As the summer semester is winding down, we have received the details of the final enrollment over the summer. The University as a whole has a 7.2% increase in FTE and a 5.0% increase in head count. In Kinesiology we were, as early predictions indicated, in opposition to this trend and had a slight reduction of 3.8% in FTE. Our over estimation of student numbers for the summer semester has resulted in some under enrolled classes for this semester and, unfortunately, it appears that these students are returning to campus in the fall. In the second week of registration many of our courses are already filled.

Sophie Dunbar and I are working on ways to extend the number of courses and sections of courses in order to cope with this increased demand.

As you are aware, the School is currently searching for two candidates for faculty positions in the areas of biomechanics and rehabilitation. We hope to interview candidates for the biomechanics position during the early part of the fall semester and for the rehab position later in the fall. The shortlist for the biomechanics position contains highly qualified scientists and we are hopeful that we will be able to appoint an assistant professor of great potential.

I have received some details from Walter Wattamaniuk, Director of Analytical Studies, of the results of a survey completed with graduates. This is a compilation of results from a 1997 survey of 1996 SFU graduates and shows the satisfaction of graduates with their experience both at SFU as a whole and with Kinesiology. It also examines a large number of the employment issues that our graduates experience and their success rate in finding employment. I will leave a copy with Marianne for those who are interested. Briefly, however, it shows that 55% of our graduates were very satisfied with the program, 39% were somewhat satisfied and 5% were somewhat dissatisfied. 87% of the graduates surveyed said that if they were to begin their University career again, they would select the same program.

John Dickinson

Welcome to Xiaojiang Xu who has joined us as the new Senior Research Engineer for the EPU.

Congratulations to Diane Finegood who has learned that she has received promotion to full professor.

Parveen Bawa recently visited the “Miami Project to Cure Paralysis” at the University of Miami. She worked with former graduate student Blair Calancie and Dr. Fred Bindle (Anaesthetist) to study autonomic reflex responses in complete tetraplegic individuals.

Adjunct Professor Peter Pretorius recently published a paper entitled, “Haemodynamic changes in the cardiovascular system during the early phases of orthostasis,” Acta Physiol Scand 1999, 166, 145-149.

In late June, Andrew Blaber was a keynote speaker at the Canadian Medical and Biological Engineering Society Conference held in London, Ontario. His talk was entitled, “Space Biomedicine: Challenges for the New Frontier.”

Andrea Mason is this year’s recipient of the Gordon Diewart Scholarship.

A recent publication by Ron Marteniuk and Chris Bertram titled, On Achieving Strong Inference in Prehension Research, appeared in Motor Control.
The following report was received from DON CARMICHAEL (edited).

The joint ACE and BCAK social and student symposium meeting was held June 1st at Harbour Centre campus. The evening began with a fine buffet for the 45-50 attendees. The student symposium component of the meeting, co-chaired by DON CARMICHAEL and ANNE BRISBOIS, consisted of three presentations.

JOHN OSWALD began the evening’s symposium with a humorous and interesting PowerPoint presentation about his two co-op work terms at the BC Centre for Disease Control.

MATT ROBERTSON and CHLOE EATON followed with another interesting presentation, an ergonomic evaluation of the interaction between the ambulance attendant, patient, and supplies within an ambulance compartment.

The final presentation was delivered by KRIS SIEGLER and DANA GRADINER, plus JOANNA ZANDER, who joined them for the Question & Answer period. This challenging project evaluated the Cypress Bowl Ski Village.

Special thanks to JIM MORRISON and the executives of ACE and BCAK for their assistance, and course instructors DAN ROBINSON, CARMEL MURPHY, and Adjunct Professor DAVID DARVILL, for their assistance in rounding up students for the symposium.

DON CARMICHAEL
ACE Student Rep on behalf of the KSA

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**DEFENCES**

*Successfully Defended:*
July 16th M.Sc.
XIAO-HUA XUE
“Cloning and characterization of trout heart Na+ - Ca2+ exchange.”

*Defence:*
July 30th M.Sc.
ROB WOSKOSKY
1:00 p.m., ASB 9896
“The use of 40 hertz EEG as an index of information processing in the traumatically brain injured adult.”

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