Chair’s Message...

**Big Honors for KIN Faculty Members**

This past Spring semester, three KIN faculty members were acknowledged with major awards from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) at San Jose State University. **Dr. Craig Cisar** was notified of his selection as the 2004-2005 CASA Outstanding Professor. Similarly, **Dr. Nancy Megginson** was notified that she was selected as the 2004-2005 CASA Outstanding Service Award recipient. Finally, **Mr. Yosh Uchida** was presented the Dean’s Community Award. All three faculty were acknowledged at the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) Dean’s Awards Reception, “Salute to the Stars,” on May 2, 2005 in the Barrett Ballroom of the SJSU Student Union.

**Dr. Craig Cisar, Professor of Kinesiology**, has taught the full array of departmental courses including activity, GE, undergraduate and graduate majors classes. His passion and enthusiasm in the classroom are shown by his exemplary student and peer evaluations. He has served students as Departmental Advising Manager, meeting with all new undergraduate student majors for a first time orientation, assigned advisors and presented periodic advising workshops. Recently Dr. Cisar has again become Graduate Coordinator, directing curriculum and policy development, plus meeting and advising all new and potential graduate students. Over the years, he has chaired nearly 20 masters’ theses, helped direct the Exercise Physiology Laboratory and written numerous grant requests, as well as developed a new strength and conditioning cognate. He has chaired the Certification Commission of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, served nine years and chaired for five years the Kinesiology RTP Committee, as well as serving 12 years as chair of SJSU’s Human Subjects – Institutional Review Board. Dr. Cisar is clearly one of SJSU’s outstanding professors.

**Dr. Nancy Megginson, Professor of Kinesiology**, has provided exceptional service at the department, college and University levels. As head of the adapted physical activity and disability sport emphasis in the Kinesiology Department, she has co-sponsored over 50 local, regional, or national training/competitions for various disability sport organizations or national governing bodies. Through her over-35 state, national and international presentations, she has directly influenced professional practice in the community. Because of her hard work over a three-year period—resulting in the submission of a 400-page document—Dr. Megginson was able to get the Adapted Physical Education program/curriculum accredited by the California Commission on Teaching Credentials. Within the University she has served at all levels, including department and college RTP committees, the Research and Faculty Development Committee and chaired the Provost’s Accommodations Review Board. Continually active with the Disability Resource Center, Dr. Megginson is an excellent role model for those seeking to provide service to the profession and the community.

**Mr. Yosh Uchida**, Dean’s Community Award recipient, received his award from Dr. Carol Christensen, Interim Dean of CASA. Dr. Christensen noted Mr. Uchida’s distinct understanding of the values that represent CASA. Yosh has demonstrated active support through philanthropy and leadership to respond to the College’s vision as a home to professional disciplines serving dynamic societal needs and dedicated to promoting a healthy, ethical, and enlightened global community through innovative application of knowledge and scholarship.

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Several KIN faculty were involved in the CAHPERD Conference held in Monterey in mid-March. Carol Sullivan, Kathy Bruga, and Janet Clair all worked in providing CEUs for conference attendees. Dr. Sue Wilkinson presented an all-day workshop on the new Physical Education Standards for California Public Schools. Sue was instrumental in the creation of those standards.

Dr. Gong Chen presented a session entitled, “Teaching releasing skills in self-defense,” and Dr. Greg Payne presented the physical education and physical activity recommendations from the State Superintendent of Schools Task Force on Childhood Obesity, Type 2 Diabetes, and Cardiovascular Disease.

Dr. Sonja Lilienthal has resigned her position here in the Department of Kinesiology to join the faculty of the University of Florida in Gainesville. Sonja has been instrumental in stabilizing and developing our sport management program, and we wish her the very best in her new position!

Dr. Gong Chen organized the Spring 2005 Bay Area Open Badminton Tournament in late April. The tournament was a huge success attracting nearly 300 participants including many former international professional players and national level players. Approximately thirty students from the SJSU Badminton Club and classes participated along with nearly forty players from the SJSU Badminton Camps.

Dave Williams, KIN Judo Instructor and Director of the Greater San Jose After School All-Stars (GSASAS) Judo Program reported that his team was very successful in the recent National Middle School Tournament held right here at SJSU. Our middle school participants garnered a number of medals and high finishes. Lisa Abad, 13, won a Gold Medal, and Matthias Monteza, 13, took a Silver. Alexandra Duran, 12, and Matt Dong, 13, both won Bronze Medals with Marcello Estrada taking a tenth place finish overall. This was only the second Middle School Tournament held by USA Judo. Pan American Gold Medalist, Matthias Monteza, has been notified that he will be receiving assistance from USA Judo to attend the Copa Internacional Gigante and Copa of the Caribbean in Puerto Rico. Perhaps the most important accomplishment of the GSASAS was a 94% attendance rate over the 36 weeks of the program held here in the Department of Kinesiology facilities. This is especially important given that the primary goal of the GSASAS is to enhance academics using Judo as the attraction to the program.

In addition, Dr. Chen is the Advisor to the SJSU Badminton Club that won all four championships at the 2005 Northern California Collegiate Championships on April 30 in Spartan Complex. Bao Nguyen won the Men’s Singles, Nami Hayashi and Bao Nguyen won the Mixed Doubles, Nami Hayashi won the Women’s Singles, and Dan Nguyen and Quan Huynh won the Men’s Doubles.

Dr. Matt Masucci successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the University of Tennessee on December 19, 2004. Matt’s dissertation advisor was Dr. Joy Desensi, and Matt’s dissertation title was, “Playing with stories: Sporting narratives and the deliberation of moral questions.” Congratulations to Dr. Masucci!

Dr. Emily Wughalter was presented with the prestigious Honor Award for the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport at this year’s annual AAHPERD Conference in Chicago. The award, which has been in existence since 1975, is the association’s most prestigious honor and the recipients are considered to be exemplary of devoted service to the profession and have by their leadership and industry made an outstanding and noteworthy contribution to the advancement of girls and women in sport. Congratulations, Emily – well done!

Alev Tug Ergun, graduate student and part-time instructor for KIN attended the American College of Sports Medicine Health and Fitness Summit in Las Vegas from March 28 through April 1. Alev said she found the conference “very informational” and relevant for students in Kinesiology. Alev was particularly appreciative of the information she gained from the closing talk on “Eight necessities you should know about nutrition.” The information will be very applicable to the classes she teaches here in KIN.

Former faculty member, Dr. James Bosco, has been inducted into the Seniors USA Badminton Hall of Fame in recognition of his athleticism and sportsmanship. Jim is currently USA and Canadian Champion, US Senior Olympics and World Masters Champion in the 75-79-year-old category.

Thanks to our extraordinary kayaking instructor, Dr. Shirley Reekie, several faculty, staff, friends, and family were treated to a kayaking excursion from the Blue Whale Sailing School in Alviso. Taking part in the nearly nine mile voyage were Curt Sennewald, Joyce Vodegel, Dr. Jim Kao, Dr. Greg Payne, Linda Galdieri, Dr. Gong Chen and his son Victor, Dr. Sonja Lilienthal, and Dr. Reekie. The kayakers paddled up the slough out of Alviso and back on a Saturday last March.

Dr. Shirley Reekie presented an in-service program in February for rangers and
administrators of the City of San Jose Parks and Recreations Department. The topic of the inservice was teaching kayaking in the community.

**Dr. Sonja Lilienthal** was awarded a Junior Faculty Career Development Grant by the University. This grant entitles Dr. Lilienthal to partial one-semester release time and $1,000 for support of her project. To receive the award, prepared a proposal that was described as one of the “best submitted.” Congratulations to Sonja!

**Dr. Daniel Weng** conducted a workshop entitled, “Cardio Tai-chi for self defense,” at the 2005 AAHPERD National Conference in Chicago. Daniel’s co-presenters were **Dr. Paul Wright** of the University of Memphis and **Dr. Vita Wang** of N\a\i\o\n\a\l\i\o\n T\a\i\w\a\n Institute of P\h\y\s\i\c\a\l\e\d\u\c\e\d\a\t. Dr. Wang is a former World Champion in Karate. Daniel is also scheduled to teach a National Cardio-Tai-chi Judges Training Course at the National College of Physical Education and Sports in Taiwan in June. For more information about Cardio Tai-chi, log on to: www.cardio-taichi.org.

Congratulations to the San Jose State University Ballroom Dance Club, advised by KIN faculty member, **Dr. Bethany Shifflett**. The club was recently notified that they will receive a $500 grant from the Northern California Board of USDA Dance.

Congratulations to **Dr. Jim Kao, Dr. Matt Masucci and Jeff Roberts**. Jim and Matt, who have both been on our faculty for the past few years, have been hired into tenure track positions after serving in full-time temporary faculty under their last contracts. Jeff Roberts was rehired in a full-time temporary position after serving in a similar position for the past few years. Jim, Matt, and Jeff were all hired following in-depth national searches. Congratulations to all three. The department is fortunate to have faculty of this caliber.

**Dr. Emily Wughalter**, along with colleagues, **Dr. Gail Evans**, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies, and **Annette Nellen**, Chair, SJSU Academic Senate, traveled to Atlanta in February to the Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference to make a presentation on, “What it means to be an educated person.” The presentation reflected what we are doing in General Education here at SJSU, and was a part of the conference organized on general education and assessment.

**Dr. Susan Wilkinson** was recently notified by the Center for Faculty Development and Support that she was selected as a Teacher Scholar for next academic year. That includes assigned time for the Spring 06 semester. As a teacher scholar, she will be involved in cross-campus activities, reflections, conversations, and inquiry leading to the improvement of instruction here at SJSU and in general. Great job, Sue!

The Department of Kinesiology and **Dr. Gong Chen** hosted **Provost Xiaoquang Yu** of the Shenyang Institute of Physical Education and two of his colleagues from Shenyang, China. According to Dr. Chen, Provost Yu was very impressed with our programs. He also extended invitations to Department Chair, **Dr. Greg Payne**, and **Dr. Shirley Reekie**, Director of the Department’s Center for International Sport and Human Performance.

**Stephanie Pascucci**, graduate student and part-time instructor in KIN, was recently hired as head volleyball coach at Gavilan College in Gilroy. According to Stephanie, this will be a new program at that community college.

**Sol Aber**, KIN handball instructor was again featured in the local media (San Jose Mercury News) in an article about the success of one of his students. Sol has won nearly twenty national championships and is a United States Handball Association Grand Master. This time, however, the article focused on one of Sol’s students, nine-year-old, Eric Campbell. The fourth grader has been working under Sol’s tutelage, and won the United States Handball Association’s National Junior Four Wall Championship held in Des Moines, Iowa last December. Eric proclaims that the secret to his success has been “having really good coaches.” He dedicated his championship to Sol and Sol’s late playing partner Manny Nunez who died last October at the age of 80. Sol instructs many young players at the Central YMCA, and says, “It’s been an absolute thrill watching them progress…” Sol was also recently featured in an interview with Mike Schumann of Channel 7 News (ABC).

**Lee Pate**, part-time instructor in KIN, and her husband are the proud parents of a baby girl. Meredith Doreen Robbins weighed in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Meredith, welcome to the wonderful world. Congrats, Lee!
Faculty Service Awards

Dr. Stan Butler, Dr. Gail Evans, and Dr. Barbara Conry were honored on April 27, 2005 at the Faculty Service Awards Luncheon in the Barrett Ballroom of the SJSU Student Union. Stan was honored for completing fifteen years of service. Gail, who now serves as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies for SJSU, was honored for twenty years of service, and Barbara was recognized for completing thirty-five years of service to SJSU. Congratulations to Stan, Gail, and Barbara for their combined dedication and loyalty to this institution over a combined seventy years.

Bronzan Receives Award

Dr. Bob Bronzan, former Professor in our department, was selected to receive the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Corbett Award. The award is named after James J. Corbett. Corbett was an AD at Louisiana State University and was the NACDA’s inaugural president. The Corbett Award is presented annually to the person who has most exemplified James Corbett’s dedication to college athletics. Bronzan served in a number of capacities at SJSU including AD, football coach, and professor. Bronzan taught 14 different lecture courses in the Department of Kinesiology (or Physical Education as it was then known). Bronzan was also well known for his textbook, Planning and designing sports facilities. Bronzan also founded APER Consulting Services where he planned and designed sports facilities in most states and many countries. Bronzan is also well know for having coached two players who went on to become Super Bowl Champion coaches – Bill Walsh, former coach of the San Francisco 49ers, and Dick Vermeil, current coach of the Kansas City Chiefs.

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Mr. Uchida, President of Uchida Enterprises, Inc., was the founder of the Japanese American Chamber of Commerce of Silicon Valley in 1996 and currently serves as the Chair of their Advisory Board. Yosh was also elected President of United States Judo, Inc., the governing body for Judo in the United States. Yosh is recognized nationally and internationally for his efforts in promoting the sport of Judo. He was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure in 1986 by the Emperor of Japan. At SJSU, Yosh is probably best known for having coached the Judo team since 1946. The Judo team has now won 40 National Collegiate Championships being declared National Champs again just this past year. As recognition for his contributions to the community and the University, a building was dedicated in his name in 1997 – Yoshihiro Uchida Hall. Mr. Uchida was named by the San Jose Mercury News as one of the 100 people who have made Silicon Valley what it is today. Congratulations to Yosh for yet another honor!

Dr. Gong Chen was honored at the University Scholar Series held at the Spartan Bookstore on April 27. The event recognized twenty faculty authors who had published textbooks over the past year. Gong was the only one present who had published two books during that time.

Greg Payne
Nu-Gina Rogers (MA ’04) was recently hired as the Event Operations Manager for the San Jose State University Event Center. Congratulations to Nu-Gina, and best of luck in the new position.

Jamima (Sarah) Iley (BS ’98), a former Major of the Year and President of PEK has been competing in professional triathlons for the last four years, and now plans to pursue an MBA starting in the Fall of 2005.

Eva Seko Milovina (BS ’41) is retired and living in Cupertino in a retirement home with “many nice people.” Eva says she is “very happy.”

Rick Raich (BS ’77) is an owner/partner of Matusich-Raich Property Management Company. Rick coached baseball for years at San Jose City College, Santa Clara University, West Valley College, and Saratoga High School. Rick resides in San Jose.

Nick (BS ’01) and Jennifer Voight are living in Vacaville, CA. Nick completed coursework for his teaching credential and started student teaching this Spring. Jennifer now works coordinating classes and meetings for the University of California, Davis Extension Program.

Christina Lopes (BS ’02) completed her doctoral studies in physical therapy at New York University. She will now have a clinical affiliation with New York Children’s Foundling Hospital, but will ultimately work as a physical therapist for the Board of Education.

Patricia Hoyos (BS ’86) is teaching physical education at Everett Alvarez High School in Salina, CA where she is also head coach for cross country and track and field and coach of the girls’ freshman basketball team.

Megan Stone (BS 03) was recently accepted into the joint UCSF/SFSU Physical Therapy Program starting in July. Megan will be working toward completion of a 27-month masters and a nine-month clinical doctorate degree.

Michael Hagen (BS 01) is teaching at Independence High School in San Jose. Mike teaches special education (biology) to 11th graders, a “challenge that is well worth it.” He also runs the tennis program at IHS and is varsity girls and boys tennis coach. Mike says coaching is his “passion.” He says he “enjoys seeing the players progress from year to year.” Mike just recently received his masters degree in special education to add to his undergraduate degree in kinesiology.

Renel Ralston (BS 02) is enrolled in the physical therapy program at Fresno State.

Mario Verduzco (BS ’88, MA ’90) is the quarterbacks coach for the football team at the University of Northern Iowa. Mario was formerly a coach at Rutgers University for five years following a stint as Head Coach at DeAnza College.

Troy Bambino (BS ’91) has become an agent for the RE/MAX Gold Real Estate office in West Roseville, CA. Formerly, Troy was worked as a title insurance representative.

St. Saffold
KIN Distinguished Alum for 2005-2006

St. Saffold has been selected this year’s Distinguished Alum for the Department of Kinesiology. St. earned a BS in 1967 from San Jose State in Physical Education with a minor in History. He earned an MA in Counselor Education from SJSU in 1978. St. culminated nearly 44 years of service to San Jose State University with his retirement in 2004. His most recent position at SJSU was Associate Vice President for Campus Life, a senior executive office for the Student Affairs Division. Throughout his career at SJSU, he had also served as Acting Vice President for Student Affairs, campus Ombudsman, and Associate Dean of Student Services. In addition to his lengthy and illustrious professional career at SJSU, St. also had an impressive career as a SJSU athlete. He is one of only eleven players who scored at least 1,000 points for SJSU Men’s Basketball. He is still the tenth most prolific scorer in SJSU history, and is tied for fourth on the SJSU’s list of career rebounders. In football, he was SJSU’s leading scorer in 1966. He was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the 1966 NFL draft, and played professional football with the Cincinnati Bengals. St. was honored at the College of Applied Sciences and Arts Awards Ceremony on May 2nd.

James Johnson (BS ’48) is living in Millbrae, CA, and has been retired from high school teaching since 1982, but continued coaching high school track from 1982-2003.

Eleanor Hamilton Lyall (BS ’41) taught in a one-room school house, then high school physical education in Willows, CA. She later taught math and Spanish in Rosemead. At age 85, Eleanor is doing four different exercise programs.

Marcus Arroyo (BS ’03) has returned to SJSU as a graduate assistant to Head Football Coach Dick Tomey. Marcus had previously been coaching at Prairie View A&M University.
In mid-May the 22nd Annual National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Associations Championships were held at SJSU in 44A/B and the Event Center. The event drew hundreds of spectators from across the US. Sixteen youth teams from all over the nation competed for the title. The title game was eventually contested between the Long Island Lightning and the Milwaukee Wheelin’ Wizards with the Lightning coming out on top. Our department supported the event through the APA program and the work of our own Dr. Nancy Meggison, many of our own KIN students, and employees of the City of San Jose. Students from APA/E classes volunteered to help at the event. It was a big deal!!! Many dignitaries (City of San Jose Council members, etc.) were on hand, and it was tons of fun! Official play was on Friday, Saturday, and with the championship game on Sunday afternoon.

John Chu, current graduate student in KIN, was recently notified of his acceptance into the Physical Therapy Program at California State University, Sacramento.

This year’s KIN Scholarship recipients have been determined. The 2005 recipient of the Wade Wilson Scholarship was Hisashi Imura. The Joyce Malone Memorial Scholarship went to Shannon Anderson, and the Walt McPherson Scholarship went to Abbegail White. Certificates were presented to all recipients at the KIN Graduation Dinner on May 27th, and each of the recipients received a $500 check. Congratulations to each of our very deserving scholarship recipients.

Several members of the Department of KIN attended the Far West Athletic Trainers’ Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Sacramento on April 22-24, 2005. Faculty members, Dr. Leamor Kahanov and Jeff Roberts, as well as competency evaluator, Chris Warden, attended along with KIN students Cesar Cardenas, Emilio Escareno, Alexis Fruge, Kevin Geiger, Rebecca Maxfield, Becky Roark, Rachel Sorris, and Heather Terbeek. Attendees were able to benefit from multiple professional presentations and observations, networking, participation in mock certification exams, and gaining valuable professional development and continuing education. Many former SJSU graduate and undergraduate athletic training education programs students were also on hand.

Davor Vasiljevic, undergraduate student in KIN, received the Dean’s Undergraduate Scholarship for 2004-2005. Davor is a member of the SJSU Judo Team and has set his goal on becoming a member of the US Olympic Team. He volunteers regularly at fundraisers and tournaments, and has set his goal on completing his degree with honors. Long-term, Davor would like to become a physician and work with Judo programs for children.

Alternative Medicine in Athletics

On April 19, 2005, the Sports Medicine Club, the Career Center, and the Adapted Physical Activity Club joined efforts to hold a series of presentations on Alternative Medicine in Athletics. The event was held in the University Room on campus and featured three speakers: William H. Tolhurst, D.C., DIBAK, a member of the College of Applied Kinesiology Board of Standards; Michael McMurray, D.C., C.C.S.P., Western Regional Director and Instructor of Activator Method Chiropractic Technique; and Huy Doan, D.C., from the Southern University of health Sciences. The event was attended by approximately 70 people, and everyone who completed an evaluation to the event agreed or strongly agreed that the presenters were effective and the program was relevant, informative, and helpful. Thanks to the co-sponsorship of the Associated Students, the event was catered. Special thanks to organizer Evan Mountford, KIN undergraduate student in the Pre-professional program.

Department of KIN Major of the Year, Shirla Choy, was accepted into the Physical Therapy Program at the University of Puget Sound in Washing ton State. Congratulations and best wishes to Shirla!

Liz Addy, graduate student in athletic training, had her paper accepted for presentation at the NATA National Symposium in June, 2005. Her presentation is entitled, “Primary erythema nodosum in a collegiate basketball player.”

Congratulations to this year’s Department of Kinesiology National Association for Sports and Physical Education (NASPE) Majors of the Year, Shirla Choy and Courtney Siler. Shirla and Courtney were honored at an event at the Annual American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Chicago in mid-April.

The following students were accepted into the Undergraduate Athletic Training Education Program for Fall 2005.

Jennifer Crowder  
Candice Davis  
Eugene Deluna  
Matthew Dias  
Valentia Fey  
Alison Martinez  
Analilia Paredes  
Sofia Proano  
Alexis Reyes  
Deanna Rolando  
Kei Sato  
Yuya Waida  
Caitlin Wall  
Brittney Weekes  
Cara Wright.

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Thanks for your continued support of the department!
Honors Convocation

On April 22nd the University held its annual honors convocation to celebrate those students who have performed exceptionally well academically – the University’s President’s Scholars and Dean’s Scholars. President’s Scholars are those students who have achieved a 4.0 average for two contiguous semesters in the three preceding the honors convocation. Dean’s Scholars are those students who have achieved a 3.65 or higher for two contiguous semesters prior to the convocation.

Congratulations to
the following KIN Students who are
President’s and Dean’s Scholars
for 2004-2005

President’s Scholar
Brianne O’Fallon

Dean’s Scholars
Audra Baker
Shawna Bryant
Shirla Choy
David Clewett
John Colendich
David Crawford
Benjamin D’Antonio
Sally Elliott
Keri Fish
Molly Hamilton
Beth Harberts
Selena Hendrix-Smith
Yvette LeDuc
Lakisha Lee
Michelle Lee
Bichun Liu
Adriane Mertens
Joshua Mora
Korinn Myers
Anthony Novello

Announcements

Employment Survey
The Career Center at SJSU is conducting a salary and placement survey. We encourage you to take the survey, especially if you are a recent KIN grad at SJSU. To take the survey, go to the SJSU Career Center website at www.careersurveys.sjsu.edu /career_s05.htm. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and the information you supply is completely confidential being used for university statistical purposes. As described by the Career Center, this kind of instrument could be incentive for employers to raise salaries for future grads here at SJSU. For recent grads (’04 and ’05), taking the survey enters you in a raffle that could win you up to $150.

WASC Accreditation
Once every ten years, the university is required to be re-accredited. Over the last year or so, faculty, staff, administrators, and students across campus have been actively involved in this lengthy process. Several members of our department have also been very integrally involved in this important process. Dr. Bethany Shifflett, for example, is the Accreditation Review Coordinator. In short, she is directing the entire two-year intensive period of reflection and analysis related to the university’s capacity to deliver a quality education and the effectiveness with which it does. This year’s focus is on SJSU’s educational effectiveness. Dr. Greg Payne is serving on one of three essay teams and is authoring the section devoted to strategic planning. Dr. Ted Butryn, Dr. Barbara Conry, and KIN student, Kristina Denton serve on another team focused on bringing the voice of the students into the process with an essay on the student experience. Dr. Sonja Lilienthal is on the team preparing the concluding essay for the entire document being prepared for the WASC Accreditation. For more information on this important activity, please check the website: www.sjsu.edu/wasc.

Physical Education Standards
A Physical Education Standards Workshop was held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 right here at San Jose State. The workshop was presented by California teacher leaders who helped write the new standards as well as leaders from Health and Physical Education Subject Matter projects and National Board Certified Physical Education Teachers. Dr. Sue Wilkinson has been instrumental in the creation of the new standards and the Health and Physical Education Subject Matter Project.

According to Dr. Craig Cisar, the Department of Kinesiology was recently commended by the National Strength and Conditioning Association “For successfully meeting established criteria…,” in our program related to strength and conditioning. Thus, our program will be listed on the NSCA website with a link to our departmental website. Our program will also be listed in the Journal of Strength and Conditioning and the NSCA Bulletin.
In Memoriam

Anthony Suzeri (BS ’41), 85, on October 24, 2004 in Santa Cruz, CA. Anthony had been a pole vaulter at SJSU who cleared 14 feet using a bamboo pole. He qualified for the 1940 Olympics. He was a WWII veteran who had returned to the Bay Area where he owned and operated Sunzeri Liquors.

B.V. “Bob” Amyx (BS ’33), 92, on August 24, 2004 in San Jose. Bob was the first Director of the Santa Clara County Park System, and was a veteran of WWII. He was a native of California who had taught junior high school in Salinas and served as a superintendent of parks and recreation in Salinas.

Fred Silva (BS ’50), 77, in Palo Alto, CA. Fred was the first Athletic Director at San Jose City College and was a National Football League umpire for 21 years. He headed the Super Bowl officiating crew at the 1980 Super Bowl. He also played football at SJSU as both a running back and a linebacker.

Robert Covey (BS ’49), 79, on November 24, 2004 in Florence, Oregon. Robert coached at Napa High School during the 50s and later assisted Head Football Coach Dick Vermeil at Napa Valley College. Robert played football at both Napa Valley College and SJSU. He earned Most Valuable Player honors while at Napa Valley College.

Raymond “Jim” Ogden (BS ’69), 60, on October 3, 2004. Jim swam and played water polo for SJSU and was a Community College All-American swimmer at San Jose City College. He was a physical education teacher and coach in the Cupertino Union School District for 30 years and was beloved by his students. He was featured in a San Jose Mercury News Profiles in Courage article about his continuing to teach with ALS. He coached many middle school league championship teams while he had ALS. Jim was originally diagnosed with the disease in May of 2002.

Tom Fisher (BS’63), 61, on November 23, 2004 in Huntington Beach, CA. Originally from Pleasanton, Tom taught anatomy, physiology, and biology at Costa Mesa’s Estancia High School for 36 years. He also coached football and track and field at that institution.