Congratulations to the following School of Kinesiology faculty, graduate and undergraduate students who received awards at the SFU Awards Ceremony held February 6th, 2003:

Nori Bradley – NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award

Diane Finegood - 2002 YWCA Women of Distinction Award

Dawn Mackey – NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship; and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Trainee Award

David MacLean – The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada 2002 Award of Merit

Jacqueline Trudeau – Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Trainee Award

Hal Weinberg – Science Council of BC Chairman’s Award for Career Achievement; and the Queen Elizabeth’s 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee Medal

(NOTE: If you received an award at the SFU Awards Ceremony and are not listed above, please let us know and we will include this in our March Newsletter.)

The School of Kinesiology has just produced an attractive new brochure outlining the Bachelor of Science degree program in our School. It is especially appropriate that the SFU bronze statue honouring one of our most distinguished alumni, the late Terry Fox, is pictured on the front. Our appreciation and many thanks to Ryan Dill who designed the brochure with input from Van Truong, Craig Asmundson and Stephen Brown.

The School of Kinesiology has fared extremely well in comparative terms in success in securing grants, ranking 6th overall of the 35 units in total at the University, in grants and contracts for 2001-2002. This is according to statistics recently received from Analytical Studies.

The School of Kinesiology leads the Faculty of Applied Sciences Schools in the total grants and contracts received, amounting to $2,699,541.00. An alternative way of viewing this is that Kinesiology secured $158,797 per faculty member. Again, this is the highest total in FAS and is the 4th highest in the University behind MBB, Physics, and Biological Sciences. Much of this success is attributed to a small group of people and of the top 33 grantees in the University, 5 are members of the School of Kinesiology. These are: Eric Accili, Diane Finegood, David Goodman, Stephen Robinovitch, and Glen Tibbits.

The top 33 researchers contribute 52% of the total funds for research grants and contracts received by the University.

There have been some significant developments on campus over the last month, some of which will have effects on this department. The Provincial government has announced that it will no longer count international students in its funding formula. I have a meeting later this week when the Vice President Academic will discuss options for dealing with the reduction in funds to SFU that this will entail.

Yesterday at the Faculty of Applied Sciences Executive Committee (FAX) meeting, Jim Cranston, Chief Information Officer outlined plans SFU has developed for centralizing the buying of computers. This would involve a commitment of all departments to one specific form of PC (those using Mac's will not be affected). The benefit of this centralized purchase system would be the significant savings as a result of bulk buying and in addition, the acquisition of extremely competitive rates for software and other supports. It is envisaged that there will be a number of options and Cranston is confident that 90% or more of the needs in terms of PC's can be met for a better price than available to individuals or to departments. If you have special needs and the available options on the University's proposed suppliers do not meet them, then application would have to be made to waive the requirement that all computers are purchased centrally. The reachable target for savings is approximately of the order of $1M per year. This is attractive to the University since it represents a reduction in their costs and will facilitate maintenance and support.

New policies have been developed with respect to considerations for tenure and promotion and for confidentiality. These are respectively, A11.01, A11.06.
and I 10.10. For those to be considered for tenure or promotion in the years ahead, I recommend that you read that policy carefully since there are some significant changes. All of those who are members of a Search Committee or the DTC might also find it useful to read the policy on confidentiality.

JOHN DICKINSON

**Faculty, Adjuncts, & Grad Students**

**Scott Lear** has been awarded a CIHR Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes Operating Grant of $137,000 per year for 3 years for his research entitled, *Obesity in the Community: A Comparison of the Differential Distribution of Body Fat in Four Ethnic Populations*.

Congratulations to **Caroline Cao**, former Kinesiology student who conducted an undergraduate diploma research project with **Jim Morrison** and received her M.Sc. with **Christine MacKenzie**, has just received the US National Science Foundation Career Award. Dr. Cao, who completed her Ph.D. in Industrial and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Toronto is now Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering, Director, Human Factors Program, School of Engineering and Director, Ergonomics and Remote Environments Lab (EREL) at Tufts University in Medford, MA.

**Debates**

1:30 p.m. – ASB 9896
*Effect of prolonged contraction on motoneuron properties and muscle membrane.*

**Graduate Student Conference**

You are invited to attend a conference particularly excellent as a forum for graduate students to present their ideas and/or data to an audience of peers and to faculty members from BC exercise science programs.

The Pacific North West Exercise Group (PNWEG) 2003 Annual Graduate Student Conference will be held

**Dates:** March 14th & 15th, 2003
**Place:** UCFV Abbotsford
**Cost:** $25 students/$40 faculty

**Contact:** Dr. Greg Anderson, UCFV Kinesiology, 604-820-6004, (fax) 604-826-0681 or e-mail: andersong@ucfv.bc.ca

**Seminar Invitation**

**Dr. Randy Ellis**
**Queen’s University**

**Date:** Tues Feb 18th, 2003
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. (Note time)
**Place:** ASB 9896

**Topic:** *From scans to sutures: computer-assisted orthopedic surgery.*

Dr. Randy Ellis is currently Professor, School of Computing, Dept of Mechanical Engineering, and Dept of Surgery, Queen’s U. **Visiting Professor** in Computer Science at Johns Hopkins Univ. **Visiting Scientist**, MIT. **Visiting Professor** in Radiology, Harvard Medical School.

In addition to more than 60 peer-reviewed scientific papers, Dr. Ellis’ work has recently been reported on CBC radio and TV, CTV, Global TV, numerous trade journals and newspapers (including The Globe and Mail and Maclean’s) and in NSERC’s Report to Parliament.

**Keynote speaker** will be Dr. Mark Haykowsky from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, on “Acute and chronic effects of exercise training on cardiac performance: From athletes to cardiac transplant recipients.”

Please submit your news items to: dickinso@sfu.ca / lazaro@sfu.ca