This semester is always a busy time of the year. My best wishes to those who have already prepared their grant submissions and every good fortune to those about to submit.

It is particularly busy in the School this year because of vacant positions for which we are conducting searches. One of our searches is completed and Matthew White currently at Memorial University of Newfoundland will join the School on January 1st, 2003. His field of study is environmental physiology.

We are also searching for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair and two candidates have been identified who will be interviewed during this semester.

There is also a search underway for an Assistant Professor in cardiac rehabilitation. Ratification for the interview process is currently in progress for this position.

In addition, the FAS Dean has announced the availability of a Canada Research Chair Tier 2 to be jointly held by Kinesiology and Engineering Science in the field of biomedical engineering. Plans will be made for the formation of a search committee for this position.

There is also a negotiation with a candidate for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in the area of brain injury and trauma in process.

Last month we sent the Dean our update to the 3-Year Plan, originally presented in 2000. Changes have occurred in our Undergraduate Program which reflected changes in demand by the students for majors and for upper division courses. Instructional changes have also occurred because currently we have six faculty with reduced teaching loads because of external support for their research.

Finally, advanced planning is occurring for the design of a biomedical engineering program involving significant cooperation between Kinesiology and Engineering Science.

Last month there was an Orientation for New Students program. I wish to thank Van Truong, Eva Lewis, and Natasha Kassam for their involvement and assistance to our incoming students.

This week I attended a signing ceremony at SFU Harbour Centre for an agreement of cooperation between SFU and the BC Cancer Agency. For the School of Kinesiology this will be particularly important for Miriam Rosin’s work, her research associates and graduate students.

John Dickinson

Congratulations to our October graduands who are receiving a Kinesiology degree today:

- Ph.D. Chris Bertam
- M.Sc. Masuma Walji
- B.Sc. Yee Man Bach, Robin Blanchard, Jaiinder Bhullar, Tracy Buckshaw, Kevin Chow, Daniele Cimini, Erika Cruz, Geoff Desmulin (Hon), Rochelle Emnace, Rachael Goodliffe, Osita Melissa Hibbert, Bradley Hindle, Sarah Hughes, Eric Jang, Hardip Jhaj, Ryan Jeans, Lisa Jorgensen, Yvonne Lam, Edward Lee, Judy Lewis, Steven MacLean, Brenda McDowell, Andrea McIntosh, Ga Ram Moon, Katrina Padilla, Hae-Sung Hally Shin, Anna Sjoberg, Rebecca Sunderland

**Faculty**

Congratulations to Stephen Robinovitch on being the recipient of an Honorarium for MSFHR Award from the Dean in the amount of $8,000. This is an annual honorarium which he will receive for the duration of his Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Award.

Ted Milner reports from Japan that he is writing up work completed on the early stages
DAVID FRANKLIN and Ted will be preparing several presentations for the Annual Meeting of the Society of Neuroscience which will be held in Orlando in early November. They are also working on what Mitsuo Kawato is referring to as a unifying theory for motor control. He is very well known for his work on feedback error learning. However, up to now evidence for this theory has only been found for the control of eye movements. They believe that their work over the past few years can provide support for this theory and extend it to control of arm movements under both mechanically stable and unstable conditions. Finally, they hope to be able to test a new apparatus before Ted leaves which will create new opportunities for studying motor control of the arm and hand using functional magnetic resonance imaging.

**Social Committee**

CRAIG ASMUNDSON and VAN TRUONG announce that a Social Committee has been formed in the School of Kinesiology. The members of the committee are CRAIG ASMUNDSON, PERVEEN BILN, LIZ DICKINSON, BRENT GALL and VAN TRUONG. They will be having a meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00 am in K9624 to discuss ideas for social events over the next 8-12 months. The recent Kinesiology hike on the Musical Bumps is an example of a School social event. The committee will endeavour to organize two or three School social events per semester. You are always welcome to share your ideas for social events with committee members.

**Terry Fox Update**

From CRAIG ASMUNDSON:

SFU Terry Fox Day – September 19, 2002

The purpose of the SFU Terry Fox Day event is to celebrate the memory of Terry Fox, a Kinesiology major when he was a student at SFU and the most famous person ever to attend SFU. It is also to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research and to raise money for student bursaries via the Basket Lotto, as well as to enhance community spirit at SFU. The Terry Fox Day events included a 1.5 km walk, a 4.5 km run, entertainment in Convocation Mall, a campus barbecue, the Basket Lotto to raise money for student bursaries, and a ceremony in Convocation Mall. At the ceremony the SFU President, the Chancellor and Betty Fox spoke to the assembled audience and a gold medal and plaque were presented to the 2002 Terry Fox Gold Medal winner, Amanda Ward. Approximately 1000 people participated in events in Convocation Mall over a two hour period.

In my capacity as Chair of the SFU Terry Fox Day Committee, I want to thank all Kinesiology faculty, staff and students who participated in the Terry Fox Day walk/run and those School members who helped out with the event. We had a great turnout! LAURIE KLAK gave out 78 Kinesiology ribbons at the start line. Faculty, staff and students from the School of Kinesiology represented 25-30% of all of the participants in the walk/run. The donation money to the Terry Fox Foundation showed that members of the School of Kinesiology accounted for approximately 45% of the money donated. Very impressive! We are justified in feeling proud of ourselves!

Betty Fox spoke briefly at the Start line and she commented that she was glad to see so many Kinesiology students participating in the event. As Chair of the Terry Fox Day Committee I announced at the ceremony, with the President, Chancellor and other university administrators in attendance, that the School of Kinesiology was the group that was being recognized for having the largest number of participants in the walk/run. Betty and Rollie Fox were also pleased to see the School of Kinesiology show strong support for Terry Fox Day. The School of Kinesiology will be recognized for its achievement for the next year on the SFU Terry Fox Day Website at www.sfu.ca/terryfox.

Two Kinesiology students, NORI BRADLEY and BROCK RAWSTRON accompanied Betty Fox, and two other students, DAWN MACKEY and IAN WILLIAMSON, were asked to accompany Rollie Fox while they were here at SFU. Rollie did the 1.5 km walk while Betty did other things. This arrangement worked very well. The students enjoyed the interaction with Mr and Mrs Fox and the Foxes seemed to enjoy being with the students who may have reminded them somewhat of Terry who was a Kinesiology major. They both really liked Dawn's SFU Kinesiology sweatshirt, so I told them that I would send two sweatshirts to them.

If any of you have ideas on how we can make the Terry Fox Day event bigger and better next year, please pass your ideas on to me. We need to get other departments at SFU as committed to the event as the School of Kinesiology was this year.

Thanks, Craig

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