Director’s Corner

This will be the final newsletter for this academic year. I shall be away during August and will produce the first newsletter of the 1998-99 academic year during September.

While I am away in August, PARVEEN BAWA and GLEN TIBBITS will share the duties of Acting Director.

Since the last newsletter, we have had the information that as we anticipated, the equipment budget for this year is very meager. Kinesiology was awarded $33,000. We were, however, successful in receiving renovation funds for work to be done in the Environmental Physiology Unit and those have already been completed. Some air conditioning work for the 8000 level has also been approved.

In preparation for the new academic year, it should be noted that two of our new on-line courses will be offered via Distance Education and the Lohn Lab as part of the new Certificate in Applied Human Nutrition. These are KIN 111-3, Food and Safety and KIN 312-3, Nutrition in Fitness and Sport.

John Dickinson

Faculty & Adjuncts

I should like to welcome formally CHARLES KRIEGER, whose position as an Associate Professor in the School began officially on July 1st.

Welcome back to ANDY HOFFER who has just returned from his sabbatical in Sweden, DAN WEEKS who is back from McMaster University, and DAVID GOODMAN who is back from Australia.

In May and June the Diabetes Research Lab provided a 3-week work placement for ADRIENNE SIM from Guildford Park Secondary School in Surrey.

DIANE FINEGOOD’S grant from the Canadian Diabetes Association to study the pathogenesis of Type-II Diabetes Mellitus was renewed from 1998-2000. Several members of that research laboratory (DIANE FINEGOOD, JACKIE TRUDEAU, MARK LIPSETT, and CHERYL MCDONALD) recently attended the 58th Annual Scientific Sessions at the American Diabetes Association in Chicago, Illinois. Diane Finegood presented one abstract, “The PPARg agonist, Rosiglitazone, reverses hyperinsulinemia and promotes growth of islet b-cell mass,”


The Diabetes Research Laboratory has also been awarded a new 2-year contract from SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals to study the effects of intervention of diabetes in the Zucker Diabetic Fatty rat with Rosiglitazone.

There was good representation at the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity in Chicago during June. Papers by REGAN MANDRYK, ANDREA MASON, CHRIS BERTRAM and CHRISTINE MACKENZIE, as well as by GAIL HEINRICH and RON MARTENIUK were presented. DAN WEEKS was at the same conference and presented two papers, one with TRACEY KERR. DAVID GOODMAN also in attended.

DOUG CHEYNE reports the following paper has just been published:

Doug will also be giving a presentation at the 11th International Conference on Biomagnetism in Sendai, Japan at the end of August.

GRAD STUDENTS

ALISSA FOURKAS has been awarded a 3-year Research Studentship to complete her Ph.D. at the University of Wales at Bangor, UK.

STAFF

Welcome back to SHONA McLEAN who has just returned from the Antipodes. She was enthusiastic about her time in New Zealand and we were pleased she found her way back.

SALLY ROSE, who was Shona’s replacement for a few weeks, is now working in the Faculty of Education. We wish her well in her new position.

CO-OP PROGRAM

QUENTIN BECK, Kinesiology Co-op Coordinator, provides the following update:

“Work terms for the summer of 1998 are well underway with over 40 students placed in positions ranging from active rehabilitation, ergonomics, orthotics, health promotion, research, fitness and recreation. I have had the opportunity to visit many of the students and will be commencing site visits for the students at SFU in the next few weeks.

The site visits have been a great opportunity to discuss the students’ achievements, academic and career plans and on occasion an opportunity to taste test beer at 10:00 am, as on a recent visit to Molson's Brewery with a student in quality control.

Placements for the fall of 1998 are commencing and much of my efforts are concentrated on marketing to obtain new and diverse positions for students. I would be open to any suggestions, especially those which include travel to foreign locations!

Other excitement for Co-op this month included the break-in to the office, but luckily enough, Ms. Potatohead was not taken.”

JULY SEMINARS

Dr. MICHELLE HOMAN, Environmental Health Specialist for Campus Safety Department at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, presented a seminar on “Work-related musculo-skeletal disorders - an evaluation of exposure assessment and surveillance methodologies,” on Friday, July 3rd.

Dr. JOHN DILL of the School of Engineering Science presented a seminar on “CZWeb: Fish-eye View for Visualizing the Web,” on Tuesday, July 7th.

DEFENCES


ALLISA FOURKAS will defend her M.Sc. thesis entitled, “Spatial representations as a substitute for ongoing vision in the guidance of movement,” August 10th, at 2:00 p.m. in ASB 9896.

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