Welcome to the new academic year. I trust everyone had a refreshing and satisfying summer.

We are again facing a very busy Fall semester. Our actual enrollment this year is 2,123 students which represents 93% of the maximum enrollment in all courses. This is a slight decrease over the same period last year.

It appears as though our restrictions on entry into Kinesiology courses are working since the number of students who were not able to get the courses they wanted has decreased considerably.

I anticipate that one of the significant developments during this coming academic year will be the emergence of a plan for a heightened profile for health research and perhaps programs at Simon Fraser University. The Vice President, Academic, has appointed me to a committee who will liaise with the consultants hired by the President to give advice to the University on new approaches to health initiatives on this campus.

At the level of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, I should report that the plans to extend the Applied Sciences Building by constructing a 10th floor has been dropped. This is because the freeze on new buildings has been eliminated by the Ministry and a whole new building, Applied Sciences II, has the first priority on the University’s list. The Dean is hopeful that permission will be given this Fall for the design of that new building.

I have received a preliminary report from the committee examining the requirements for SFU to become compliant with new WCB Regulations. Faculty and graduate students should be aware that there may be substantial changes required in their laboratories. When the report is finalized, we will be informed of the steps that must be taken within this School. It is not yet known where the funding will come from for the required changes.

John Dickinson

MARGARET SAVAGE has taken early retirement from September 1st this year. As everyone knows, Paul Savage has been ill for some time and Marg decided that retirement from duties at SFU would enable her to provide Paul with the best possible care. We wish them well in their retirement. Marg was one of the founding faculty members of the Department of Kinesiology under its former title of Department of Physical Development Studies in 1965. She served the department in a number of capacities, including Undergraduate Chair, Graduate Chair and Assistant Chair of Department.

ANDY HOFFER attended the XVII Congress of the International Society for Biomechanics in Calgary on Aug. 8-13 where he presented an invited Muscle Symposium paper titled "Non-Invasive, Mechanical Measurement of Fibre-Type Composition in Human Muscle" co-authored by Alf Thorstensson and Andy Cresswell.

On Aug. 22-27 ANDY HOFFER attended the International Functional Electrical Stimulation Society annual meeting in Sendai, Japan where he presented a paper on "Nerve Cuff Electrodes for Prosthetic and Research Applications" co-authored by KLAUS KALLESOE.
During August the Bernstein Conference: Progress in Motor Control II was held in State College, Pennsylvania. DAVID GOODMAN was attending, along with former graduate student WINSTON BYBLOW. Another former graduate student, RICHARD CARSON presented an invited talk.

DAVID GOODMAN has also received funding for the second phase of his concussion study in cooperation with the BC Hockey League. This study is funded by the Rick Hansen BC Neurotrauma Initiative. The Kinesiology Mobile Lab has already started to tour the province assessing Jr. “A” level hockey players for the study.

Adjunct Professor KEVIN HAMILTON reports that Kwantlen College’s proposal for a degree in applied psychology, which will be essentially a human factors/ergonomics degree, has cleared all levels of administration at the college and is now in Victoria for review by the Ministry.

DIANE FINEGOOD has been appointed as a member of the SFUFA Grievance Conciliation Panel.

DAVID GOODMAN has been made a member of the SFUFA Executive for this year.

PARVEEN BAWA has been appointed as a member of the Scholarships and Fellowships Selection Committee for Life Sciences and Psychology for a 3-year period for NSERC. Parveen will also serve on the SFU Rhodes Scholarship Committee.

ANDREW BLABER presented a paper at the Mars Society Meeting on August 15th at the University of Colorado at Boulder titled "Mars Environment Simulator".

ETIENNE BURDET would like to thank all of you for the nice time he had at SFU. He very much enjoyed the last two years in Vancouver, and is sure to come back again someday.

Etienne reports he was offered university positions in the USA and Singapore. He has just started work as Assistant Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department of the National University of Singapore. He plans to develop man-machines interfaces with application in surgery, and will also continue to investigate human motor control in collaboration with TED MILNER and Mitsuo Kawato in Japan.

You may wish to contact him via e-mail: <e.burdet@ieee.org>

Welcome to DARLEEN HEISLER, who recently joined the School of Kinesiology. Some of you may remember her from her undergrad days as Darleen Bemister. She will be replacing NANCY JOHNSTON for the Fall semester as the Kinesiology Co-op Coordinator while Nancy is completing the Co-op Curriculum Development project. Darleen has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology (Co-operative Education), a Health and Fitness Certificate, and has recently completed a Post Baccalaureate Diploma in the Faculty of Arts, Gerontology. Darleen is a former Kinesiology, Communications and Arts Co-op employer. She was the Fitness Coordinator for the Department of Recreation for 4 1/2 years before taking her first assignment in Co-op as the Mentorship Co-op Coordinator. She later moved to the Faculty of Arts Co-op program where she stayed for 3 years before joining us in Kinesiology.

On behalf of the School I would like to thank QUENTIN BECK who completed her term of 16 months as Co-op Coordinator on August 31st. Quentin is now travelling in Asia and we wish her well in her future career.

We also said good-bye to DONNA CARSWELL who, together with NANCY JOHNSTON, has been such an effective Co-op Coordinator for us. Donna has moved to Camosun College to take a Co-op position.

DEFENCES

Successfully Defended:

Rob Woskosky M.Sc.
The use of 40 Hertz EEG as an index of information processing in the traumatically brain injured adult

Yanqing Wang Ph.D.
Object Transportation and Orientation in Virtual Environments

Defences:

Kelly Jantzen, Ph.D.
September 17th 10 a.m.
Kines Seminar Room
Evidence that plasticity in SI is not responsible for perceptual improvement resulting from training on a tactile frequency

Mike Gaetz Ph.D.
October 22 1 p.m. ASB 9896
The timing of neuronal activation as a function in normal and pathological brain function.

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