

Chair's Message...

One of our department's ongoing strategic initiatives is *Communication and Advocacy with Key Campus Entities*. In other words, in a very pre-planned, thoughtful, and strategic way, we want our faculty to be involved in activities at all levels of the university. We want to be in places where we can influence the campus in a way that is supportive and positive for the university while helping our department and our students. We want to be, be seen, and be known as active, productive, caring, and involved citizens of the university. Though our planned strategic initiative has evolved over just the last four or five years, this department's active involvement across campus has existed for many years. I remember when I first came to campus over two decades ago. I was so impressed at how many of our faculty were campus leaders. **Dr. Mary Bowman**, and later **Dr. Bill Gustafson**, served stints as Dean of our College. **Dr. Clair Jennett** served as Chair of the Academic Senate and was a Statewide Academic Senator to the whole CSU Senate. And, that's just the short list as many other faculty members served the university. That generation of faculty members set the tone and influenced us to the point that, through our strategic initiative, we have consciously made a choice to continue that kind of involvement across campus. In short, we have been incredibly successful.

Examples include **Dr. Carol Christensen** who is retiring after several years as Associate Dean and Interim Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA). Prior to becoming involved in CASA administration, Carol was a faculty member specializing in exercise physiology. **Dr. David Furst**, while maintaining many of his responsibilities as a faculty member in our department with an expertise in psychology and sociology of sport, has served as a part-time Associate Dean of CASA for the past couple of semesters. **Dr. Barbara Conry** was recently appointed full-time Interim Associate Dean for CASA starting Spring, 2006. So, Barbara will be vacating her teaching responsibilities in stress management and philosophy of sport to assume new duties in the CASA Office. **Dr. Bethany Shifflett** has served as Director of the university's accreditation process for the past couple of years, and is now crossing over to assist in the office of university strategic planning. Bethany still teaches measurement and evaluation for KIN while splitting her duties across campus. **Dr. Cathy Buell**, one of our former experts in the area of teacher education in physical education was recruited by the College of Education to chair their Department of Secondary Education. She has now served in that capacity for the past four years. For the past several years, **Dr. Gail Evans** has served as the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies with oversight responsibilities for the undergraduate programs across the entire campus. Gail was formerly our specialist in human biomechanics. Yet another KIN faculty member who has moved on to broader responsibilities across campus is **Dr. Emily Wughalter**. Emily is now the Associate Dean for First Year Experience and oversees the transition program for new student coming into the university. Emily formerly served as our resident expert in Motor Behavior.

These folks are just a few of the many KIN faculty who have enabled us to be successful toward our initiative regarding *Communication and Advocacy with Key Campus Entities*. Clearly we are staying abreast of campus activities and are in position to help guide the university at large through the next era.

So, in closing, you may be wondering who is left to teach the KIN students. You can be assured that we still have an incredible array of outstanding teachers. They include many of the same faces with two new tenure track faculty hired just last year – **Dr. Jim Kao** (biomechanics and motor development) and **Dr. Matt Masucci** (interdisciplinary area). We are also in the process of searching for three new tenure track faculty to start work with us in the Fall of 2006. Specifically, we are seeking faculty in the areas of athletic training, teacher education, and sports management. With the addition of those positions we will be poised to take on the next several years of kinesiology here at SJSU.

Greg Payne

Dr. Gong Chen published the second edition of his book, *Badminton*. The book is published by XanEdu Publishing Company and it comes complete with a video CD. Gong also published a textbook entitled, *Tai Chi for Health*. This book also includes a video CD, and was published by Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company. In addition, in June of this past year, Gong participated in a three-day self defense training for university instructors in the Southeast Region of China. This event was sponsored by the Bureau of Education of Zhenjiang Province. During his stay in China, Gong also made a presentation on self-defense on Chinese television in Shaoxing City in Zhenjiang Province. Finally, last August, Dr. Chen organized the 5th Annual SJSU Summer Badminton Camp with more than 50 participants as well as the 3rd Annual Northern California Chinese Athletic Association Badminton Tournament.

Dr. Susan Wilkinson, formerly the Site Director for BayPEHP (Bay Area Physical Education and Health Project) at San Jose State University, has been appointed Interim Statewide Executive Director for California Physical Education-Health Project (CPEHP). Sue has been a member of the CPEHP leadership team and a Site Director since 1996.



Sue's appointment is indicative of the respect Sue holds in her area of specialization. Her commitment to quality physical education and health programs is apparent in her extensive publication and research record, and her participation in the California K-12 Physical Education Content Standards

Kao Receives Gold Award

Dr. Jim Kao (MA '97) was the 2005 recipient of the San Jose State University, College of Applied Sciences and Arts Gold Award. The Gold Award is presented to the Outstanding Graduate of the last decade. This is the second time in the four year history of the prestigious award that a graduate of the Department of Kinesiology has received this honor. In 2002, the first year the award was presented, **Dr. Ted Butryn** (MA '97) received the recognition.



Dr. Jim Kao

Dr. Kao was presented with the medal representing the award at the Homecoming Gala and Gold Awards Ceremony held in the SJSU Event Center on October 21, 2005. Jim completed his MA in Kinesiology at SJSU in 1997 prior to entering the doctoral program in Kinesiology at Arizona State University with a dual specialization in motor development and human biomechanics.

Development Committee. As Professor of Kinesiology at SJSU, she is in charge of the Physical Education teacher preparation program and was recently honored for teaching and research excellence by being selected as San Jose State University Teacher Scholar (May 2005).

Sue was also instrumental in the development of the new K-12 content standards in Physical Education. The State Board of Education adopted the K-12 content standards in Physical Education.

Interestingly, Jim was formerly a civil engineer earning both bachelors and masters degrees from Stanford. Upon finishing his doctorate at ASU, Jim

joined our faculty as a full-time, temporary faculty member in 2001.

Last year, following an extensive national search, he was hired for a tenure track faculty position with our department specializing in biomechanics and human motor development. Jim has also been an active scholar. He has already published several papers in the most elite journals in our field including:

Journal of Motor Behavior, *Journal of Aging and Physical Activity*, *Motor Control*, and the *Journal of Human Movement Studies* to name a few. He also has several manuscripts in review and appears to be headed for an impressive career as a researcher in our field. Congratulations, Jim!

After fourteen years with the Department of Kinesiology,

Dr. Emily Wughalter

has accepted the position of Associate Dean for First Year

Experience in the Office of Undergraduate Studies at SJSU. Emily's new job includes her former work as Director of the Metropolitan University Scholar Experience (first year seminars for freshmen) as well as many addition-



al duties. Despite her departure, Emily has informed us that she will "continue to celebrate the good times and provide support in the difficult times." Emily believes that her involvement with our department has helped define who she is, and has impacted her "in many ways." We wish Emily the best in her new position on campus!

Dr. Peggy Plato was elected department General Education Coordinator to oversee the nearly 30 sections of General Education classes KIN offers every semester. These classes range from Development of Human



Potential (KIN/CD 67) that is team taught and cross listed with the Department of Child and Adolescent Development to KIN/NuFS 163, Physical Fitness and Nutrition that is team taught and cross listed with the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences. Other GE classes offered in our department include KIN 169, Diversity, Stress, and Health; KIN 69, Stress Management; and KIN 101 Sport in America. Peggy will assume the duties of **Dr. Barbara Conry** who will be moving to the position of Interim Associate Dean, College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Congratulations, too, to **Dr. Jim Kao** for being elected Department of Kinesiology Undergraduate Program Coordinator. Jim has been serving in the capacity of the Advising Manager, but was elected UG Coordinator upon the resignation of former UG Coordinator, Dr. Susan Wilkinson. Sue resigned this position upon accepting a new position as Executive Director

of the California Subject Matter Project for Physical Education and Health. **Janet Clair** will be replacing Jim as Departmental Advising Manager Spring Semester 2006.

Jim also completed his first Marathon last June when he ran the Nisene-Marks State Park Marathon. The 26.2 mile run was largely across trails in the park and included a 2,500 foot climb and descent.

Dr. Ted Butryn and Dr. Leamor Kahanov were awarded lottery grants of approximately \$2,000 each this year. These grants have become very competitive and are reserved for only the finest proposals submitted to the



Dr. Kahanov

College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Dr. Butryn will use his grant to purchase equipment for the department's new Qualitative Research Laboratory while Dr. Kahanov will use her grant to support professional travel this year. Congratulations to both recipients.

Dr. Matthew Masucci and Dr. Ted Butryn organized, presided and presented a session at the Annual conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) held October 26-29 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The theme of the conference was Sport/Empires/Globalization. The session that Dr. Masucci and Dr. Butryn organized and presided over was entitled, "Reading the ring: The politics and melodrama of professional wrestling and ultimate fighting."

Ted's talk interrogated the way that representations of

Arab American characters in World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) programming works to perpetuate racist stereotypes and xenophobia in ways that are different from previous Arab characters in a paper entitled, "Choked of the air: Arab American character in post-9/11 professional wrestling." Matt's talk traced the recent rise in popularity of the once maligned sport of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighting by looking at the interrelationships of televised sporting violence, hegemonic masculinity, dominate political ideology and reality television in a paper entitled, "Beyond the octagon: The ascension of ultimate fighting in America."

Professor Barbara Conry, Department of Kinesiology, has been appointed to the Interim Associate Dean position, effective January 3rd. Dr. Conry is a long time member of the Department of Kinesiology, and received the President's Distinguished Service Award for 2001-2002. She is very experienced in curriculum development, having served on the Board of General Studies (BOGS) for seven years and five different General Education Advisory Committees. She has been the GE Coordinator for KIN for many years. Barbara is currently serving on the WASC Accreditation Steering Committee and the WASC sub-committee on student experience.



Dr. Daniel Weng was invited to the University of Illinois, National Blueprint on Aging Office, in conjunction with the National Council on Aging as

a national expert on Qi Gong and Tai Chi. Dr. Daniel Weng was in Urbana-Champaign for a National Expert Meeting in mid-November. The meeting was funded by the Archstone Foundation to explore the opportunities, issues, and challenges of integrating Qi Gong and Tai Chi into the Aging Network. Daniel introduced his Cardio Tai-chi methods as well as a Master Degree of Tai-chi program at University of East-West Medicine in Sunnyvale, CA. Dr. Weng was recently appointed Dean of the College of Tai-chi at UEWM.

Carol Sullivan coordinated a "Walkathon" for the LINKS, Inc. at Prusch Park in San Jose on September 24, 2005. Carol also made a presentation entitled, "Fitness Walking, Pedometers, and 10,000 Steps," and coordinated a walk at the Antioch Baptist Health Fair on October 15, 2005.

Alev Tug Ergun, KIN instructor, recently passed the certified personal trainer (CPT) exam of the National Academy of Sports Medicine and is now an officially certified personal trainer.

Dr. Gong Chen recently received approval by the Department of Education of Zhejiang Province to proceed with his project entitled, "Teaching self-defense in public schools in Zhejiang Province in China." Gong collaborated with Shaoxing Institute of Sciences and has designed individual curriculum for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the Chinese high schools in the province. Experiments will be conducted in selected schools in Zhejiang Province in Spring 2006. In addition to Gong's work in China, he continues to advise

the SJSU Badminton Club team that recently defeated UC Santa Cruz 14-1 on October 22, 2005. This was the team's first match of the 2005-2006 season.

Dr. Ted Butryn and Dr. Matthew Masucci will serve as the co-directors of the newly established Department of Kinesiology Qualitative Research Laboratory located in Uchida Hall Room 12. The Qualitative Research Lab provides graduate students and faculty with access to the hardware and software needed to conduct significant and professional qualitative research projects across a



Dr. Matt Masucci

range of sport related sub-disciplines. In addition to providing a dedicated space for faculty to conduct internationally presented research, the lab will be utilized as a hands-on teaching setting where graduate students can learn the fundamentals of qualitative research methods. The lab is equipped with up to date technological resources including PCs loaded with qualitative research software (NVivo), digital and analog recording and transcribing equipment, as well as a dedicated interviewing room with digital audio and video recording capabilities. The Qualitative Research Lab be an important resource for the faculty and students of the Department of Kinesiology and it will provide a center for research partnerships with other departments across campus. Please feel free to contact either Dr. Butryn (tbutryn1@kin.sjsu.edu) or Dr. Masucci (mmasucci@kin.sjsu.edu) for more information about the current research projects.

Martial Arts Event Held During Summer Break

The 2005 Tai-chi for Fitness International Wushu Championships were held successfully in KIN facilities on August 14 last summer. Event Director **Dr. Daniel Weng** invited two foreign teams from Taiwan and Brazil and many athletes from all over the US to participate in the championships. The event included demonstrations of Traditional Wushu and Tai-chi, Cardio Tai-chi, Shuai-chiao, and

Contemporary Wushu. Over two hundred participants drew an audience of more than two hundred people. In



attendance were **Dr. Daniel Weng** the Mayor of Milpitas, Jose Esteves, Director General of Taipei Economical and Cultural Office in San Francisco, Wei-ping Liao, and President of Taiwanese American Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, John Lin. This event was cosponsored by the Department of Kinesiology at San Jose State University, World Cardio Tai-chi Association, Tiger Claw Foundation, Kung Fu Tai Chi Magazine, United State Shuai-chiao Association, Wing Lam Kung Fu School of Cleveland Ohio, and Cupertino Kung Fu Club, City of Cupertino.

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CAHPERD Conference Held at SJSU

The CAHPERD Bay District Annual Conference was held in Spartan Complex at San Jose State University on October 8, 2005. KIN faculty and staff were very involved in all aspects of the conference. **Carol Sullivan** served as both Site Manager and presenter. Carol presented a session of step aerobics and received the prestigious James Echols Award for her years of work and outstanding contributions to the Association. **Dr. Gong Chen, Dr. Jim Kao,** and **Dr. Susan Wilkinson** also made presentations. Dr. Chen's presentation made with the assistance of KIN student, Heather

Terbeek, was entitled, "Escaping skills for school girls in self-defense". Dr. Wilkinson presented a session on assessment in badminton, and Dr. Kao presented a session entitled, "Biomechanics made easy." Other participants at the conference included KIN's **Janet Clair** and **Kathy Bruga** who worked with Carol to coordinate CEUs for the conferences. **Dr. Jim Kao** coordinated the audio-visual needs, **Curt Sennewald** helped with equipment set-up, and **Carol Bare** was instrumental in scheduling audio-visual equipment and rooms for the conference.

After School All-Stars Continue Success

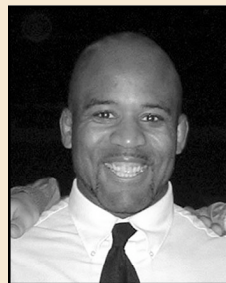
The ASAS Judo Program, a part of our comprehensive after-school program at SJSU, participated in the US Judo Federation's Junior National Championships in Irvine, CA this past summer. The event had a record 1025 athletes competing. The SJSU contingent garnered two gold (**Daniza Rodriguez, 10; Victor Tamayo, 10**), two silver (**Matthias Montez, 13;**

Jessica Abad, 8) and one bronze medal (**Matt Dong, 14**) with several other ASAS players finishing very high in their age groups.

According to coach and program director, **Dave Williams**, "Great performances were put in by all of the ASAS participants as these athletes had the dedication and discipline to continue their two-a-day practices through the summer.

Later this past summer, the team ventured to Atlanta, GA to participate in USA Judo's Junior Olympic Judo Championships.

Again, the team was exceptionally successful winning three Gold Medals (**Fabianna Saucedo, 9; Victor Tamayo, 10; and Jessica Abad, 8**) and two Silvers (**Sarena Olmos, 9; Haven Olmos, 7**). Several other participants from the local ASAS team also placed at the championships. According to Coach Williams, "Competing with good sportsmanship is paramount in the



Dave Williams

minds of our staff when coaching and teaching our kids, and what our young ones were able to do this past summer is just amazing."

The overall goal of the program is to help participants be more successful in all aspects of life. In partnering with the ASAS, the Department of Kinesiology plays an important role in the success of these children. KIN grad, **John Poch**, is the overall director of ASAS with the Judo Program continuing to be directed by KIN Judo instructor, **Dave Williams**.

Dr. Dan Landers (BS '63), The Regent's Professor of Kinesiology at Arizona State University is a leading scholar in sport psychology, and the 1996 Distinguished Alum for the Department of Kinesiology. Dan founded the *Journal of Sport and Exercise Science*, the leading journal in that area, and has developed one of the nation's finest doctoral programs in sport and exercise science at Arizona State. Dan has amassed over 300 publications in his field and garnered considerable grant money to support his research. Based on these achievements and many more, Dan was selected to be the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Scholar for 2005-2006.

Dr. Hawley (Almstedt) Shoepe received her PhD from Oregon State University and is starting a new tenure track faculty position at Loyola Marymount in Southern California this Fall. Hawley recently presented some of her doctoral research at the Annual American College of Sports Medicine in Nashville last June.

Alan Meersand (BS, '71; MA, '75) just completed his 25th year as the owner and President of Professional Sports Management Group supplying certified agents to professional baseball players in the US, Japan, and Latin America. Alan's business has offices in Manhattan Beach, CA; New York City; and Pensacola, FL. Alan was the 1997 Distinguished Alum for the Department of Kinesiology!

Kim Schuette (MA, '02) has been the Head Softball Coach at Quincy University in Quincy, Illinois, but recently assumed the same position at Eastern Illinois University. Best of luck in your new position, Kim!

Jack Albiani (BS '56) retired in 1997 after 40 years of teaching and coaching at both the high school and community college levels. Jack resides in Jamestown, CA.

Victor Santamaria (MA '96) is teaching and coaching at Willow Glen High School in San Jose. Victor was recently featured in an article in the San Jose Mercury News that discussed his work as a geography teacher and coach of cross country and track and field. According to the article, Victor is "... well-liked... approachable.... and easy to communicate with." Victor graduated from Willow Glen High in 1985 and has returned to lead his cross country and track teams to considerable success over the past couple of years. In this year's CCS Division III championships, the Willow Glen boys cross country team finished third overall and the girls finished fifth.

Les Attebury (BS '62) is retired and living in Morgan Hill, CA.

Nikki Dequin (BS 00) was hired as the head softball coach as Gavilan College in Gilroy after several years of coaching at DeAnza College. Nikki completed her undergraduate degree here in the department of Kinesiology, and is currently working toward completion of her MA degree with us.

Dr. Dan Landers, Department of Kinesiology Distinguished Alum and this year's AAHPERD Scholar will be visiting campus on February 2nd, 2006 to make a presentation as a part of his AAHPERD Scholar activities. Dan will be presenting in our KIN 251 Analysis of Issues and Research in Kinesiology class at 7pm in Spartan Complex 077.



Bill Walsh (BS, MA '58), already a member of the Spartan Hall of Fame, was inducted as a Spartan Legend at this year's Hall of Fame Banquet held early in September in the SJSU Student Union. Bill's achievements have been widely chronicled and include such noteworthy accomplishments as induction into the prestigious NFL Hall of Fame, winning the Super Bowl three times as an NFL Head Coach, receiving NFL Coach of the Year honors in both 1981 and 1984, and being recognized as NFL Coach of the Decade for the 80's. Bill also went to back-to-back bowl games as head coach of Stanford University in 1977 and 1978, and was the originator of the well known West Coast Offense in the NFL.

Justin Weaver (BS'99) resides in Santa Clara and is the Head Equipment Manager for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at San Jose State University.

Ron Hannon (BS 93, MA 00) was featured in an article in the Gilroy Sunday Pinnacle (October 9, 2005) for his

work as Athletic Director at Gavilan Community College in Gilroy. Ron, was hired in 2001 after receiving his MA in the KIN Sports Management Emphasis. According to the article, Ron's job was to revitalize a sluggish athletics program. Ron says that he believes he has done well with the program, though there is "...still a lot to do."

Terri Schneider (MA, 2004), long-time Eco challenge racer, took on a new adventure. She went to Egypt where she took part in Racing the Planet, a seven-day, 150 mile, self supported running stage race across the Sahara Desert. Last September, the runners ran 10-50 miles per day each day for seven-days. Each night the runners camped at a base camp provided by the race organizers. Approximately 100 runners from around the world participated. The race finished at the Pyramids in Giza, near Cairo. Terri's results can be seen at http://adventure.mountainzone.com/blogs/terri_schneider/ Additional information on the race can be found at www.racingtheplanet.com.



STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who have been admitted to the Undergraduate Athletic Training Education Program starting in the Spring 2006 semester:

Lisa Trudel-Morano
December Dodson
Bill Tran
Melissa Wagner
Shannon Woo
Lynnette Yasukawa
John Sundin
Anthony Camargo
Marcia Robles
M.G. Pogue
Gumaro Diaz
Daniel Howard
Jill Guinn
Kris Liniger

Three of our undergraduate students attended the Southwest American College of Sports Medicine meeting in Las Vegas November 11-12: **Melissa Fong, Adam Thompson, Andrew Vu** (all 3 students currently work as personal trainers -- Melissa and Adam at 24 Hour Fitness, and Andrew was formerly at 24 Hour Fitness). One of our graduates, **Daisuke Daiku**, also attended and took the Health and Fitness Instructor Certification exam there. Daisuke works at Brian Bettendorf's personal training/rehab center (also one of our graduates).

The new 2005-06 Adapted Physical Activity student club officers are **Michelle O'Riley**, President; **Brianna Reed**, Vice-President; **Keri Fish**, Secretary; and **Amy**

Denzer, Treasurer. The club has already hosted a fund-raising bake sale, co-sponsored the Disability Sport Expo (Nov. 21) in conjunction with KIN 159 'Sport and Adapting Activities' students, and will be planning a visit to the disability ski program at Alpine Meadows in the near future. More information about club activities can be located on the APA student club bulletin board in the SPX hallway. For information about membership, please contact Michelle O'Riley at 408-891-4205.

Norman Rial, current graduate student in our exercise physiology program, holds the CA record for dead lift in his weight class. Norm also holds a position with the SJSU Division of Intercollegiate athletics as an assistant strength and conditioning coach.

Undergraduate athletic training students, **Korinn Myers** and **Katherine Wilson**, along with athletic training graduate students, **Alise McBrien, Jenni Jespersen, Jen Kessler**, and **Rachael Rolle**, and athletic training graduate program alum, Ellen Payne, served as medical volunteers to provide their services as Certified Athletic Trainers and helpers in the recent Dew Action Sports Challenge in September in San Jose. Held at the San Jose, HP Pavilion, the Dew Active Challenge was an expo featuring extreme sports. It

2005-2006 MOYs Selected

Congratulations to **Eric Seward** and **Hisashi Imura** who have been selected as the 2005-2006 Department of Kinesiology Majors of the Year. Hisashi received the 2005 Wade Wilson Scholarship from the department and is a student in our undergraduate athletic training program. Eric is a student in the undergraduate teacher education in physical education program. Both students will be awarded \$300 by the department to attend the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance at the Annual National Association for Sports and Physical Education Major of the Year Banquet.

was sponsored by Mountain Dew and Toyota. The event highlighted motocross, BMX, and skateboarding, and was televised by NBC.

Vincent Gatdula, current undergraduate student in our Exercise and Fitness Specialist Option, is the National Aerobic Champion (2004, 2003), and ranks seventh in the world in mixed pairs (2004). More information on the aerobics championships can be found at www.sportaerobics-nac.com.

On November 19, 2005, **Herb Kellins** participated in the American Powerlifting Association's Sacramento open. At a body weight of 176, he lifted in the Master I (40-44) in the 181 lb weight class. He set two new state records with a bench press of 310 pounds and a dead-lift of 465. Herb is an undergraduate student in our Pre Professional Concentration. **Corrine Houston**, a grad-

uate student in sport psychology, with **Dr. Ted Butryn**, recently presented the results of her masters thesis entitled, "A qualitative investigation of adolescent female soccer players' experiences of competitive stress" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Congratulations to the following undergraduate KIN Athletic Training Program students who made the Dean's list: **Aivaras Sajus, Alex Leach, Brittney Weekes, Cesar Cedeno, Hank House, Hisashi Imura, Kat Wilson, Korin Myers, Lynn Castro, Shaun Simmons**

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Department Receives Generous Donation

The Department of Kinesiology Exercise Physiology Laboratory received a welcome \$15,000 donation from the Rosenberger Family Fund via the Marin Community Foundation. The donation was the result of a proposal prepared by former KIN graduate student Mary Rosenberger (MA '05). The purpose of the grant was to purchase lab equipment. According to Mary, "My goal in doing this proposal was to give something back, as I really enjoyed my time at SJSU." Thanks, Mary!

SJSU in Top Ten

San José State is once again ranked among the top ten masters-level Western Public Universities in 10th place by U.S. News and World Report's survey of "America's Best Colleges," 2006 edition, which hits newsstands today. The College of Engineering overall was ranked 14th among the nation's Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs (in addition, electrical engineering ranked 11th; civil engineering, 16th; mechanical engineering, 16th). In a larger grouping of publics and privates, SJSU is ranked 46th among best master's universities in the West. The survey organizes and ranks schools by mission, geographic area and 15 indicators of academic excellence.

Northern California Regional Athletic Trainers Meeting Held at SJSU

The California Athletic Trainers Association Regional Meeting was held in our departmental facilities in mid-October. Over 100 people were in attendance including 45 of our own athletic training students. Three Kaiser Permanente physicians attended to make a presentation as well as former SJSU student, **Albert Salopek**. **Dr. Leamor Kahanov**, Department of Kinesiology Athletic Training Program Director, organized the conference.

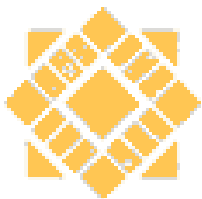
Announcements

The Athletic Training Program under the direction of **Dr. Leamor Kahanov** and Clinical Coordinator, **Jeff Roberts**, is in the process of finalizing new clinical internship site affiliations for the Undergraduate Athletic Training Education Program with Chabot College in Hayward, Studio A (a clinic with offices in San Francisco, Menlo Park and soon in Sunnyvale and San Jose) and the San Jose Sabercats.

The Bill Duncan Invitational Wheelchair Basketball Tournament was held in Spartan Complex at SJSU on November 19th and 20th. The tournament was organized by the students in KIN 156 and 159 and co-sponsored by the Adapted Physical Activity Program in the Department of Kinesiology. Teams from as far away as Canada, Arkansas and Utah competed along with our local area Golden State Road Warriors.

The Disability Sport Expo, organized and implemented by KIN 159 students (also in conjunction with the APA student club), was held on November 21st in the SJSU Event Center. The event was organized for people of all ability levels and anyone interested in disability sports, like wheelchair basketball, beep ball, sitting volleyball, etc. The event was organized by students in **Dr. Nancy Megginson's** KIN 159 class and the members of our Adapted Physical Activity Club. Over seventy people were in attendance. The event was intended to "... promote awareness," according to **Michelle O'Reilly**, current President of the Physical Activity Club. The event was highlighted in a front page article in the SJSU Spartan Daily and featured experts like **Darwin Holmes**, a Paralympian who has won 16 Gold Medals. Holmes holds the national record for push racing having covered one mile in just over 4 minutes.

The SJSU KIN APA Student Scholarship has been renamed the 'Elix-Hollauer' APA award. **Jan Elix** was a long time strong and tireless supporter of the KIN APA fieldwork program through the provision of disability sport opportunities from the City of San Jose Office of Therapeutic Services. Sadly, Jan passed away this past August from cancer. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. The APA club wished to remember her efforts and support by adding her name to the annual scholarship available to APA students. **Ed Hollauer** was a former Kin student in the department's APA program who also succumbed to slightly over a year ago.



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