Welcome to the new academic year and best wishes to everyone for a satisfying semester. I hope your summer was fruitful and that you are still enjoying this incredible weather.

Much of this part of the year is spent by many people in preparing grant submissions. There have already been a number sent from this School to various granting agencies and I wish all of those involved in such endeavours the very best of luck.

Unfortunately the University news does not appear to be optimistic about its financial state. While much of the information may still be categorized as rumour and innuendo, it appears that the University will be heading into a deficit position during the next fiscal year. No doubt this will again occasion much soul searching with respect to how best to cope with budgetary shortfalls.

Within the School of Kinesiology a current concern is the search for a replacement for Hal Weinberg. After our first advertisement, we received only 21 applications and the Search Committee felt that a subsequent advertisement in Science would reach a broader readership and so an advertisement will appear in that journal in the near future and the deadline for applications as been extended until November 2nd. Hopefully, we shall be able to interview during this semester and look towards a start date in May of next year.

John Dickinson

Over the past few years, DAN WEEKS, HAL WEINBERG and RON MARTENIUK have been involved with research at Sunnyhill Health Centre in cooperation with the Down Syndrome Research Foundation and Resource Centre. In order to increase the range of research and service activities of the facility, a joint fundraising effort involving SFU, Sunnyhill, and the Down Syndrome Research Foundation has been undertaken. The Variety Club was greatly impressed by the research efforts of the Centre and has decided to take on the task of raising $3 million dollars to erect a new building in the Sunnyhill site. The new Centre will be the major focus of the Variety Club’s Telethon this coming Spring.

HAL WEINBERG was also the subject of a radio interview on CBC talking about the project he has undertaken with DAVE GOODMAN on the effects of concussion in junior level hockey players. This initiative has generated considerable press interest as well and they made the first page of The Vancouver Sun last week.

ANDREW BLABER was also the subject of a CBC interview when he discussed the use of our climate chamber for the acclimatization of the Canadian Field Hockey team heading toward Kuala Lumpur.

Both ERIC ACCILI and ANDREW BLABER were the two recipients from our School of the Canadian Foundation for Innovation New Opportunities Grant in August.

In August ANDY HOFFER attended the North American Congress on Biomechanics held at the University of Waterloo, where he chaired a panel on the topic, “Consideration of muscle properties in making surgical reconstruction decisions.” He also presented a poster on “Contributions from slow and fast type muscle fibres to stretch responses in the human triceps surae.”

ANDY HOFFER has also recently launched a company called Neurostream Technologies in partnership with the University Industry Liaison office. Past and present members of his research lab team are involved in this project.
DOUG CHEYNE will be attending a conference in Jena, Germany, September 23-25, presenting a paper/poster on “Lateralization of motor cortex activity in voluntary movement.”

TED MILNER and ETIENNE BURDET have a paper in a recent issue of Biological Cybernetics entitled, “Quantization of human motions and learning of accurate movements.”

JIM LYONS recently had a paper accepted for publication in the Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology entitled, “Action centered attention in virtual environments,” co-authored by Digby Elliott, K.L. Rikker, DAN WEEKS and Romeo Chua.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Welcome to Dr. GENE KORIENEK who has been appointed adjunct professor in the School of Kinesiology. His principal collaboration will be with DAVE GOODMAN.

**RETIRED**

Two faculty members retired effective August 31st, 1998. We offer our best wishes to HAL WEINBERG and ARTHUR CHAPMAN. We are planning a formal reception to acknowledge their contribution to the School of Kinesiology at a date in October. Details TBA.

**CO-OP PROGRAM**

QUENTIN BECK writes:

“She’s still here? Yes, Quentin will be continuing to fill the role of Co-operative Education Coordinator for the fall semester. Nancy and Donna are continuing to work on their BRIDGING CURRICULUM project which they will commence phasing into the co-op program in early 1999.

Thirty-three students were placed in work term positions for the fall of 1998 with work experiences ranging from research, personal training, wellness coordination, rehabilitation, sports management, fitness appraisal and health promotion. In fact, there were positions available which could not be filled as we did not have qualified students (including 2 high level ergonomics positions). As the recognition of Kinesiologists improves, the demand for qualified students and employment opportunities increases.

We are presently planning for the Spring 1999 semester; interviewing new students, conducting resume workshops, educating on employability skills profiles and preparing for potential interviews. To assist students to develop these skills, the British Columbia Association of Kinesiologists (BCAK) in partnership with the Kinesiology Student Association (KSA) and Co-operative Education office will be hosting a seminar where employers from a variety of disciplines will be invited to present to students. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Details TBA.”

**UPCOMING SEMINARS**

Dr. EDWARD W. KRAEGEN, Head, Diabetes Group, Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Sydney, Australia will present a seminar on “The Role of Fatty Acids in Muscle Insulin Resistance.” Thurs, Sept 17th, 2:30 pm in ASB 9896

Dr. LOIS SCHWARZ of the School of Kinesiology will present a seminar on “Manipulation of Metastatic Switches by TGF-Beta and Secondary Plant Metabolites.” Tues, Sept 29th, 11:30 am in ASB 9896

Dr. ALAN J. LOMAX, Head, General Surgery Section of the BC Medical Association will present a seminar on “What surgery can do for you, and what you can do for surgery.” Tues, Oct 6th, 11:30 am ASB 9896

This past August Dr. HEATHER CARNAHAN, Associate Professor, Kinesiology, University of Waterloo spoke on “The use of dynamic visual and haptic information in the control of manual aiming andprehension.”

**DEFENCES**


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