You will be pleased to hear that the formal offer of a position in the School of Kinesiology has now gone from the President to Stephen Robinovitch. Stephen will be here at the beginning of December 1999 for a few days to further discuss his needs in the School and also to begin the search for housing. He arrives at noon on Thursday, the 2nd of December and departs early Sunday afternoon, the 5th of December.

We are heading into the last week of classes and I hope you have had an enjoyable and productive semester.

The search for a new director in the School of Kinesiology is now underway. We hope to have a decision in the near future. Candidates for the position are: DIANE FINEGOOD, DAVID GOODMAN and JIM MORRISON. An All Candidates Meeting was held on November 26th in ASB 9896.

The Health Initiative Committee at the University level continues to meet. The self-study document produced on the basis of across-the-University responses to a questionnaire has now been delivered to the external consultant, and an early preliminary response or set of recommendations has been solicited by the VP Academic. Within the next week or two, you will probably also be receiving invitations to participate in interdisciplinary or thematic workshops in the health research field.

John Dickinson

You are invited

Join us for a Christmas Luncheon
December 15th, 1999
11:30 a.m.
Diamond University Centre

Twenty seats are now booked at the Diamond University Centre for our Christmas lunch. If you would like to join the office staff at what is sure to be an enjoyable time, please pay your $20.20 ($16 + tax, preferably by cheque) to LAURIE KLAK and a seat will be reserved for you.

Parveen Bawa reports she will be in Copenhagen as a key note speaker. The title of the meeting (Nov 23-28) is “Muscular disorders in computer users: mechanisms and models.” Parveen’s talk is entitled, “The central control of human wrist joint.” Parveen has also written an invited review article on the same, with GORDON CHALMERS, KELVIN JONES, KAREN SOGAARD and MIKE WALSH.

Gavril Morariu and Kevin Hamilton have both been reappointed as Adjunct Professors in the School. Congratulations to both of them.

Diane Finegood recently spoke about diabetes on The Rafe Mair Program (radio station CKNW) since the month of November is Diabetes Awareness Month.
DIANE FINEGOOD, together with graduate students BRIAN TOPP and CHERYL MCDONALD, attended the MITACS Bio-Medical Theme Meeting at The Field Institute in Toronto. Diane and Brian presented a talk on, “A model of β-cell mass, Insulin and Glucose kinetics: Pathways to Diabetes.”

MICHAEL GAETZ Ph.D.  
December 13th, 1999  
ASB 9896  9:00 a.m.  
Title: Electrophysiological Indices of the cumulative effects of concussion in contact sport.

REGAN MANDRYK M.Sc.  
January 11th, 2000  
ASB 9896  1:00 p.m.  
Title: Using the Finger for Interaction in Virtual Environments.

Dr. Gary Bloomberg, Burnaby General Hospital, will speak on “Linking Cardiovascular Health With Disease.”  
Thurs. Dec. 2nd – 11:30 a.m. in SCB 8669

Dr. Kerry Courneya of the University of Alberta will speak on “Physical exercise across the cancer experience: Patterns, determinants, and quality of life outcomes.”  
Tues. Dec. 7th – 11:30 a.m.  
ASB 9896

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Defenses:

PAULA FOHT M.Sc.  
December 6th, 1999  
ASB 9896  10:30 a.m.  
Title: Recruitment of motor units during lengthening contractions of human flexor carpi radialis.

MARK LIPSETT M.Sc.  
December 7th, 1999  
ASB 9705  9:00 a.m.  
Title: Pancreatic Plasticity During Chronic Glucose Infusion.

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