DIRECTOR’S CORNER

Welcome to the Summer semester and best wishes to everyone for a pleasant and productive semester.

This last weekend I attended a meeting of the Canadian Council of University Physical Education and Kinesiology Administrators (CCUPEKA) held at UBC. Almost the whole meeting was devoted to examining the possibility of developing accreditation standards for Schools of Kinesiology and Schools of Physical Education. This has been a contentious issue for a number of years. At this meeting the culmination was an agreement to a set of standards for Schools of Kinesiology which would need to be met in order for accreditation to occur. The Council will pilot the standards with two Schools in the coming year. If this process is successful, then subsequently it is likely that any School may ask for an accreditation review.

Examining the document at the moment, our School would need to add at least two courses to our core, particularly in the psychology of physical activity and sociology of physical activity for CCUPEKA accreditation to be possible.

You will all have seen in the media reports that TONG LOUIE passed away last week. As you are aware, he donated the funds for our Geraldine & Tong Louie Centre at the Harbour Centre Campus of SFU. I attended his memorial service last Monday, representing the School. While obviously a very sad affair, the service took the form of a celebration of Tong Louie’s life and was a moving tribute to a great philanthropist.

John Dickinson

FACULTY, ADJUNCTS & GRADUATE STUDENTS

DOUG CHEYNE is just completing a two-week research visit with HAL WEINBERG at the Neurological University Clinic in Vienna, Austria. He reports that his paper jointly with Hal Weinberg and others has just appeared in Nature: “Dynamic cortical activity in the human brain reveals motor equivalence,” Kelso, J.A.S., Fuchs, A., Lancaster, R., Holroyd, T., Cheyne, D. and Weinberg, H.

TED MILNER attended the Neural Control of Movement meeting in Key West, Florida, last month, as well as the satellite meeting on computational modeling. Ted organized and chaired a workshop as well as presenting his own work. The workshop was titled, “Discreteness and intermittence in the control of continuous movement.”

The results of the recent President’s Research Grant competition have been published. I am pleased to announce that grants have been awarded to ANDREW BLABER and ALAN DAVISON.

ANDREW BLABER also recently made a presentation at the BC Science Teachers’ Association entitled, “Weightlessness and the Human Body: The Human Experience in Space.”

ERIC ACCILI informs us that he has committed himself to a heavy work schedule on a collaborative research project with Prof. D. DiFrancesco of the University of Milan. He reports that despite the workload, he’s managed to sample local food and wine and is happy that all is still well in Italy in this regard.

APPOINTMENTS

WADE PARKHOUSE has been appointed, after ratification by the School, as the new director of the Geraldine & Tong Louie Human Performance Centre at Harbour Centre. He replaces ERIC BANISTER who was director from the inception of the Tong Louie Centre until his
retirement. An ad hoc committee is currently reviewing proposals for future developments of the Centre. We would like to congratulate Eric Banister on all of his efforts for the School of Kinesiology at the Tong Louie Centre and wish Wade well.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Dr. PETER PRETORIUS has accepted an appointment as adjunct professor in the School of Kinesiology. Many of you will remember the seminar that he gave last semester. His principal collaboration will likely be with ANDREW BLABER.

FROM OUR CO-OP COORDINATORS

NANCY JOHNSTON and DONNA CARSWELL report: “We are very pleased to announce the appointment of QUENTIN BECK as Kinesiology Co-operative Education Coordinator for the Summer semester. She will be working with our students from May to August as we have been seconded to collaborate on a curriculum project for co-op students in all faculties at SFU.

Quentin is currently President of the BC Association of Kinesiologists and an alumna of SFU Kinesiology. She brings with her an extensive list of contacts and experience in a variety of related job sectors. Please stop by the Kines Co-op office to welcome Quentin.”

STAFF

MARIANNE LAZARO recently attended the 25th Annual Assistant Seminar entitled, “Building Greater Trust, Rapport and Credibility,” put on by Dr. Paul Douglas & Associates in Banff, Alberta. Six director’s secretaries and assistants from SFU FAS units participated. She reports:

“Together with over 300 other participants we covered the main topics of Memory Improvement, Working With People, Stress Management and Time Management.

At the Memory Improvement seminar we learned the Peg System, a handy tool for remembering dates, names and numbers. Test me on the 20 Prime Ministers of Canada and I can (nearly) attain a perfect score.

During the Working With People seminar, questionnaires were used to determine our Behavioural and Administrative Styles. As a teamwork exercise we analyzed a case scenario in our groups and presented our solutions. We learned strategies for dealing with people who fall within four areas on the Behavioural Styles Map: Supporter, Dreamer, Thinker and Commander. A fascinating exercise in style management! (I’ll let you guess my style...)

At the Stress Management seminar I found the Stress vs. Performance Scale very interesting, especially the statistic that Type “B” behaviour people comprise 67% of the top executive positions in corporations.

The Time Management Seminar involved us first in defining time, then in analyzing the control of time and finally in how to determine time-use styles. The Control Matrix is a tool to sort out things that one can or cannot control, and belief and reality in control issues; basically the Serenity Prayer in matrix form. The Time Style Activity Matrix is useful in analyzing how events are controlled. The matrix divides time styles into important or not important, anticipated or unanticipated, and urgent or non-urgent.

Aside from absorbing all this valuable material, the six of us also enjoyed touring Banff. Words can’t express the splendour and beauty of the rocky mountains (3 rolls of film....) A highlight was standing on top of Sulphur Mountain overlooking the vast valley below, the Banff Springs Hotel appearing like a small castle with two rivers flowing together towards the majestic snow-capped mountains. Truly magnificent!

Thanks to RON MARTENIUK, JOHN DICKINSON, SOPHIE DUNBAR & JOE VAN SNELLENBERG for making it possible for me to attend. Thanks also to LESLEY STAGG (School of Engineering Science) for coordinating our participation in this seminar.”

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Dr. TOM SINKJAER, visiting professor with our School, of the Center for Sensory-Motor Interaction (SMI), Aalborg University, Denmark will speak on “Muscle, reflex and central components in the control of skeletal muscles in healthy and spastic paralysed man,” on Tues. May 12, ASB 9896, 11:30 a.m.

AXEL MULDER, Ph.D. student, will speak on “Sound Sculpting: Manipulating Sound through
Virtual Sculpting,” on Tues. June 2, ASB 9896, 11:30 a.m.

YAN WANG, Ph.D. student, will speak on “Object manipulation with misalignment of visual representation,” Tues. May 26, ASB 9896, 11:30 a.m.

WORKSHOPS

MIKE LEPAWSKY, adjunct professor in our School, announces that The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society is presenting an International Consensus Workshop: Empirical Diving Techniques of Commercial Sea Harvesters, May 25 & 26, 1998, WCB Auditorium, Richmond, BC. (for more info see Marianne)

JIM MORRISON announces that the School of Kinesiology is sponsoring: Ergonomics Approach to Upper Limb Muskuloskeletal Disorders. Topics include: Task Description, Assessment Techniques and Solution Generation. The workshop will be presented by Judy Village and Kristina Arnold, and will take place on October 17 & 18, 1998 at SFU Harbour Centre.

This workshop is organized jointly by the Human Factors Association of Canada and the BC Association of Kinesiologists. For further information contact Jim Morrison at 291-3756 or by e-mail at: jmorriso@sfu.ca

DEFENCES


WARREN FIELDUS presented his M.Sc. Proposal on April 22nd, “B-cell Mass Dynamics and the Pathogenesis of Autoimmune Diabetes Mellitus.”

FARHAD SEDARAT presents his M.Sc. proposal on May 20th, “Immunolocalization of Dihydropyridine and Ryanodine Receptors in Developing Rabbit Myocytes.”

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