The School has now received the report of the External Review Committee. The report acknowledges that the School of Kinesiology is a leader in Canada in terms of its programs and particularly cites the quality of the undergraduate and graduate training received by students in Kinesiology. The report also acknowledges the high quality of research and funding in the School.

The majority of the report, however, devoted to the Focus Questions posed by the Self-Study Review in which the School sought advice on ways to improve the School over the next seven years.

The recommendations made by the Committee will now be the subject of scrutiny and debate by appropriate committees and the School at large. Following this process, a response to the report will be submitted to the Vice President Academic. Ultimately, the External Review Committee report and the School’s response are provided to the Senate Committee on University Priorities who recommend action to the Senate.

In general, the Committee report was valuable in pointing to areas in which the School can improve its current performance.

A perennial problem for the School has been the issue of space, both for academic research as well as the housing of faculty, staff and research personnel as well as graduate students. A new Space Committee has been formed and has held its first meeting. Hopefully, this committee will report over the summer with recommendations both for the allocation of existing space, innovative recommendations for changes to existing space and documented requests for additional space to meet our mandate in education and research.

Since we are at the end of the examination period for the 2004-1 semester, it is appropriate to remind faculty and staff of the upcoming Convocation in June. Some details are presented in this newsletter, and more will be forthcoming in the May newsletter. Please plan to be at the ceremonies and celebrations during June for this year if at all possible.

Along with the rest of the University, the School of Kinesiology is likely to see a reduction in the overall budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005. Although details are not yet available, it seems that the reduction is likely to be of the order of 1.3% of the total operating budget of the School. Unlike some units within the University, the School of Kinesiology has the advantage of a discretionary pool of money provided by the success of faculty members in obtaining sponsored research time which enables us to provide not only appropriate Sessional Instructors, but also with funding to compensate for the inadequacy of the funds provided by the central administration.

On behalf of the School of Kinesiology I should like to thank Christine MacKenzie for her efforts and work on behalf of our Graduate Program in her role as Graduate Program Committee Chair over the last 15 months.

Since significant recommendations were made by the External Review Committee with respect to the Graduate Program, a retreat will be held by the School on the topic of our graduate offerings in the next month or so. I shall act as Graduate Program Chair until reorganization occurs at that meeting.

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John Dickinson

**RECEPTION FOR JUNE CONVOCATION**

Plan now to attend a reception for our graduands directly after the Convocation Ceremony coming up in June:

**When:** Thursday, June 3, 2004  
**Time:** Approximately 4:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Halpem Centre

Graduands and their families enjoy meeting faculty members, so please plan to attend!

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Congratulations on the following graduate placements for 2004:

**Kendall Musgrave** has been accepted in the Nursing Program at Dalhousie University.
**Kirsten Wilms** has been accepted in the Chiropractic College in Toronto.

**Peter Zubkewycz** has been accepted in the Chiropractic College in Toronto. Please forward other graduate placements and/or plans to dickinso@sfu.ca or lazaro@sfu.ca for future editions.

**Faculty, Adjuncts & Graduate Students**

**Eric Accili** conducted a discussion on “The hole is the sum of its parts,” the topic of Dr. Rod MacKinnon’s work with cell membranes on March 25th, 2004. Eric’s research is very similar to that of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Chemistry winner, Dr. Rod MacKinnon. This discussion was held as part of the Nobels and Other Prizes Lecture Series held at SFU’s Harbour Centre campus.

**Matt White** attended the Experimental Biology 2004 Conference in Washington, DC, and made the following two presentations: E. Alexandrou, G.R. Herzberg and **M.D. White**, Effect of High Level Medium Chain Triglyceride Feeding on postprandial fat oxidation in premenopausal, non-obese women, April 18, 2004 (poster), and: **M.D. White**, D.J. Martin and A.M. Hall. Core temperature thresholds for ventilation, eccrine sweating and cutaneous blood flow in hyperthermic, exercising humans, April 21, 2004 (oral and poster).

**Andrew Blaber** reports that the following article has been accepted for publication in BMC Physiology: **A.P. Blaber**, R.L. Bondar, M.S. Kassam. Heart rate variability and short duration spaceflight: relationship to post-flight orthostatic intolerance.

**MSFHR Awards**

Congratulations to the following Kinesiology students who are recipients of the Michael Smith Health Research Foundation Trainee Awards for 2004/2005: **Andrew Liang** and **Dawn MacKee** (Stephen Robinovitch, Supervisor).

Congratulations to **Jacob Ross**, who is one of only two Post-doctoral Fellows at SFU who have been awarded a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Trainee Award for Post-doctoral Fellows for 2004-2005. Jacob is Postdoctoral Fellow in Glen Tibbits’ laboratory.

The Journal of the Dental Surgeons of BC, Connections (Jan 2004) features an article describing **Miriam Rosin’s** research in oral cancer and the details of her $2 million research grant from the NIH National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

**Other Grants**

**Glen Tibbits** has been awarded $95,000 from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon (HSFBCY) for the 2nd year of his 3-year grant, and a top-up to his CIHR Award of $11,684 for the final year of this 3-year grant.

**Eric Accili** has been awarded a HSFBCY Grant for $102,250 for the first year of a 3-year grant. He has also received a top up to his CIHR Award of $17,736 for the 2nd year of his 3-year grant from HSFBCY.

**PROPOSALS**

**Tesshin Hachiya** Ph.D. Thursday, April 29th, 2004 “The investigation of orthostatic intolerant mechanisms by evaluating calf vasoconstrictor responses during graded LBNP.” Supervisor: **Andrew Blaber**

**Where are they now?**

**Parveen Bawa** encourages Kinesiology students with the following letter: “What do I do when I grow up?” is a frequent question that most students ask. A combination of Kinesiology with statistics or computing is excellent. These combinations are rare and hence you have good job prospects. One of our Kinesiology majors, **Jeremy Hamm** (June 2002 Kinesiology B.Sc. graduand) received his M.Sc. in statistics in March 2004. He has now landed an excellent job as a statistician with the Government of Ontario. We are very proud of him.”

**Staff**

Congratulations to **Marianne Lazaro**, Director’s Secretary, on completing 10 years of full-time continuing service to SFU.

**SFU Kinesiology at the Sun Run**

Congratulations to **Darryl Whitney**, first Kinesiologist past the post at 36 minutes in the 20th Annual Vancouver Sun Run held recently. He is one of the 9 students who represented the School of Kinesiology – **Ian Coates**, **Beth Elston**, **Violet Hung**, **Viola Kaminski**, **Jen Litt**, **Karen MacDONald**, **Aaron Miller**, **Jen Solomon** and **Darryl Whitney**. Each runner completed the 10km course in under 70 minutes and within the top one-third of participants out of the grand total of 48,000 people participating in the event.

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