mini SFU.”

PARVEEN BAWA presented a seminar on November 28th to the Departments of Physiology and Rehabilitation at the University of Manitoba. It was a review talk on recruitment of motoneurons addressing various controversies.

CHRISTINE MACKENZIE has received 4 year funding on IRIS NCE Phase 3 for a vector project in the Health Care Sector, “Intelligent tools for diagnosis, surgery and measurement of resulting patient outcomes.” Project leader is Tim Salcudean at UBC. Other SFU researchers include: Drs. J. Dill, A. Parameswaran, and S. Payandeh of Engineering Science. There are nodes also at UBC, Queen’s and McGill Universities.

JACKIE TRUDEAU’S nomination to take up the MRC Studentship awarded to DIANE FINEGOOD has been accepted by MRC. Jackie will commence this award in January 1998 and it will provide full funding for up to 5 years of graduate training.

BRIAN FISHER presented a number of posters, presentations and demonstrations at the recent 2nd Annual Telelearning Research Conference. He and Dr. John Dill were awarded First Prize for their demonstration, “CZWeb, a tool for visualizing and navigating through the World Wide Web,” and 2nd Prize for the poster, “Analysis of learning environments using Web server log files.”

AWARDS

NANCY JOHNSTON has just been awarded the 1997 Research Award by the Canadian Association for Cooperative Education for her thesis entitled, “The Nature of Learning in Cooperative Education in the Applied Sciences.” This national award is presented to only one recipient annually for research in co-op education. SFU’s Co-op Program has already changed many of its practices based on the work Nancy did for her thesis.

WEBSITE NEWS

Thank you to DAVID CROUCH and WILLIAM JANG for their excellent work on the Kinesiology website. They were featured in the What’s Hot section of the November 13 SF News for developing a website that not only gives the usual information on faculty, courses, timetables, research initiatives, graduate school and special programs, but also includes “a little visual interest, featuring animated graphics and interesting illustrations.” The site also includes careers in kinesiology information of interest to prospective students.

KINES FOOD BANK

The “Christmas box” on the front counter in the general office is for collecting canned and dry goods to distribute to those in need over the holiday season. Donations will go to both the on-campus SFU food bank and the soup kitchen where SOPHIE DUNBAR’S mother volunteers. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT WEEK:

Kines Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 11th
11:00 a.m. - Diamond Club
Cost: $20.00 prepaid
(Deadline to sign up is Friday, December 5.)

Happy Holidays!

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