Another semester has come to a successful conclusion. I trust that mediation currently in process is equally successful and that there will not be a strike by TSSU. Should a strike occur, however, I ask all faculty to keep in mind the priority that we must assign to getting our students evaluated and grades submitted. A large number of students completing their exams this semester are in hopes of graduating at the June Convocation.

I have heard from the Dean that the budget for SFU for the fiscal year 1999-2000 is now regarded somewhat more optimistically. There is apparently the possibility of a surplus of several hundred thousand, most of which will be given up to a strategic initiatives fund which will be administered by the VP Academic. This does mean, however, that in the Dean’s estimate it is likely that there will be no budget cut at the School level this year.

The Faculty of Applied Sciences applied to the President and Vice President Academic for approval of a project to build an additional storey onto the Applied Sciences Building and to create a bridge from the eastern end of the School of Kinesiology at the 9000 level to the same level on the Faculty of Applied Sciences Building. This would provide additional space for the Faculty of Applied Sciences in terms of both offices and research and teaching laboratories. This five to six million dollar project has received the support of the President and Vice President and the proposal will now go to the government for special funding.

John Dickinson

I remind everyone that the Kinesiology Student Association is once again holding an Annual YEAR END SOCIAL on April 17th.

Congratulations to PARVEEN BAWA who has been invited by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to serve as a Forchheimer Visiting Professor in the Interdisciplinary Center for Neural Computation. This is for a period of three months.

Congratulations to DAVID GOODMAN on being awarded an NSERC Operating Grant valued at $20,000 per year for four years. The title of his research is, “The role of muscle dynamics and cognition in bimanual coordination.”

Congratulations to ERIC ACCILI on being awarded an MRC Research Scholarship amounting to $50,000 per year for 5 years. This will in part support Eric’s salary and thereby reduce his teaching commitments.

ERIC ACCILI was also successful in getting a Research Scholarship from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Because he is allowed to accept only one of HSFC and MRC, he has decided to accept the MRC Scholarship.

ERIC ACCILI has also received a small award of approximately $10,000 from an American Group known as the National Heart Foundation who provide money for new faculty in cardiac science.

ANDREA MASON has been awarded an NSERC Scholarship valued at $19,100.

REGAN MANDRYK has had a paper accepted with CHRISTINE MACKENZIE to the ACM/SIGCHI Computer-Human Interaction conference. The paper is entitled “Superimposing Display Space on Workspace in the Context of Endoscopic Surgery”. The conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA in May.
ANDREA MASON and JENNIFER IBBOTSON received a Best Poster Award and REGAN MANDRYK received an Excellent Poster Award from the Centre for Systems Science for their participation in ASI.

DAN WEEKS has been invited to speak at the Brazilian National Symposium on Physical Education. The symposium is scheduled for April 29 - May 2. The topic for the symposium is “Sport and Physical Activity for Special populations.”

YANQING WANG, BIMAN DAS and ARJIT SENGUPTA published a paper entitled “Normal horizontal working area: the concept of inner boundary” in *Ergonomics*, April 1999.

YANQING WANG and CHRISTINE MACKENZIE have had the following paper accepted for the INTERACT 99 Conference: “Effects of Orientation Disparity between Haptic and Graphic Displays of Objects in Virtual Environments.”

KELLY JANTZEN has accepted a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, with Scott Kelso, which is to begin as soon as he has finished his Ph.D.

Are you ready for an emergency? If interested, please call 291-5160 to register.

The BEST PRACTICES: Effective Strategies for Preventing and Monitoring Stress During the Rehabilitation Process Workshops will be held April 17-18, 1999. This conference examines the impact stress has on the rehabilitation process and strategies for mitigating its effect, and provides tools for dealing with stress in the workplace. Call Applied Sciences Continuing Education Office 291-4904 to register.

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**UPCOMING CONVOCATION**

Please make a note on your calendar now for the upcoming CONVOCATION to be held on Friday, June 4th. Graduands and their families would be most happy to see you at the Convocation Reception put on by the School of Kinesiology in their honour.

Please submit your news items to: dickinso@sfu.ca / lazaro@sfu.ca

**G & T LOUIE CENTRE WORKSHOPS**

The WORKSAFE WORKSHOP will be held on April 10th and covers topics dealing with the new 1998 WCB Regulations and how they affect you, including: (1) The new regulation package, (2) Regulation fundamentals made simple, (3) Ergonomics, and (4)