Chair’s Message...
A year to celebrate—come back and visit!

If you haven’t been back here for a while, here’s a view from the campus today. We had many celebrations in the spring to mark our 150th birthday and more are scheduled for the fall. The campus looks different because there are huge banners representing each of the colleges hanging from buildings. From my office, I can see the blue and gold CASA banner: “Happy Anniversary San José State!” Perhaps many of you attended the February opening of the exhibit “Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow” in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Second Floor. In March, Tommie Smith came back to launch his new book on campus. In April, the very successful Sesquicentennial Concert was held at the California Theatre. In May, Bob Gliner’s film “Voices of San José State” was shown on campus and on PBS. On May 4th, the festivities’ highlights were a faculty march in regalia to City Hall to hear proclamations read from the city and the state and to see a cake cut by President Cassing and by the 8 year old great-great-grand-daughter of the founder of Minns’ Evening normal School, Raven. In the afternoon, Margaret Spellings, US Secretary of Education, delivered a speech, which was followed by a panel discussion on the future of higher education. The previous weekend, the San Jose Mercury news published a 76 page insert all about the university. Throughout all the months, there have been world-renowned speakers and authors on campus, including several Nobel Laureates, and we have had our own Kinesiology Speakers’ Series, featuring lectures on stress management, and on Major Taylor, the first African American cyclist of the 19th century. Yes, the place is hopping!

If you’re feeling sorry that you didn’t get to any of these events, don’t worry-- the fun’s not over! Over the summer, there are historical tours of campus, and in the fall, there are many further items including in October, a lecture on “Spartan Athletics: Then and Now.” For a complete listing of all events, go to http://www.sjsu.edu/150TH/ On the subject of websites, our own kinesiology website is undergoing re-birth and the new one should be up by July. Check it out then at www.sjsu.edu/kinesiology

In the department, the alumni highlight was the April revival of the Alumni Luncheon, but back for the first time as the Kinesiology Alumni Luncheon. Over 80 alumni, and past and present faculty and staff and friends, came back to visit. Their years of graduation spanned from 1950 to 2006! See the pictures on later pages for more about the lunch. We’ve got lots of alumni news as a result, so I hope you enjoy this more alumni-oriented newsletter.

Finally, in my welcome at the lunch, I mentioned that our department (first known in 1862 as the Department of Physical Culture) will be celebrating our own sesquicentennial in 2012. In time, we’ve also been the Department of Physical Training, Physical Education, Physical Education for Women, Physical Education for Men, Human Performance, and have given birth to the Departments of Intercollegiate Athletics for Men, Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, Dance, and Recreation. So, whatever is your ancestry in the now Kinesiology Department, mark your calendars and plan on attending whatever we all come up with for that year. Any ideas to sreekie@kin.sjsu.edu please.

Meanwhile, come back and visit us sometime and if you haven’t given us your email address yet, please send that to me, also. Thanks!

Shirley H.M. Reekie
I am pleased to announce the appointment of two new tenure track faculty members for fall 2007:

**Dr. Tamar Semerjian**, Ph.D. (University of Iowa) comes to us from CSU Los Angeles. Tamar will be teaching in the areas of sport/physical activity psychology and in general education. She has recently conducted federally-funded research on the effects of exercise on people with spinal cord injuries, and is also interested in exercise programs for seniors.

**Dr. Jay Johnson**, Ph.D. (University of Toronto) has been working most recently at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where his interests are in bullying/hazing/initiatives in sport. He will be teaching in the areas of sport studies and activities.

**Dr. Sonja Lilienthal** received a small research grant (one of only three awarded) at the Dean’s Awards reception in May.

In early March, **Dr. Jin Jung** and **Ashley Johnson**, one of the undergraduate students in the Physical Education Teacher Education program, gave a presentation entitled “Implementation of Hellison’s TPSR: Pedagogical Strategies and Game Activities for Practitioners” at the CAHPERD conference in Sacramento. The session was a big success with over 100 participants. Ms. Johnson said, “As a future teacher, it was an exciting experience to introduce games and activities to real Physical Education teachers.” In addition to CAHPERD, Dr. Jung attended the AAHPERD convention in Baltimore late March. At AAHPERD he presented his two recent studies: What Stimulates Exceptional Teachers’ Reflection in Physical Education and The World of Others: National Physical Education Curriculum in South Korea.

**Dr. Gong Chen** was interviewed by Singtao Newspaper (A Chinese newspaper in Northern America) to provide advice on crime prevention and self-defense, to handle the potential campus shooting based on the Virginia Tech case, and to share his research results on chances of survival in self-defense. The report was on the cover page, April 20, 2007. In March 2007, he presented "Teaching self-defense in schools" (110 participants) and "Design a taichi workout for your classes" (90 participants) at CAHPERD. In March, he presented "Research on chances of survival of female students v. males in self-defense in lab studies" at the 2007 Faculty Research Forum organized by the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. In March 2007, he co-organized the SJSU Badminton Open with **Lei Cai** and the SJSU badminton club. He also initiated the KIN physical activity series starting with mini badminton workshops for SJSU faculty/staff.

**Dr. Ted Butryn**, along with colleague Theresa Walton from Kent State University, presented a paper entitled, "National identity via (global) local runners in (local) contexts," at the joint meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Association in Chicago. Approximately 2,000 scholars and graduate students attended the conference.

**Payne, V.G., & Geng, P. (Eds.)** (2007). An introduction to human motor development, Beijing, China: People's Education Press (Chinese Ministry of Education). This will be the first textbook on human motor development in China, a joint project of American and Chinese Scholars. Individual chapters were written by top US motor developmentalists (Jane Clark, Jerry Thomas, Kathy Williams, Jill Whittall, Jacqui Goodway, etc.) For many chapters, they were paired with colleagues from China. Two chapters are prepared expressly by Chinese scholars. The book has been written, is in the process of being translated, and according to the People’s Education Press, will be published this November.

**Dr. Payne** was also selected to become a Salzburg Fellow to travel to Salzburg, Austria in July, 2007 for training in Globalization of Education to become a campus resource for enhancing campus worldwide involvement in education.

**Dr. David Furst** has initiated the Dr. David Furst Scholarship for fall 2007. The application deadline is September 15. Applications/cover letter and 250 word essay guidelines are available from SPX 56. The award of $500.00 will be made at the end of October. Criteria: Kin graduate student with GPA min 3.5 in the Major courses on the candidacy form – which must be filed (with Plan A) to be eligible.

**In Memoriam**

**Jessica Nixon**, Ed.D., aged 101, and faculty member here from 1960-1972. “Jess” loved what she did and received CAHPERD’s highest award for her services to the profession. She was an authority on elementary school physical education and excelled in teaching a wide range of activities from dance, to archery, to swimming, to a variety of team sports. She was an avid participant in field hockey, golf, and swimming, setting a record that stood for over 20 years. Her other interests included classical music, theater, gardening, bridge, and dogs.

**Sol Horn**. Sol taught dance classes for us since 1995 and, according to his son Eric, “lived for teaching dance and playing bridge.” Sol had indicated his intention to retire at the end of this semester. Several students, and Eric, have talked of the joy that dancing brought to Sol’s life and the joy he taught to many others, too.
What’s new in KIN?

This semester, we had our five year review. This was conducted by Dr. Sharon Guthrie, Chair of CSU Long Beach in early May. Once again, this report (just like the one in 2002), mentioned the great faculty, staff and students we have, and the deteriorated nature of the facilities. We live in hope that we will soon rise high enough on the CSU list to have the buildings renovated.

Our student numbers continue to increase. As of spring 2007, we had over 500 undergraduate majors and around 60 graduate students. All this, in facilities built at a time when we had considerably less than half that number. One consequence is that we are bursting out of our seams! For example, the exercise physiology lab is housed along with the biomechanics lab, in a room that is really a classroom (SPX 208). Starting over the summer, we have rented a space we will turn into an off campus lab at Race and Alameda in San Jose.

Look out for the grand opening of the SJSU Kinesiology Research Laboratory in the fall. This will house, initially, a biomechanics lab, where members of the public (perhaps you?) will come to have their golf swing and other skills analyzed. This will be conducted by faculty and students, engaged in collaborative research. Not only is faculty/student collaborative research one of the goals of the university, but so is working with, and in, the local community. (Call 408-924-3026 to schedule a biomechanical analysis.)

As you may imagine, new and innovative programming has its costs. Thanks to a very generous gift from James Kerr (BS,’42), we already have over $5,000 raised. Thank you, Jim. This is a truly wonderful start!

How can you help? Generous gifts such as this to the department are always welcome and appreciated! If you would like to support the ongoing work of the department, including initiatives like the new lab, and you are reading this online, please go to the http://www.sjsu.edu/donating page and click on the Donate Now button. PLEASE remember to type in “Kinesiology” as the place you want your donation to go. If you don’t do this, it will go to the university in general and Kinesiology will not benefit from your generosity directly.

If you are reading the mailed version of the Alumni Newsletter page, please use the Department Support Form on the last two pages of this newsletter.

Please check out our website to see what we are currently doing. Go to: http://www.sjsu.edu/kinesiology/

Student News

President’s Scholars are:
Anthony Novello, Timothy Opyd, and Yvonne Esquer.

Dean’s Scholars are:
Shiren Assaly, Ian Batra, Rick Bautista, Kenneth Bertron, Michael Bitting, Eric Bloom, Gillian Boal-Thowson, Brianna Brown, Kelley Cadungug, Cesar Cardenas, Tessie Carranza, Lynnette Castro, Jenhao Chen, David Clewett, Deborah Confer, Jack Cooney, Phillip Dao, Thaao De Ornelas, Kristina Denton, Phillip Dobashi, December Dodson, Tiffany Doelger, Dulce Garcia, Emilio Gonzales, Kinji Green, Elke Harms, Louie Hung, David Janke, Spencer Joseph, Chris Luera, Jessamy Meu, Joshua Mora, Joshua Moreali, Adam Morrella, Korinn Myers, Julie Narciso, Steve Ramona, Kathy Reed, Aivaras Sajus, Stacy Schmidt, Shaun Simmons, Jason Solis, Alex Stowbunenko, Crystal Voss, Caitlin Wall, Katherine Wilson

Plan B successes
The following students successfully completed Plan B this May: Michelle Balagitao, Rosie Cheng, Ryan Cisek, Erin Coleman, Christopher Der, Aaron Dyes, Daniel Easley, Christela Fabio, Rhonda Hill, Aaroon

Jacobsen, Bryon Lamorandier, Scott Landis, Robin Marquez, Erin O’Hare, Todd Parker, Angie Pfahl, Veronica Ramos, Chris Rocha, Michael Steudle, Edgar Tabila

Alice Lobesack was the only recipient of a grant from the Far West Athletic Training Association this year to study Female Athletic Trainers Perspectives on Childbearing and Career in the Collegiate Setting

Brooke Kennedy accepted a position at Whitman College in Washington as an assistant ATC and instructor.

Brianna Brown was awarded the Dean’s Scholarship for Kinesiology at the Dean’s Awards Reception

AT grad student Ryan Cisek has accepted a position with the SF 49ers and AT grad student Daniel Easley has accepted a position with the Atlanta Braves.

Crystal Miles-Threat (graduate student) obtained the only grant awarded this year by FWATA for her thesis work on Pre-Season Physical Examination Consistency among California High School Athletes.
Alumni attending the Alumni Luncheon were:

- Judy Adams Mahoney
- Barbara J. Anderson
- Rick Aning
- Patti Barrett
- Judy Basich
- Carol Berendsen
- Carolyn Buszdieker
- Chrissy Chang
- Carol Christensen
- Dolores (Owens) Cober
- Jim Colvin
- Tillie Conway
- Mary Fahey
- Walter Fahey
- Angie Fischinger
- Joy Flynn
- Susan Garcia Tinkley
- Patricia Gardiner Keller
- Crista Koch
- Donald (Don) G. Laclergue
- Mark Landefeld
- Carolyn Lewis
- Marilyn Mason
- Christina M. Morris
- Marilou Moschetti
- Caryn Murray
- Ramin Naderi
- Patra Rae Nesseth-Steffes
- Chris Peters
- Peggy Plato
- Carol Portal
- Ronald Portal
- Jerra Rowland
- Genevieve Rollins
- David Wall
- Leta Walter
- Lee Walton
- Susan Walton
- Claudine H. Simpson
- Ellen Yeaw Stillman
Faculty and staff attending the luncheon were:

James Bosco
Mary Bowman
James Bryant
Stan Butler
Gong Chen
Janet Clair
Gail Evans
Amy Freitag
William Gustafson
Mo Han
Lorraine Lindquist
Annette McDonald
Hugh Mumby
Patricia Nieto
Shirley Reekie
Bethany Shifflett
Carol Sullivan
Genevieve Torresola
Joyce Vodegel
Jack Albiani (BA, ’56) recently retired after 40 years of teaching, 30 of them at Modesto Junior College. He enjoys going to local football and basketball games, and track meets.

Don Laclergue (BS, ’51) taught and coached boys’ basketball, football, and wrestling, and girls’ softball, volleyball and badminton for 36 years at Capuchino HS in San Bruno. He recently lost his wife, Jean, whom he met and married on campus. He lives in Millbrae near the airport and provides a car baby-sitting service and taxi service to the airport!

Joan Sarlo (BA ’52, MA ’61) retired from West Valley College in May 2005 after 41 years of what she described as a “fabulous teaching career.” Joan is the Department of Kinesiology’s Distinguished Alumna for 2007.

Lee Walton recently coached the 55+ masters’ water polo team US National Champions. Alumni on the team include Dennis Belli, Steve Hamman, Bruce Watson, and Mike Monsees. Steve was named MVP of the tournament.

From the 1960, 1970s, 1980s… where are you? We’d love to hear from you!

From the 1990s…

Crista Koch (BS, ’97) will be teaching (volleyball) part time in the Kinesiology Department in the fall.

Marilou Moschetti (BS, ’94) kindly donated her father’s jersey from “the old days” at San Jose State to go towards our department’s historical display for our 150th.

Seeing that, Jim Bosco (retired faculty) donated the matching shorts, and a a pair of Indian clubs. Thanks to both. Jim continues to be very active in playing masters’ age group badminton at international level.

Chrissy Chang (BS, ’96) is an 8th grade PE Specialist at The Harker School in San Jose, and will become the K–8 PE Department chair. She will be entering her 5th year teaching as well as coaching Middle School sports. She is still very active playing basketball, soccer and running half marathons. Also in the beginning planning stages to attend the 2008 Beijing Olympics!!

Chris Peters (MA, ’99) has been personal training since 1997. He started private practice as a fitness trainer in 2001 in Santa Clara. Chris calls his service UP Lifting and now works (since Jan. 2007) at the new location in downtown Mountain View. His clientele has varied over the years from 10-year old youth athletes to mature individuals from all walks of life, the eldest of whom was 86 years old. He prides his work in being holistic in nature, teaching physical exercises and how the movements and muscles associated with each exercise harmonize with various aspects of consciousness, being and spirit. For example, pushups may be prescribed for an individual wishing to strengthen her awareness and experience of passion (felt and expressed at the heart chakra- chest- and supported by stability at the lower chakras- abdominal). Chris, his wife Elisa and son Alex, 2, live in Mountain View. Check out www.UPLiftingGym.com

From the 2000s…

Ryan Andrews (MA, ’06) was recently promoted from the Wellness Center Director to the Executive Director of the Office of P.E., Recreation & Sports at UCSC. He writes that this is a very big job for him and should definitely keep him busy. In other news, he and his wife have been using the business plan that he wrote for his masters’ project to move ahead with The Invisible Gym. You can check it out at: www.theinvisiblegym.com

Steve Tam (BA, ’02) is active in racing mountain bikes. In 2006 he placed 2nd at the first NORBA (National Off Road Bicycle Association) National. At the USA National Mountain Bike Championships he placed 3rd and also 5th in two different races. In the overall Norba National standings he finished 7th place overall. He made the USA World Championship Team and finished in 11th place at Worlds and was 3rd placed American. Racing will be taking a backseat soon as he and his wife are expecting a new edition to the family but check out his link at http://www.visenka.com

Whitney Vasu (BS, ’04), has been accepted to PT school at the Arizona School of Health Sciences in Mesa.

Rebecca Maxfield (BS, ’06), has been accepted to graduate school and received a graduate assistant athletic training position at Baylor University in Waco, TX.

Shana Kudo (MA, ’06) was just hired at the College of San Mateo to teach APE full time. Her Adapted Sports class was just approved (it ad been the subject of her grad project), and she will start teaching the course this summer. She is also hoping CSM might adopt an adapted horseback riding class.

Hisashi Imura (BS, ’06) is an ATEP alum (also a former Major of the Year for our department) and was an intern with the Oakland Raiders during the 2006 season. He has accepted a GA athletic training position at UC-Berkeley for the upcoming academic year and was recently inducted into the Skyline College Transfer Hall of Fame. Congratulations, “Sash”!

Janet Yiu (BS, ’06) has been accepted to and will attend PT school at USC this fall.

Abi Liu (BS, ’05) was recently at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, teaching a diversity camp with Pablo Morales. Her assistant coach was Matt Weiss, who will be joining us in Kinesiology in the fall. Abi is the aquatic director for Stanford Campus Recreation Association (SCRA), head coach for their summer team, and one of the age group directors for Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics which, she says, is the best team in Pacific Swimming!

Luc Nguyen (BS, ’03) and Eric Bloom (BS, ’06) returned to campus recently as guests of the Pre-PT Club as part of a panel, talking about their experiences and tips on getting into PT school. Eric is currently at Duke University and Luc now has his DPT and is employed at OPTM Sports and Physical Therapy in Los Gatos.

Nicole Baker (MA, ’04) was accepted to the University of Virginia for a Doctorate in AT.

Josh Kemp (BS, ’07) is now married and has two children ages 5 and 8 months and has been working at a private fitness studio in Campbell for the past six months. He recently moved to Los Gatos Athletic Club as a personal trainer.

Robert Standley (BS, ’07) has accepted a position in the accredited post-certification Graduate Athletic Training Education Program at Western Michigan University starting in the 2007 fall semester.
Alumni Profile and Department Support Form

Name: ____________________________ Date of Graduation: BS __________

Address: ____________________________ MA __________

City: ______________ State: _______ Zip: _______

Telephone: (____) __________ e-mail: __________________

What have you been up to? We want to know!!

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- Wade Wilson Scholarship
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All contributions are most welcome. However, at this time we particularly appreciate contributions to help support our new off-campus Kinesiology Lab.

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