This will be a short newsletter this month since the School has been quiet over the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. The plans for the new semester administratively are relatively straightforward. What I hope to accomplish during the New Year is an agreement on the Constitution for the School of Kinesiology and a ratification of a response to the External Review which we need to send to SCAP. In addition, I would like to see extensive debate and a conclusion on the structure of the Geraldine and Tong Louie Human Performance Centre at the downtown Harbour Centre campus.

This semester the School is again experiencing significant over-subscription of courses. A new wait list system was introduced this semester and while it appears to have some difficulty represents an improvement on previous attempts to solve this problem. The UPC is currently discussing methods of improving the system.

John Dickinson

Enrolment

This semester has seen a further increase in enrolment compared with 97-1. We made available more spaces than last year (2,425 compared with 2,387) and actual enrolment rose from 2,256 to 2,308. However, because of the increasing demand for Kinesiology courses, the number of disappointed students also rose, i.e. requests for course placements that were denied climbed from 1,425 to 1,478.

Faculty, Adjuncts & Graduate Students

November:
HAL WEINBERG presented a talk at the UCLA Medical School in Irvine, California.

MIRIAM ROSIN served on the Advisory Board for the NIH Superfund Program, U of California, Berkeley.

DANIEL WEEKS and former graduate student ROMEO CHUA presented a paper at the Psychonomics Society conference in Philadelphia on November 22nd entitled, “Relative Organizational Mapping in Visual-Motor Coordination.”


December:
TED MILNER visited three labs while in Kobe, Japan: one at Kobe University, one at Atsugi - the NTT Basic Research Lab, and one at Nara - the ATR Human Information Processing Research Lab. Ted’s lab will be collaborating with Dr. M. Kawato of the ATR Lab.

DIANE FINEGOOD was a consultant at the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center in Madison, Wisconsin Dec 11-12. Diane also attended a consultants’ update meeting for Amylin Pharmaceuticals in San Diego, CA, Dec 5-7.

January:
KLAL KALLESOE has just learned that he has been offered two positions. The first is Assistant Professor in Biomedical Engineering at Aalborg University in Denmark, and the second is Lecturer at the Centre for Applied Physiology and Human Performance at the University of Surrey, England.

PARVEEN BAWA will attend the Canadian Physiological Society meeting in Kimberly, BC next week. She is presenting two papers, one in conjunction with C. Rossi-Durrand entitled, “Comparison of H-
reflex recovery curves in motoneurons innervating upper and lower limb muscles,” and the other with undergraduate students, KARI OLESEN and ERIN MAGILL entitled, “Comparison of relations between interspike interval and standard deviation in different human motoneuron types.”

**Future Events:**
Simon Fraser University and the Downs Syndrome Research Foundation and Resource Centre are co-sponsoring the “Third Biennial Scientific Conference on Downs Syndrome,” April 1-4, 1998. DAN WEEKS is on the organizational committee. He, HAL WEINBERG and RON MARTENIUK are all members of the Review Committee. DAN WEEKS has also been invited to present a paper at the 14th Annual Conference of the Asia-Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization in Seoul, Korea.

GILLIAN GIBBS had two papers accepted to the Optical Society of America (OSA), Vision Science and Its Applications (VSIA) conference February 6-9, 1998 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, entitled, “Effects of degraded vision on task performance and subjective confidence” (Gibbs and Casson), and “Developing vision standards for the Canadian forces: seeing all that they can see” (Casson and Gibbs).

**Leaves:**
This semester DAN WEEKS and DAVID GOODMAN are both on Sabbatical. MIRIAM ROSIN and JIM MORRISON have bought out of teaching in order to pursue research interests and MARGARET SAVAGE remains on leave.

**NEW STUDENTS 98-1**
Welcome to:
BRIAN TOPP, M.Sc.
CHUMNEI LI, M.Sc.
DENISE MILO, Visiting Student from The Netherlands

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Seminars:**
KLAUS KALLESOE of the School of Kinesiology, will speak on “Implant-able transducers for Neurokinesiological Research and Neural Prostheses,” Tues. Jan. 13 at 11:30 a.m., ASB 9896.

DR. ANNA CELLER of the Division of Nuclear Medicine, Vancouver General Hospital will speak on “Quantitative and dynamic SPECT imaging and...some of the physics and mathematics problems related to it,” Tues. Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m., ASB 9896.

DAN ROBINSON of the School of Kinesiology, will speak on “Developing guidelines for human exposure to whole body vibration and repeated shock,” Tues. Jan. 27 at 11:30 a.m., ASB 9896.

DR. P. J. PRETORIUS, formerly of the Department of Physiology, Potchefstroom University, South Africa, will speak on “Measurement and meaning of cardiovascular reactivity,” on Tues. Feb. 3 at 11:30 a.m., ASB 9896.

**RESOURCE**
A copy of the Universities Telephone Directory for 1997-1998, published by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, is in Marianne’s office. This book is a resource guide to academic and administrative officers at Canadian universities and includes listings of Executive and Administrative Officers, Deans of Faculties, Directors of Schools and Department Heads. E-mail addresses are also listed. Please feel free to make use of this directory.

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