**DIRECTOR’S CORNER**

During the last month the School was host to a Site Visit for the External Review. The External Review Committee comprised Dr. Janet Starkes, McMaster University, Dr. Phil Gardiner, University of Manitoba, Dr. Patricia McKinley, McGill University, and Dr. Michael Smith, Simon Fraser University. They spent three days on campus and reviewed all aspects of the School’s functioning. From the reports I have heard, the process went smoothly and we anticipate a report in the School shortly. The next stage in the process is for the School to review the recommendations of the External Review Committee and provide our reaction to the Vice President Academic. I wish to thank all those who were responsible for the organization of the External Review Committee Site Visit, in particular my secretary, Marianne Lazaro and our Undergraduate Co-op student, Doug Cameron who ensured that a very tight schedule was completed efficiently.

The search for a Biomedical Engineer was completed during the past month and a recommendation has been forwarded to the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences for the appointment of a candidate who is currently a postdoctoral fellow.

Organization for the summer semester is almost complete and appointments for positions as Sessional Instructors and Teaching Assistants will be made within the next week. Preliminary plans are also underway for the initiation of the proposed Cohort Program at Harbour Centre in the fall of 2004. On the basis of initial reaction from students approached in selected courses this semester, it appears that the Cohort Program is of interest to our undergraduates and we anticipate a successful, if modest, first offering. Ryan Dill has accepted responsibility for the organization of this program and questions may be directed to him.

John Dickinson

**FACULTY, ADJUNCTS & GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Congratulations to Dr. Peter Pretorius, who is in his 50th year of service in academe. He was appointed as full-time permanent Lecturer during February 1954 in the Department of Human Physiology, at the University of Potchefstroom near Johannesburg, South Africa, where he became Chair of the Department. Later he spent periods of time at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and the University of California, San Francisco on an NIH Fellowship.

It has been an exciting 50 years for Peter, an adventure into unexplored worlds of estrogens, heart functioning, cardiac sarcoplasmic reticulum, cardiac failure studies, blood pressure measurements, micro-gravity and altitude studies. He is very thankful to all the wonderful people with whom he had the privilege to work and all the support staff who made it possible.

Dr. Satoru Kawai, Visiting Professor from Tezukayama University in Japan, has enriched the research environment in the Human Motor Systems Laboratory during the past year, working with Christine MacKenzie; her graduate and undergraduate students, and lab staff. Dr. Kawai’s presence, insight, creativity and precise contributions to the lab’s research activities since April 1st, 2003 were thoroughly enjoyed and he will be missed. Best wishes to Dr. Kawai on his future activities.

Anne-Kristina Arnold was quoted in The Toronto Star on February 16th, 2004 in an article entitled, “Poor Computer Set-up Hurts Kids.” She pointed out the increase in prevalence of Repetitive Strain Injuries among school age children and stressed the need to address ergonomic issues in technology and workstation design in schools.

Nori Bradley and Deanna Schick, both of the Motor Behaviour Laboratory, will be traveling to Halifax and speaking at the Conference, “Women’s Hockey: Gender Issues On and Off the Ice.” For more information on the conference, please check out the website: www.smu.ca/administration/gorsebrook/cssch/whconference.htm
NSERC-USRA Awards

Congratulations to Christine Spurgeon and Julia Christensen, who have both received an NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award for the Summer 2004 session. Christine works in Miriam Rosin’s laboratory, and Julia works as undergraduate lab assistant in Matt White’s laboratory.

Social Event: Snowshoeing

The Social Committee from the School held its Spring semester social event this month. More than 20 people participated in a conducted tour on snowshoes atop Mount Seymour on Saturday, March 13th under excellent spring conditions. The walking tour lasted approximately 1 ½ hours and was followed by a potluck meal at Matt White’s house in North Vancouver. (Craig Asmundson was so enthusiastic that the next day he bought his own pair of snowshoes!)

Kinesiology Co-op

“Careers in Kinesiology”

The Annual “Careers in Kinesiology” Event was a huge success again this year! This event was designed to bring together employers and students, to provide students with insights into the possibilities and opportunities available to them once they have completed their Kinesiology degree.

On Thursday, March 4th, 2004 six employers representing various career paths for Kinesiology students, came out to present their experience and advice to the attending students. Panel members were chosen based on the needs and requests of past and current SFU students.

We were very excited this year to have almost our entire panel composed of SFU Alumni including our Matthew White. Chris Engst and Cindy Kitamura spoke to the students about Ergonomics, Nicole Dennis and Stephen Allen spoke on rehabilitation, and Manny Johal provided a chiropractics perspective for those who were interested in pursuing professional schools.

The event began with a brief introduction of the panel members followed by a prize draw made possible through the generous donations of campus businesses and departments such as the SFU Bookstore, SFU Microcomputer Store, SFU Athletics, Healing Through Movement and the Kinesiology Student Association. In order to provide students one-on-one interaction with panel members, the larger conference style format was broken down into four breakout sessions. Each student chose three sessions and was able to spend twenty minutes in each breakout room. The smaller sessions enabled the students to ask questions of the panel members and spend more time discussing the different career options available, as well as the skills required to stand out in a competitive job market.

This event was attended by over 60 students and received positive feedback from the panel members, students and faculty in attendance. Evaluations of the event showed that students felt they had benefited a great deal from their time in the smaller breakout sessions. Refreshments and a chance to network completed the evening.

The Organizing Committee thanks both sponsors and supporters for making this event possible:

* School of Kinesiology, Kinesiology Co-operative Education Program, Faculty of Applied Sciences
* Health, Counselling & Career Centre
* Simon Fraser Co-operative Education Program
* British Columbia Association of Kinesiologists
* Kinesiology Student Association
* Simon Fraser University Bookstore
* Microcomputer Store
* Healing Through Movement
* SFU Recreation and Athletics
* SFU Halpern Centre

The event also featured booths hosted by Kinesiology Associations and affiliated groups, including: Jeff Holt from the New York Chiropractic College, the British Columbia Association of Kinesiologists, the Kinesiology Student Association, Healing Through Movement, and the Health, Counselling and Career Centre.

Careers in Kinesiology will return next year to give students another chance to explore where their degree can take them!

Panelist Bios:
Nicole Dennis - Clinician Supervisor & Vocational Evaluator, Canadian Impairment Evaluations Inc.

Nicole Dennis graduated from SFU with a B.Sc. in Kinesiology (Co-op) in 1998. She has over 6 years experience providing ergonomic, rehabilitation and disability management services to help reduce the impact of musculoskeletal injuries. Recently, she has expanded her skills to include functional evaluation services with a focus on case resolution. Nicole has worked for the BC Cancer Foundation, Worker’s Compensation Board of BC, Interfor and West Kootenay Power. She is currently the Clinician
Chris Engst - Ergonomics Program Supervisor, Occupational Health & Safety Agency Healthcare (OHSAH)

CHRIS ENGST received his B.Sc in Kinesiology (Co-op) from SFU in 2001. He is currently the Ergonomics Program Manager at the Occupational Health & Safety Agency Healthcare where he manages and coordinates all aspects of the Ergonomics Program. Chris also coordinates research activities funded through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Health Evidence and Application Linkage network (HEALNet) and the Workers Compensation Board Research Secretariat.

Dr. Manny Johal, Chiropractor, ARC Pain Relief and Wellness Clinic

After obtaining his B.Sc in Kinesiology from SFU, MANNY JOHAL worked as a strength and conditioning trainer and physical rehab assistant at the Human Performance Lab at Burnaby Eight Rinks. From there he went on to complete a four-year program in Portland, Oregon to become a Doctor of Chiropractic. Dr. Johal currently runs two rehabilitation clinics called ARC Rehabilitation. He is a member of the British Columbia College of Chiropractors, British Columbia Chiropractic Association and the British Columbia Association of Kinesiologists.

Cindy Kitamura, Ergonomics Program Officer, University of British Columbia

CINDY KITAMURA concurrently received her B.Sc. in Kinesiology and Certificate of Health and Fitness from SFU in 1996. Cindy has worked as: a Project Manager and Ergonomics Consultant for Advanced Ergonomics Inc, as a Kinesiologist for Mountainview Kinesiology and is currently responsible for the Ergonomics Program at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Matthew White - Environmental Physiologist, Assistant Professor Simon Fraser University, Kinesiology Department

MATT WHITE received a B.Sc. Honors in Kinesiology from SFU in 1986, and defended his Masters in Kinesiology at SFU in 1989. He continued on to defend his Ph.D. on human physiological responses in hypothermia, at the University of Laval in 1993. Currently, Dr. White, a human physiologist, is Assistant Professor in the School of Kinesiology at SFU where he teaches nutrition and physiology courses. He is a member of the American Physiological Society and is also a Project Leader in SafetyNet, a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) project looking at Health and Safety in the Maritime Workplace.

Stephen Allan - Director of Operations, Columbia Health Centre

Stephen Allen graduated from the Kinesiology Program at the University of Waterloo in 1989. He is currently the Director of Operations of the Columbia Health Centres of Kelowna and Langley. In his current position, he is responsible for the clinical leadership, financial management, human resources, and strategic direction of multi-disciplinary rehabilitation facilities. His current memberships include ACE, CARP, BCAK, CKA, British Columbia Kidney Association, and the BC Trucking Association. He is a Certified Functional Capacity Evaluator and is certified in Medical Exercise Therapy.

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