This semester saw the introduction of the new Coursework MSc Program in the School. Currently there are five students registered in this program which will increase to seven in January 2006. In addition this year, nine other graduate students were accepted. You will recall that in the External Review of the School and in the Self-Study, we established a goal of 50 graduate students as a target. This goal should be reached in January.

The School also welcomed Andreas Fahlman as the EPU Facility Coordinator. Andreas replaces Victor Stepan who retired earlier this year.

This semester also marks the 15 years of service to SFU by Darleen Bemister, Kinesiology Co-op Coordinator. She received a letter of appreciation from the President on this occasion.

Our Cohort Program at Harbour Centre has begun its second year and we now have dedicated office, lab and teaching space allocated.

The past month has been busy in terms of recruiting. Interviews were held for the position of Biomechanist and a decision on the recommendation of a candidate will be made within a week. A recommended candidate for the Senior Cardiac Physiology position has been ratified, and negotiations are ongoing. It is hoped that the final decision with respect to the new Director will also be made before the end of this month.

The School of Kinesiology extends its condolences to the Gordon Bhakthan family on his passing last September 1st, 2005. He joined SFU in 1968 as a Research Associate, became a faculty member in Kinesiology in 1971 and was promoted to Full Professor in 1979. Gordon played a significant role in the early years of the School when our vision of Kinesiology was being formed. The School asked Gordon to take responsibility for the anatomy area. His research was in anatomy, physiology and the biology of aging. Gordon was Undergraduate Advisor to our students for many years and was known for his expertise regarding academic policies and procedures. He took early retirement in 1996 and was awarded Professor Emeritus status by SFU.

Senior faculty members will remember Gordon as someone who also participated in the social life of the School. He was a founding member of the Kinesiology intramural soccer team and featured as a winner of the intramural championships. We remember Gordon’s skills in Indian cuisine from visits to his home and at School functions. Gordon will also be remembered as a strong advocate for our School and students.

Staff members remember him as a warm and friendly person who took the time to stop by and say hello. Those of us who knew him personally were fond of him and appreciated his contribution to our School in its formative years, and remember him well in his last years before retirement.

Congratulations to our graduates!

MSc
Ingrid McFee
Flavio Oliveira

BSc
David Alfaro
Karina Alves
Tulsi Bagga
Lindsay Bailey
Mohammad Bardi
Lindsay Barlow
Elaine Barnes
Bethany Brown
Peter Chang
Eric Chen
Julia Christensen
Venita Fung
Melanie Gris
Farbir Dhadwal
David Hendry
Courtney Howard
Hardip Jhaj
Evan Kellett
Erika Kosarko
Jeremy Kyle
Kequyen Lam
Michelle Lee
Danphne Leung
Yiu Lun Leung
Samson Lui
Carrrie Nguyen
Patricia Robles
Nathan Rolfe
Jason Sarai
Melisa Savino
Klara Schwab
Harbir Sian
Caroline Soo
Faran Sperling
Lorraine Stilton
Justyna Swiatczak
Harleen Takhar
Yousef Vaghari
Cheryl Villanueva
Arthur Wan
Aiden Wickey
Sarah Wulcan
A Convocation Reception was held jointly with other FAS Units on Thursday, October 6th, 2005.

FAS Dean’s Honour Roll, Fall 2005

Congratulations to our students who achieved a CGPA of 3.50 or higher:

LIJUBOMIR ACIMOVIC
DEBORAH ALESSA
PATRICIA ALLAN
MICHELI BEVILACQUA
LEAH BOECKERMANN-BELANGER
COURTNEY BROWN
HENRY CHAN
JERALDINE CHAN
ANNA CHICOINE
Megan CORBETT
SANDRA CORTINA
CAMERON CUNNINGHAM
LADAN DAVIALLOW GHAJAR
PATRICIA DYKES
DENISE GALUSKA
MADGA GRALA
SAMANTHA HAGE-MOUSSA
EUN JEOUN
JONATHAN JOLIVET
BENJAMIN JONG
VOJSLAV JOVANOVIC
ERIN KASTELEIN
JON-ERIK KOEHN
EUNBI LEE
ERIC LEE
DORIS LEUNG
SHAWNA LUM
LAURA LUSH
JENNIFER LYLE
CHRISTINA MATTIELLO
NICOLE MILLER
PREVESHEN MOODLEY
TRAVIS MUSGRAVE
VERONICA NAING
HILARY NELSON
SEUNGHYUN NHO
STEPHEN OBRADOVICH
SHEREE PALMER
KEVIN PARK
JEFFREY POTTER
KAILI RAND
JENNICA RAWSTRON
BROCK RAWSTRON
MELISSA RICHMOND
NEAL SHAHIDI
MISCHA SNOPKOWSKI
NIKIKI TAN
AMY TAO
BRITTENY TURKO
KATIE UYEDE

AWARDS

Congratulations to MIHAELA ZAHARIEV, PhD student (Supervisor: CHRISTINE MACKENZIE) who was awarded the Frank A Linville Graduate Scholarship in Sensory Science ($6,000). This is the first time someone from the School of Kinesiology has received this scholarship.

Congratulations to MANDANA SALAJEGHEH, PhD student (Supervisor: CHRISTINE MACKENZIE) who was awarded the Gordon Diewart Graduate Scholarship in Kinesiology.

FLAVIO OLIVIERA who completed his MSc under DAVID GOODMAN’S supervision during the summer has been awarded the Young Investigator Award by the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology (SCAPPS). The award will be presented at the annual conference in Niagara Falls in November.

Congratulations to WAQAR MUGHAL, PhD student (Supervisor: JIM MORRISON) for winning the J. M. Christensen Award for Masters Students at the Association of Canadian Ergonomists 36th Annual Conference in Halifax, NS in August 2005.

DIANE FINEGOOD, Scientific Director of CIHR’s Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diseases (INMD) will be honoured by North America’s largest scientific body dedicated to obesity research at an annual conference to be held October 15-19, 2005. She will be co-recipient of the George Bray Founder’s Award, presented by the North American Society for the Study of Obesity (NAASO).

This award recognizes significant contributions that advance the scientific or clinical basis for understanding or treating obesity.

FACULTY, ADJUNCTS & GRADUATE STUDENTS

By appointment from the President of the U of Guelph, ANDREW BLABER was the official representative from the U of Guelph for the installation of Brandt C. Louie as Chancellor at the October 6th, 2005 Convocation Ceremony.

ANDREW BLABER will be receiving a donation of $US 20,000 per year for 3 years from the George T. Pfleger Foundation (US) to continue the research partnership between Performance Freediving International Inc. (Coquitlam, BC) and the Aerospace Physiology Laboratory.

ANDY HOFFER gave an invited presentation on “Initial results with Neurostep, the first fully implanted assistive device for walking with hemiplegia” at the ICORD 2005 Annual Research Meeting on Oct 17th.

At the ICORD 2005 Annual Research Meeting, ANDY HOFFER and Faisal Beg presented a poster on “Quantitative Imaging of Peripheral Nerves,” ongoing research funded by the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation. Their paper received Best Poster Award.

As well, Faisal Beg and ANDY HOFFER received the Best Photo Award in the Cool Technology category at the ICORD 2005 Meeting for their entry entitled, “The Great Sciatic Divide.”

MAX DONELAN, ANDY HOFFER and two U.S. collaborators were awarded an NSERC I2I (Idea-to-Innovation) Grant to develop their Biomechanical Energy Harvester. This device captures mechanical energy wasted in
human movement and converts it to electrical energy to power portable electronic devices. These include consumer devices, like cell phones and laptops, as well as biomedical devices, like prosthetic limbs and neuroprostheses.

CRAIG ASMUNDSON, together with Lindsay Meredith and Barry Beyerstein of SFU, formed part of the trio who headed for SFU when it first opened in 1965. They celebrated their own four decades at SFU during the University’s 40th Anniversary celebrations on September 9th, 2005. An article was featured in The NOW Coquitlam and also in SFU News.

SHEENA FRISCH has joined the Neurokinesiology Lab as an MSc thesis student under ANDY HOFFER’s supervision.

The Locomotion Lab welcomes NATHAN TAYLOR and CAROLINE SOO to the Graduate Program in Kinesiology. Both are beginning their Master’s degree this Fall.

TED MILNER is currently at the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute in Japan with CAMERON CUNNINGHAM who is collecting data for his Honours Thesis. Cameron is a triathlete so Ted has been showing him training routes for cycling and motivating himself by dropping someone half his age on the numerous climbs.

A paper from MIRIAM ROSIN’s group that was recently highlighted as “breaking news” by the American Association for Cancer Research was recently selected by NIH as their 2005 “Story of Discovery”, and is honoured to be featured in the NIH Annual Report to the US Congress.

MIRIAM ROSIN was also invited to a senior NIH/NCI leadership “Planning for Future Directions” meeting held in Boston Sept 11-13. This meeting brought together cancer scientists working in diverse fields to discuss infrastructure and research needs, both national and international.


PUBLICATIONS

Thank you to JAMES FOORT for his donation to the SFU Library of his published book, Fitting and Aligning Lower Extremity Prosthesis, 2005. James held an Adjunct Professor appointment in the School of Kinesiology from September 1978 to August 1990. He assisted in supervising graduate students by sitting on thesis committees and has served as a guest lecturer, in addition to teaching as Sessional Instructor. In honour of all the teachers throughout his career, he dedicates the book thus: “I remember my teachers.”

Conference Presentations:


Undergraduate student JOHN KOEHN will be presenting a poster from his Honours Thesis project at the Canadian Society of Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology (SCAPPS) conference, “The cognitive demands of error processing.”

J. KOEHN, J. DICKINSON and D. GOODMAN.

JIM MORRISON and WAQAR MUGHAL attended the Association of Canadian Ergonomists 36th Annual Conference in Halifax, NS in August. Four papers were presented. Waqar was selected to present his thesis work at the conference as one of three finalists in the competition and was voted Best Paper by the panel of judges.


MORRISON, J.B. and MUGHAL, W.A., 2005 Biomechanical analysis of patient handling tasks in residential care environments. Association of


**JIM MORRISON, MATT WHITE and JOANNA ZANDER** attended the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Three papers were presented. Congratulations to Joanna for winning 3rd place in the Residents Competition.


**ZANDER J.K. and MORRISON J.B., 2005 Effects of exposure time, pressure and cold on hand skin temperature and manual performance when wearing 3-fingered neoprene gloves.** Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**ZANDER J.K. MORRISON J.B. and Eaton D., 2005 Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society Annual Evaluation of head mounted and head down information displays during simulated mine countermeasures dives to 42 msw.** Scientific Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Journal articles:**


**SEMINAR**

On September 20th, Dr. Rade Durbaba of Imperial College London presented a seminar entitled, “Strategies for the use of the gamma motor system.”

**TERRY FOX DAY 2005**

Craig Asmundson writes: “As captain of the Kinesiology team, thank you to all Kines students, faculty and staff who participated in the walk/run on September 22nd, and who donated money to the Terry Fox Foundation. The weather was perfect for the event, the best weather for the event in 5 years!

There were 1020 participants in the walk/run this year, an increase of 345 over last year.

Faculty, staff and students in the School of Kinesiology collected $5,600 of the $14,000 raised at SFU for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Our School raised far more money than any other department or unit at SFU! Max DONELAN, raised $3,400, and ANDREW BLABER’S KIN 205 class raised $1,583.

This year we relinquished the title we have held for the past four years as the team with the largest number of participants. We had 120 participants this year, 22 more than last year. The Student Services team won this year with 154 participants.

Everyone who was in Convocation Mall during the Gold Medal Award ceremony felt the positive energy there.”

**ACE SPEAKER**

The Association of Canadian Ergonomists invites you to:

“Human Factors in the Dr. Tong Louie Living Lab: Trials & Tribulations of Applied Research”

**SPEAKER:** James Watzke, Dean of Applied Research & Director of the Technology Centre & Dr. Tong Louie Living Lab at BCIT. He has been researching ways to make environments and products work better for seniors and persons with disabilities for over 15 years. His research interests include aging and technology, product evaluation, and seniors injury prevention.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 1st

**TIME:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The BCIT Living Lab, 555 Seymour St., Vancouver

**COST:** FREE!

**REGISTRATION:** Please RSVP to louisewynne@hotmail.com

**KINESIOLOGY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

You’re invited!

**ROMANO’S MACARONI GRILL**

1523 Davie St, Vancouver

**DATE:** Saturday, December 10

**TIME:** Dinner at 8:30 p.m.

**TICKETS:** $38 for faculty/staff; $28 for the first 20 grad students -- from LAURIE KLAK – by 4:00 p.m. on Thurs, Dec 1st.