At our applied strategic planning retreat on August 27, 2004, our full-time faculty, along with representatives from our staff and part-time faculty, met at the Los Gatos Lodge to review our department’s strategic plan. One of the most interesting topics that arose during the discussions was the name of our department, something that has been under discussion, off and on, for many years. Despite the controversial nature of the topic during past discussions, this time we found considerable agreement existed. After a bit of discussion, a motion was made to change the name of the department from Human Performance to Kinesiology. It passed by a clear consensus.

As you may know, what we call ourselves has been the topic of discussion for years – not only at San Jose State, but across the country. Departments throughout the nation began changing their names from the traditional “Physical Education” over the past quarter century as our disciplines began to expand beyond teaching and coaching. In fact, this department was one of the first to undergo a name change going from Physical Education to Human Performance in 1977.

The rationale for the most recent vote was relatively simple. Our programs lead to a degree in Kinesiology. That term is currently mandated by an agreement of the approximately twenty departments of our kind in the California State University System. And, as a result of all departments in the CSU having the same degree name, our discipline is now the tenth most popular in the entire CSU. Having a department name that conforms to the degree name is also important from a marketing perspective. We have often wondered how many potential students never found us because they were looking for the Department of Kinesiology to match the degree that they were going to pursue.

In addition, Kinesiology has gradually become the term of choice throughout the CSU, and across the nation. The following are samples of department names currently employed in the CSU:

- CSU, Sonoma – Kinesiology
- San Francisco State University – Kinesiology
- CSU, San Bernardino - Kinesiology
- CSU, Northridge – Kinesiology
- CSU, Fresno – Kinesiology
- Cal Poly, Pomona – Kinesiology and Health Promotion
- Cal Poly, SLO – Kinesiology and Physical Education
- CSU, Fullerton – Kinesiology and Health Promotion
- CSU, Hayward – Kinesiology and Physical Education
- CSU, Long Beach – Kinesiology and Physical Education
- CSU, Los Angeles – Kinesiology and Nutritional Science
- CSU, Sacramento – Kinesiology and Health Science

The term, “kinesiology” is derived from the Greek words kineis and logos. Kineis means “to move,” and logos means “to study.” More broadly defined for our purposes, Kinesiology refers to the art and science of human movement.

Our actions to officially change the name of our department have been officially approved. It required an approval from the Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies, and the University Provost. So, from here on out, it’s Kinesiology at SJSU. The official departmental prefix is KIN, and all departmental course numbers will be preceded by that prefix starting Fall of 2005.

Greg Payne
Dr. Shirley Reekie was interviewed by KNTV Channel 11 on the history of the Olympics, ancient and modern. Sections of the interview were shown daily for several days leading up to the actual competitions in Athens in August. The information included several of Shirley’s “little known facts” about the games.

Shirley has also been working with the Head Rangers at Lake Cunningham Regional Park over the past three years to secure two grants totaling nearly $25,000. The grants are from the California Department of Boating and Waterways for the teaching of safe kayaking. With these funds the department was able to purchase 21 kayaks, paddles, safety gear, and a custom built trailer to transport the kayaks and equipment.

Dr. Leamor Kahanov presented, “Drug dispensation in athletic training rooms” at the Far West Athletic Training Symposium last July

Sol Aber, KIN Handball instructor, continued his winning ways by winning the National Master’s Doubles in the 75 year-old category. In June, Sol won in Singles for the 85 year-old category and Doubles for the 80 year-olds. Sol has been playing and teaching handball for 54 years; he credits the game for saving him from life threatening leukemia. Sol learned the game growing up in New York City, and continues his play today at the Central YMCA. Sol holds 19 national titles, and is a United States Handball Association Grand Master. In November, Sol was inducted, for the second time, into the Northern CA Handball Hall of Fame.

Dr. Sonja Lilienthal has been appointed to the National Association of Sports and Physical Education (NASPE) Sports Management Council (SMC) Executive Committee for a three year term. This Council works to promote the development of quality sport management programs.

Dr. Junko Linafelter visited her home country of Japan last May and made several presentations. Junko’s talks included one sponsored by the Shimizu Health Committee entitled, “Exercise for body and mind,” where she emphasized the importance of holistic approaches to health. Junko also presented at Eiwa University where she spoke on yoga and Pilates. Finally, she taught an instructor’s certification training course for the Shizuoka Aerobic Federation.

Carol Sullivan organized and held the annual Aerobichthon in early December. Carol’s event has become a mainstay in the department, being held at the end of each fall semester. The purpose of the activity is to publicize the department, especially the aerobics component of our activity program, while giving students a chance to de-stress right before finals. Several experts from a variety of forms of aerobic dance led the exercise, and hundreds of participants enjoyed the activity.

Last August, Dr. Daniel Weng and Dr. Gong Chen hosted the 2004 Inaugural “Tai Chi for Fitness” International Wushu Championships here at San Jose State University. Demonstrations included the Central Police University of Taiwan in an exhibition of Shuai-Chiao (Chinese grappling) with the chief instructor from that university demonstrating techniques and applications used in police training in Taiwan. The event was both a tournament and an exhibition designed to celebrate Chinese Martial Arts. An additional purpose of the event was to provide a world-class setting for martial artists from throughout the world to test their abilities while increasing awareness of Tai Chi and its lifelong benefits. The event was sponsored by SJSU, World Cardio Tai-Chi Association, and the United States Shuai-Chiao Association.

Dave Williams, Judo instructor for KIN, and director of the After-School All-Stars Judo Program held in our facility, is proud to announce that all of his 14 participants in the US Judo National Junior Olympics Tournament held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL placed with two taking Gold Medals, two taking Silver, and three taking Bronze. According to Dave, this was an “internationally loaded event, making the success of our athletes that much more significant.” This program is designed to serve the needs of the children of the campus community with a five-day-a-week after-school program combining homework assistance, computer training, life skills, and of course, Judo. Executive Director for After-School All-Stars is John Poch, a KIN graduate.

Dave has had incredible success with this program designed to give kids positive alternatives to gangs, drugs, and violence. Dave’s group provides as much instruction on math skills and computers as they do on Judo, though Judo is the inducement. Nevertheless, their success on the mat has been remarkable with one student, Matthias Montez, qualifying for the Junior Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in November. Matthias eventually captured the Gold Medal in the Pan American Games event, and led the way for the US athletes who captured a total of 24 medals. Matthias won the Gold Medal match over a Venezuelan athletie in less than thirty seconds.

In reference to that event, Dave said, “I am personally more excited about this event than any I have been involved with in a very long time – Matthias has become the best 12 year old judo player in this hemisphere.” Matthias was honored at a special presentation on November 15th in Uchida Hall. Congratulations to our ASAS Judo coaches Dave Williams and Jarrett Miner for the terrific job in preparing Matthias. A very special THANK YOU to Mark Foston of the San Francisco 49ers who provided $2,600 and Dean Munro of the San Jose Sports Authority for providing $600 to cover the travel expenses for our ASAS delegation to the Pan American Games. As Dave says, “The more of these kids who see a college campus, the better our chances in getting them to return as students.”
Dr. Gong Chen published a new book entitled, A complete guide to self-defense. The book, published by Kendall/Hunt, comes complete with a video CD. Gong also published a book in China with co-author, Professor Zhang, of Beijing University, one of the premier universities in China. During a recent visit to China, Dr. Chen presented a four-day seminar at the Nationwide University Self-Defense Instructor Training Program. The seminar was hosted by Beijing University as a part of the Five Year Plan of the Chinese Ministry of Education. As a part of the seminar, Gong was interviewed by China’s Central TV Educational Channel.

In conjunction with Lei Cai, part-time badminton instructor for KIN, Gong organized the 2004 Northern California Chinese Athletic Federation Badminton Tourney in July and the 2004 Northern California Badminton Open Tournament during Labor Day weekend. This is the single largest badminton tournament in Northern California with more than 30 players attending from the Los Angeles area, several other top US players and Junior National players, in addition to many local competitors.

Jeff and Katie Roberts are the PROUD mother and father of a new baby boy, RYAN WESLEY, born 6:12pm Saturday, October 9, 2004. Ryan weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces, was 20 inches long, and has dark hair. Congratulations!

Dr. Ted Butryn was present-ed with this year’s Sociology of Sport Journal Outstanding Article Award for this work on “Posthuman podiums: Cyborg narratives of elite track and field athletes.” This is a very impressive accomplishment and a major honor for Ted.


Dr. Bethany Shiflett and Dr. Nancy Megginson have teamed-up with developers Dick Heuser and Jay Wiener from ISOMAX to study the efficacy of their new Therapeutic Exercise Equipment and Software. ISOMAX will be donating one of the devices, worth nearly $10,000, to the department in exchange for Dr. Shiflett and Dr. Megginson establishing the reliability of the data produced by using the ISOMAX equipment.

Joelle Maletis and her partner, Bud Ayers, Jr., danced waltz, Viennese waltz, cha cha, and mambo for the Hispanic Charity Foundation of Silicon Valley during their Annual Fund Raiser in late October. Among the attendees was San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzalez along with hundreds of others. One of the sponsors of the event was the San Jose Mercury News. All in all, it was a very high profile opportunity for Joelle and Bud.

Joelle has also taken on a new job as choreographer with the Make a Wish Foundation to help grant a young girl’s wish to have a cotillion.

Dr. Daniel Weng visited Taiwan from mid-June until mid-July where he was busy promoting Cardio Tai-chi. The ministry of Education there has approved a project for Daniel to certify instructors in Cardio Tai-Chi. His first session was in Taipei and attracted nearly 100 professionals including a Bronze Medalist in Tai-Chi from the Asian Games, a medical doctor, a fifth degree Kendo Master, a Gold medalist from the World Karate Championships, and several winners of dance and aerobic dance competitions, as well as several professors. The activity received exceptional news coverage including a full page story in Taiwan’s nationwide newspaper.

Daniel also visited Beijing on December 15th to give a presentation of Cardio Tai-chi at Capital Academy of Physical Education in Beijing. In addition to these promotional activities, he lead the US Shuai-chiao Team to compete in the 2004 Tianjin International Shuaijiao Tournament in China.

Dr. Nancy Megginson – attended the Paralympics in Athens, Greece. Her trip was highlighted in an article in the Spartan Daily. For more information on the Paralympics go to the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games website and the USA Paralympics website. One of the highlights for Nancy at this year’s Paralympic Games was the participation of KIN Alum Marlon Lopez who competed in the Judo competition. A two-time Bronze Medalist in the Paralympics, Marlon finished seventh this year.

Nancy also directed and organized the 5th Annual Bill Duncan Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in Spartan Complex in early December. Nine teams, from as far as Canada and Illinois, competed with a local team, the Golden State Road Warriors, winning all four of their games. Students from Nancy’s adapted physical activity classes help run the tournament. According to the Spartan Daily, Mike Harris, a KIN major, was surprised at how “physical” the games were. He was particulary surprised at how often the athletes’ chairs tumbled over, and how quickly they “popped” back up.

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Pat Finch Retires

After thirty-three years of dedicated service to SJSU and the Department of Kinesiology, Pat Finch decided to retire. Pat’s retirement was official at the end of Spring semester, 2004. To honor Pat, and his commitment to the University, the Department sponsored a luncheon in mid-December. Emeritus Faculty, Lee Walton presided over the event with brief speeches from colleagues like Dr. Emily Wughalter, Curt Sennewald, and Carol Bare. The department wishes Pat the very best in his retirement, and a hearty and sincere thank you for thirty-three years of loyalty, dedication, and caring.
NYSP and Kaiser Honored by SJSU Foundation

For the last several years, Kaiser Permanent has donated considerable time and effort to provide physical exams to approximately 300 children annually who participate in our annual National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) held here on campus every summer. Dr. Stan Butler of the Department of Kinesiology has directed the program for all 11 years that the program has been on campus. The longstanding relationship between our NYSP Program and Kaiser Permanent was honored at the annual dinner meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Jose State Foundation in September. Over 3,000 children have been served by this free five-week program held every summer in Spartan Complex. Each child receives a free medical exam from Kaiser Permanente at Kaiser’s San Jose Medical Center. According to Dr. Butler, “Attending college is not on the radar screen of many of these young people.” Having the opportunity to spend time on a college campus increases the likelihood that they will one day be college students. While on campus, participants take part in sports events, but also learn about healthy lifestyles through an array of classes taken during the five weeks. With the help of the SJSU Foundation, Kaiser is seeking to expand their involvement in the NYSP Program with meetings currently in place to build on the past successes.

Tom O’Neill featured in Los Gatos Times

Retired Emeritus KIN Professor, Tom O’Neill was featured in an article in the Los Gatos Times entitled, “All-American. Tom retired officially in 1990, but still comes to campus regularly to swim. The focus of the article was Tom’s impressive career as a diver where he won several Gold Medals in the 1944 Allied Sports Commission competition during WWII. Eventually Tom made his way back to the States and the University of Michigan where he earned All-American honors. Following his undergraduate degree, Tom moved to California to pursue his graduate degree at Stanford. In 1956, Tom began his lengthy career at San Jose State. Initially, he taught lifesaving, swimming, water safety, and diving. Gradually, he evolved into teaching ballroom dancing where many have said, the students loved him!” According to Tom’s barber in Los Gatos, and as we all know, “Tom is an exceptional person.”

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Ego Resigns, Christensen Steps-in

Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Dr. Michael Ego, has resigned his position to assume a position as Associate Vice Provost in charge of a regional campus of the University of Connecticut in Stamford, Connecticut about an hour north of New York City. Dr. Ego has been at SJSU for nearly fifteen years, and has served as Dean for the last twelve years. As Dean, Ego has overseen nearly 4,000 students in ten academic departments. Those departments contain nearly 300 faculty and 60 staff members. Ego completed his tenure as Dean here at SJSU in December, and assumes his new duties beginning in January.

Dr. Carol Christensen, former Chair of KIN, will assume responsibilities as Interim Dean for Spring Semester 2005. The university has announced its goal of trying to find a permanent replacement for the Dean of College of Applied Sciences and Arts by July, 2005. Carol’s part-time Associate Dean for Spring semester will be Dr. David Furst, also a member of the Department of KIN faculty. Congratulations to Carol and David. KIN will have a considerable presence in the Dean’s Office this Spring.

AT Grad Program Review and Site Visit

During the month of October, the department hosted two site visitors who came to campus specifically to evaluate the ongoing quality of our Graduate Athletic Training Program. The program, one of only thirteen nationally accredited graduate programs in this area, must be periodically evaluated to maintain its accreditation. Dr. Leamor Kahanov directs the program and made extensive efforts to prepare for the visit. Based on final comments of the evaluation team at their exit interview, the program will maintain its accreditation, and was commended for a number of strengths. Specific commendation was noted for our geographic location, the favorable reputation that the program has developed, the diversity of our graduate students, the broad array of clinical settings in which our students work, and the cooperative relationship our program has with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Congratulations and thanks to Dr. Kahanov for very positive commentary offered by the review team and all the hard work necessary to prepare for the site visitation.
Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (BS ’58) chose not to seek a third term in the Senate. According to a recent article in Washington Square, Campbell said, “it was time to return to my ranch and family.” Campbell has also battled some health issues over the last few years that may also have contributed to his decision. Campbell was a one-time Olympic Judo athlete and was active with the Spartan Judo team while at SJSU.

Dr. Gail Prentiss, KIN
Distinguished Alum in 1998, is living in Vista, CA following her retirement two years ago. Gail worked forty years in education with 35 years at Mira Costa College. She now travels extensively having been to Antarctica, Peru, Ecuador, Europe, and many other exciting spots.

Bruce Shimizu (BS ’69) was recently appointed director of student and community services in the Fremont Union High School District. Bruce was formerly the principal at Andrew Hill High School in San Jose.

Tim Vanoli (BS ’83) was recently appointed associate superintendent of instructional services in the Salinas Union High School District. Tim had previously been employed as vice principal at Salinas High School and was director of Mission Trails Regional occupational Program.

Sam Piraro (BS ’75, MA ’82), head Spartan baseball coach, was honored by the American Baseball Coaches Association for having won in excess of 800 games in his thirty seasons as a coach. Sam will begin this season as the most successful (based on number of wins) baseball coach in Spartan history.

Marlon Lopez (BS ’01) participated in the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens last September. Marlon, a two-time Bronze Medalist in the 155 pound class in Judo in the 1996 and 2000 games was unable to medal this year after attempting to move up to the 180 pound class. He finished seventh overall. Marlon lost much of his vision as a nine-year-old as a result of complications from Johnson’s Syndrome. In an article in the Spartan Daily, Marlon was quoted as saying, “I came to SJSU as a result of the well-known Judo Program as well as the Kinesiology Department.”

Tedford Andrews (BS ’41) is in his 19th year of retirement after 39 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Glendale Unified School District. Mr. Andrews still resides in Glendale, CA.

Mark Landefeld (MA, 04), led the Sport Management Club effort to provide opportunities for ten students in the set-up, Event Day, and teardown for the Big Kahuna Triathlon held in Santa Cruz.

Eva Milovina (BS ’49) is happily retired and living in Cupertino, CA.

Rocio Contreras (BS ’04) was recently accepted into the Doctorate in Physical Therapy Program at University of the Pacific.

“Big Fish” Featured in Newspaper Article
Retired KIN Professor, Lee Walton, was featured in an article in The Pinnacle in late June. The article, entitled, “Big Fish,” focused on Lee’s amazing career as both a player and coach in water polo. Lee was an alternate to the US Olympic team in 1956, and was voted to the Helms Hall of Fame (similar to an all-state team) in 1957. He was later inducted into the San Jose State Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach. The article maintains that Lee’s most significant legacy was his 349-115 record as a coach of the Spartans water polo team. This included an NCAA championship, and coaching 25 All-Americans.

Claudine Simpson, (BS 66, MA ’69) resides in Santa Rosa, CA where she is “enjoying life, leading a healthy lifestyle, traveling, and cycling.”

Ken Venturi (BS ’53), renowned professional golfer and television analyst, was inducted into the Spartan Hall of Fame as a Spartan Legend on October 1st. Venturi, who was the state amateur champion, won 14 tournaments as a pro golfer before becoming a commentator and analyst.

Denee Signorelli Schakow (MA ’00) was recently notified that a videotape she wrote, taped, edited, and produced as a part of her graduate program here in the Department of Kinesiology was accepted for distribution by the nation’s top eating disorder company, Gurze Books. The video is entitled, “It’s OK to be you.” Denee’s project was directed by Dr. David Furst. The video can be located at www.gurze.net/site12_5_00/video2.htm.
KIN Majors, Ezekiel Staples (football) and Kinji Green (football) were nominated for Academic All-America Honors. Student athletes nominated for this honor must have a minimum of a 3.2 GPA for a full year and have played a significant role for their team. KIN major, Shirla Choy, was also honored as a part of the Spartan women’s gymnastics team. The team was honored by the NCAA for having over a 3.0 GPA.

Nu-Gina Rogers and Tanya Ledger are in their second year in Event Operations at Spartan Stadium. They have now worked on more than 100 events at the stadium and have provided many opportunities for other SJSU sport management students. Many Department of Kinesiology students served as ushers, worked in customer service, and helped in event operations at the Spartans game versus Morgan State in mid-September.

Donnie Gauvin, graduate student in Kinesiology, was recently hired as an Assistant Coach for the Stanford Men’s Basketball team. Donnie is a former player and student at the University of Nevada at Reno.

Rod Galindo, KIN undergraduate student in the Adapted Physical Activity Emphasis, was recognized by VIA, an organization dedicated to serving children and adults with disabilities, with a Community Leadership Award on October 14th at the San Jose Marriott. Rod is Vice-President of the KIN Adapted Physical Activity Club and also works at Camp Costanoan as an activity coordinator.

Brian O’Fallon, a 2004 President’s Scholar, and this department’s NASPE Major of the Year, was selected to receive the 2004 Dean’s Scholarship sponsored by the SJSU Alumni Association. The $1250 scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic achievement and community service, and was presented by Dean Michael Ego at a ceremony in the University Room in late September. Brianne has been active in working at a community pregnancy center, and has taught first grade Sunday School at her church for the past four years. She plans to become a physical therapist and is interested in a gymnastics coaching career. Brianne cites both Dr. Peggy Plato and Jeff Roberts as professors who have influenced her educational career choices. “Jeff is truly a professional,” according to Brianne. And, “Dr. Plato has been a constant source of encouragement.” Brianne says, “Whenever I get stressed out about school, I know she will offer me good advice.”

All of our undergraduate Athletic Training students who graduated last May have passed the NATABOC National Certification Exam. They include:

- Cindy Mak
- My Nguyen
- Anthony Reyes
- Michelle Schukraft
- Amy Simoni
- Lauren Small

Several of our recent Graduate Athletic Training Program grads have secured impressive new jobs. Examples include:

- Adam Halpren - US Ski Team at Lake Tahoe
- Amber Northam - Clinical Coordinator at St. Angelo State University
- Kim Duskin - United States Olympic Committee in San Diego
- Andy Lempart, current graduate student in our sports management program, is leading the SJSU Touchdown Club, an organization dedicated to involving more SJSU students in Spartan Football. Abby White and Yodit Mesmer are also assisting in the effort serving as Football Fan Club interns.

Nadia DuBoise, current student in our Sport Management Concentration, is assisting Dr. Bill Fisher in academic counseling of SJSU athletes.

Department of Kinesiology graduate student, Mary Rosenberger, along with Dr. Craig Cisar, Dr. Peggy Plato, and Minerva Duke, presented, “Perception of fitness and fitness testing in adults,” at the Southwest American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in October in Las Vegas.

John Malinowski, a student in our Graduate Athletic Training Program, and Lauren Small, a student in our Athletic Training Undergraduate Program co-presented at the Far West Athletic Trainers’ Annual Symposium in July.

The following members of the Sports Medicine Club provided voluntary medical services to participants in the Three Day Breast Cancer Walk from San Mateo to San Francisco on Sunday, October 17, 2004: Roger Pries, Laurel Stender, Shawna Bryant, Caitlin Wall, Charity DeGuzman, Robert Standley, Shirla Choy, Nikole Shaw, Molly Hamilton and Becky Roark. The students braved inclement weather to provide taping/wound care services and treatment of injuries for the walkers in support of a most worthy cause. The medical coverage was coordinated by Ellen Payne, MA, ATC, CSCS, a graduate of the Graduate Athletic Training Program and Head Athletic Trainer at Woodside Priory High School in Portola Valley.

The following individuals have accepted positions in the Undergraduate Athletic Training Education Program for the Spring, 2005 semester: Johnny Hennessy, Korinn Myers, Jack Cooney, Alexis Fruge, Alex Leach, Lynn Castro, Jay Thomas, Rebecca Maxfield, Shaun Simmons, Katherine Wilson, Emilio Escareno, Hank House, Hiromasa Takano and Hanh Nguyen. This represents the largest incoming class in the program's relatively brief accredited history. Congratulations to all and welcome to the Athletic Training Program!
Dr. Ted Butryn made several presentations this Fall semester. They included two presentations and a workshop at the AAASP (Association for the advancement of Applied Sport Psychology) in Minneapolis. One was entitled, “Taking multiculturalism to the next level: Practical suggestions for integrating issues of race and ethnicity into the applied field.” The other was co-presented by M.S. Johnson and was entitled, “Close to you?: A qualitative analysis of relationships in college football.”

Ted’s workshop was co-presented with three colleagues, and it was entitled, “Comparing methods and epistemologies across paradigms: Considerations for applied Sport Psychology research.”

In November, Ted traveled to the NASSS (North American Society for the Sociology of Sport) Conference in Tucson where he presented, “We lie, we cheat, we steal”: Media portrayals of Latinos in the WWE.

Dr. Greg Payne is SJU’s 2004 nominee for the Wang Family Excellence Award in the category of Education and Professional and Applied Sciences, a CSU-wide Award to recognize and celebrate those CSU faculty who, through dedication and extraordinary commitment, have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievement.” The Wang Award recipients, one in each category for the entire CSU, will be honored and presented with a $20,000 check at a meeting of the CSU trustees in May.

Dr. Emily Wughalter has been elected President of the Western Society for Physical Education of College Women. She assumed the position of President-elect at the November conference held at Wonder Valley Resort near Yosemite, and will become President at next year’s meeting. Congratulations, Emily!

Dr. Nancy Megginson and students from the Adapted Physical Activity Club in the Department of Kinesiology organized the 2004 Ability in Disability Expo Showcase held on November 15, 2004. The event showcased various sports played by people with disabilities, and was designed to help students and others understand the nature of disabilities in relationship to sports. Sports that were showcased included seated volleyball, bocce ball, wheelchair basketball, and goal ball. Goal ball features a ball that beeps or rings as it is rolled. Two blindfolded, visually impaired, or blind teams try to stop the progress of the ball as the opposition tries to score a goal. According to an article in the Spartan Daily, Nachele Stephenson, President of the Adapted Physical Activity Club said, “Games are vital to people with disabilities, because, like everyone else, they want to be involved. It’s an important service to provide.”

Faculty Emeritus, Tom O’Neill, was honored at a dinner on Friday, October 29 when he was inducted into the Menlo-Atherton High School Hall of Fame. Tom was inducted, along with the 1955-56 water polo team, for coaching them to an undefeated season. His wife, two of his daughters, a sister-in-law, and his granddaughter were there to see him receive the plaque and medal.

Dr. Leamor Kahanov, Dr. Gong Chen, and Dr. Greg Payne all presented at the Western College Physical Education Society Annual Meeting in Reno in mid-October. Leamor presented as a part of a forum on “The influence of external agencies on curriculum.” Gong presented as a part of a forum on “The role of activity programs in higher education,” and Greg made the keynote presentation on “Barriers to success: Our own worst enemies?”

Dr. Greg Payne was invited to San Francisco to make a presentation to journalists at a conference sponsored by the University of Maryland Casey Journalism Center. The emphasis of the conference was “Covering children’s health.” Dr. Payne’s presentation was on “The shape of their future: Nutrition, obesity, and exercise.” Journalists attending included representatives from People Magazine, NBC Nightly News, and SJ Mercury News.

Greg made another presentation on December 8 as a part of the SJU Scholar series hosted by the University Provost. Greg’s presentation was at the Spartan Bookstore, and he talked about aging and physical activity.

Dr. Gong Chen is in the final stages of his book on Tai Chi that is scheduled for publication in February.

Dr. Sonja Lilienthal has organized her HuP 283 graduate class based on the format of the Donald Trump reality television show, “The Apprentice.” One team was assigned to accompany MUSE freshmen on their camping trip in October. The task was successfully completed as team members survived the weekend and presented a two hour seminar on being "Fit to Lead".

A second team was assigned to organize a Graduate/Faculty Social. This task was also successfully completed with more than 35 graduate students attending the event. Everyone enjoyed a great BBQ, socialization, giveaways, an obstacle course and in game promotions at the SJSU versus Fresno State Women's Volleyball Game.

A third and fourth team sponsored and organized a Sport Marketing Forum. Attendance was fantastic with over seventy KIN and Business students enjoying light refreshments provided by the Sport Management Club. Three speakers from the Golden State Warriors, San Jose Sabercats and San Francisco 49ers kept the audience engaged. The attendees were greeted with professionally produced programs, name badges, and were attended to by seven students dressed in matching Sport Management shirts.

Congratulations to all the teams and their success to date. As Dr. Lilienthal has said, “Trump would be proud!”
In Memoriam

Herbert Hudson (’39) was a former SJSU varsity football player, naval officer, and a coach at College of San Mateo for 33 years prior to his retirement in 1979. He served as the Athletic Director as CSM for a decade. Herbert coached Bill Walsh, John Madden, and Billy Wilson, among many others.

Al Vedovelli (BS ’47) a KIN grad and former football player for SJSU, Al passed away in July in Palo Alto. A Morgan Hill resident, Al owned his own insurance business for years, but spent some of his early years coaching at Linden High School in Stockton. Al is well-known for returning to campus in recent years to audit classes in the department. Al and his big poodle, Rudy, will be missed.

Announcements

Library Receives Top National Recognition

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Library received the 2004 Library of the Year Award for “path-breaking collaboration” with the City Of San Jose. The Award was formally announced in the August issue of Library Journal. This recognition was in addition to two other awards received by the library over the past year. One was the Silver Anvil Award, the highest award in public relations from the Public Relations Society of America. This award was in recognition of the public relations behind the opening and the continued operation of the new library. In receiving this award, the library exceeded other nominees like Frito-Lay, National Public Radio, Cingular Wireless, Hewlett-Packard, Duracell, and Amazon.com. Finally, the library also received a Savings and Design Award for being so energy efficient.

On Saturday, November 13th, the SJSU Ballroom Dance Club hosted the 9th Annual Collegiate Dance Competition in the Ballroom of our Student Union. In addition to traditional ballroom dances (e.g., Waltz, Tango, Cha Cha, Swing), there was also a fantastic Night Club Division including dances like Salsa, Merengue, Lindy, and West Coast Swing. It was a terrific event open to dancers at all levels of ability – newcomers to seasoned competitors. If you would like more information, contact the faculty advisor, Dr. Bethany Shifflett at 924-3016, call the club’s phone at 924-SPIN, or check the club’s website at http://www2.sjsu.edu/orgs/sjsubdc/

Starting Fall 2005, the Undergraduate Athletic Training Program will be offering a $250 annual scholarship in honor of Dr. Martin Trieb, renowned Bay Area Orthopedist who has been so instrumental in the amazing growth and success of both our undergraduate and graduate programs. We are one of only five programs in the United States to have accredited programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.