EXAMS are finished and we are once again in the period of preparation for the new academic year. Enrolment in Kinesiology for the Fall semester has met our expectations. We show a slight increase in head count over Fall of 2004 with 2,062 students registered. Increases are evident in 100, 200 and 300 level courses and a decline in the 400 level registration.

128 offers of Direct Admission to the major program in Kinesiology were sent out this year. So far 92 potential Kinesiology majors have paid the $100 deposit and registered for courses in the Fall. This more than meets the target for the Fall semester. The superior acceptance rate this year is probably in large measure due to the personalized approaches made by Van Truong and Penny Deck, and Darleen Bemister with student volunteers, and the tours given and organized by Van for prospective students.

Shona McLean has been replaced by Susie Nugent as Graduate Secretary. A lunch was held with staff members and a presentation of artwork purchased with contributions from faculty and staff was made in gratitude for Shona’s years of service. Shona has facilitated the transition by volunteering to train Susie.

All Sessional and Teaching Assistant appointments have been made for the Fall semester and this will be published shortly.

All indications are that the building on campus that will have an impact on Kinesiology is either on track and on target or only slightly delayed. The first of the influential changes will be the completion of TASC I now scheduled for the middle of September. TASC II is still on track for opening in September 2006.

Since the last newsletter the School has conducted interviews for a senior cardiac physiologist position. A decision on that will be made as soon as the result of the search for a new Director of the School has been made public. A candidate has been recommended to the School by the Dean and Search committee and ratification results are expected next week.

John Dickinson

Facility, Adjuncts & Graduate Students

Miriam Rosin has been awarded an NIH grant to explore alterations to tissue optics in oral precancer and cancer. This grant is the third awarded by NIH in support of a developing province-wide oral cancer prevention program (that she directs) – the other grants deal with clinicopathological changes and genomics. Briefly stated, the program has as its mission the reduction in morbidity and mortality due to this disease across the Province, through exploration of its natural history, which is very poorly understood. The program will eventually encompass all 2500 dentists within the province, setting into play a uniform screening program to identify patients with early disease during annual dental exams. Patients requiring follow-up will be triaged to hospital clinics for further evaluation and finally to the Cancer Agency, where new translational devices and genomic profiles under development by the Program will be used to categorize individual risk and assign treatment strategies. The vision is to make BC the first location anywhere in the world to have a “cradle to grave” management strategy for this disease.

Marg Savage, former SFU Kinesiology faculty member, recently won the gold medal in weightlifting (40 kilogram class) at the Masters World Championships, also setting a world record for the over 65 age group. Marg is currently the CEO for the company RossCraft established by Kinesiology professor emeritus, Bill Ross.


Scott Lear has just returned from attending the American Heart Association’s 31st 10-day Seminar on the Epidemiology and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in Lake Tahoe. This is an invited
seminar of 30 candidates taught by some of the leading cardiovascular epidemiologists in the United States.

**PUBLICATIONS**


**JOIN THE KINES TEAM**

**TERRY FOX WALK/RUN**

**SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2005**

Terry Fox Day at SFU will be held this year on Thursday, Sept. 22. The purposes of the event are to celebrate the memory of Terry Fox, to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation to help find a cure for cancer, and to enhance community spirit at SFU.

Events Scheduled for September 22

- Convocation Mall entertainment
- Brief ceremony in Convocation Mall starting at 11:40 am where the President will present a gold medal and a plaque to the 2005 Terry Fox Gold Medal winner
- 3.8 km walk/run. Participants can either walk or run the 3.8 km course
- Campus Barbecue

In my capacity as captain of the Kinesiology team, I would like to invite all Kinesiology undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff to participate in 3.8 km walk/run.

This year is the 25th anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope run across Canada. It would be great to see a huge Kinesiology turnout at the walk/run! The Kinesiology team has won the award for the team with the largest number of participants, for the past four years. Last year the Kinesiology team had 98 participants, but we may need triple this number to win this year. There is a rumour that one academic unit at SFU has already been quietly getting organized for the walk/run and they are planning to have 300 participants on their team!

Come out on September 22, get some exercise, have fun, and meet fellow kinesiologists! More detailed information will be emailed to you in early September.

Craig Asmundson

**DEFENCES**

**SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED:**

**FLAVIO OLIVEIRA** M.Sc.
Thursday, July 7th, 2005
2:00 p.m., ASB 9896
Electrophysiological correlates of performance monitoring and error detection in response to augmented feedback.
Senior Supervisor:
**DAVID GOODMAN**

**INGRID MCFEE** M.Sc.
Friday, July 8th, 2005
9:00 a.m., ASB 9896
Retrograde transport rates in G93A mouse model of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.
Senior Supervisor:
**WADE PARKHOUSE**

**BRIAN TOPP** Ph.D.
Monday, July 18th, 2005
1:00 p.m., ASB 9896
The etiology and natural history of Type 2 Diabetes.
Senior Supervisor:
**DIANE FINEGOOD**

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