**Director’s Corner**

I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and extend all my good wishes for 2003.

Following a protracted search, the School agreed to a ratification vote for GLEN TIBBITS to be recommended for a Canada Research Chair, Tier 1. The ratification process is underway. As part of the search for our new Director, I was the only person nominated and, again, a ratification vote has been distributed to the School by the Dean’s Office.

During last week I attended the Awards Ceremony for the School of Human Kinetics at UBC. This is an annual event in which they recognize undergraduate and graduate students for their accomplishments. It was a very pleasant reception, held at the UBC Golf Club. We might think of hosting a similar event for Kinesiology.

It was with a good deal of pride that I heard that former graduate student JOHN CORLETT, M.Sc. ’77, Ph.D. ’80, has been appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences at Brock University.

JOHN DICKINSON

**School of Kinesiology Annual Buffet Lunch at the Diamond University Centre**

DATE: December 11th, 2002  
TIME: 11:00 a.m.  
COST: $21.00 ($16 for meal plus tax and gratuities)

Please make your payment to LAURIE KLAK by Dec. 5th to confirm a seat.

Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to have a lovely meal and socialize with faculty, staff and graduate students!

View the menu at:  
[http://www.sfu.ca/duc/](http://www.sfu.ca/duc/)

**Faculty**

Congratulations to DAVID MACLEAN on being named one of 17 Canadian health heroes by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for his substantial contributions to public health. PAHO is the oldest international public health agency in the world and is the regional office of the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO).

DAVID MACLEAN also received the 2002 Award of Merit from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. This award recognizes MacLean’s leadership internationally, nationally and provincially in promoting the importance and value of research in primary health care with special emphasis on heart health.

Congratulations to GLEN TIBBITS on his appointment as a member of the Collaborative Health Research Projects (CHRP) Selection Panel of NSERC for a two-year period ending June, 2004.

STEPHEN ROBINOVITCH was recognized for his CIHR-sponsored research on the prevention of falls and hip fractures, at the Debates of the Canadian Senate regarding National Seniors’ Safety Week. This was held on November 7th, 2002 during the 37th Parliament, 2nd Session, in Ottawa.

The School has decided to support two Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Awards. SCOTT LEAR has been nominated for a Scholar Award and WINSTON BYBLOW of the University of Auckland, New Zealand for a Senior Scholar Award.

**Publications**

DAVID FRANKLIN presented the following talk at a Symposium on Advances in Computational Motor Control, November 1st, 2002 in Orlando, Florida:

D. FRANKLIN, R. Osu, E. BURDET, M. Kawatao, T. MILNER. A computational model of adaptation to novel stable and unstable dynamics.

D. FRANKLIN and T. MILNER presented the following posters at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Orlando, Florida:

MILNER, TE, FRANKLIN, DE, Imamizu, H, Kawato, M.
Selective increase in cerebellar activity for unstable compared to stable dynamics.

FRANKLIN, DW, Osu, R, BURDET, E, Kawato, M, MILNER, TE. Impedance control and internal models: muscle level adaptation mechanisms used in both stable and unstable environments.

LOUISE WYNNE presented a paper entitled, Biomechanical Analysis of the Bulkhead Move Procedure at a Municipal Swimming Pool, co-authored by REBECCA SUNDERLAND at the recent annual conference of the Association of Canadian Ergonomists (ACE). The paper was voted as the best student presentation at the conference. They also presented another paper entitled, Analysis and Redesign of a Medication Cart in a Long Term Care Setting, at the same conference.

CO-OP EDUCATION

From QUENTIN BECK: It has been a fun semester for us in co-operative education. We sent one student off to Australia - Leighton Wickey, visited 30 who are out working in various positions and are working with 40 more to obtain positions for the spring.

In the fall of 2002, we conducted an online survey with the students to determine the programs’ status, success, focus, and future direction.

The survey assisted to establish two main priorities within co-op - recruitment of new students and marketing to expand our base of employers. We have been very successful with both initiatives!

The introduction of the new EARLY admittance process into co-operative education in conjunction with the Bridging On Line course (which was created by NANCY JOHNSTON and DONNA CARSWELL, previous Kinesiology co-op coordinators), has been wildly successful with over 500 students participating in the fall!

To further increase the number of students in the program, we have created more innovative promotional materials & strategies, added more information and intake sessions and moved to a continuous intake model throughout the term. To date, we have met with over 50 new students this fall!

Our marketing initiatives have been very successful and have received positive responses from within industry. We are looking forward to the future translation into a wider range of co-op employment options for students. We welcome your suggestions!

To improve the knowledge and preparation of students for interviews and work placements, we added student round table sessions to provide students with the opportunity to learn from their peers and industry experts to ensure a positive co-op experience.

It has been a pleasure to be back working with the students, faculty and staff in the department! DARLEEN HEISLER will be back full time in co-op as of January 2003.

QUENTIN BECK & BARB PEACHEY The Kinesiology Co-op Team

DEFENCES

Upcoming Defences:
MINGHUA LI Ph.D.
Wed. Dec. 4th, 2002
9 a.m. – ASB 9896
Alterations in the MAP kinase and PI 3-kinase signaling molecules in response to exercise, aging and des IGF-1 administration in mice.

NAKAMURA HISAE M.Sc.
Fri. Dec. 20th, 2002
10 a.m. – ASB 9896
The investigation of toluidine blue and loss of heterozygosity patterns in oral premalignant lesions.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Kinesiology Christmas Party held on November 30th, at La Rustica Restaurant in New Westminster was a resounding success! The food, entertainment and good will were lively and plentiful!

JOHN DICKINSON shared some words of wisdom and hilarity with an opening welcome and "Oscar" Awards (bottles of vintage Chateau Dickinson - Tuesday of last week, being a good year!) presented for outstanding accomplishments.

Door prizes were provided by: Lululemon - Running top and hat; BCAK - 2 golf shirts; Biln Farms - 10 lbs of blueberries; School of Kinesiology - 2 coffee mugs; Liz Dickinson - homemade jam and preserves; and Co-operative Education - travel coffee mug and water bottle.

If you weren't able to attend, take a peek at the photos of the fun online - which will be circulating via email.

Thank you everyone for attending. We look forward to meeting up with you at the next Kinesiology social event.
Please submit your news items to:
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