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## *The Chair's Corner*

I hope classes are going well for you and that you were able to get into at least some of the classes that you need. As you probably know, our practice in past years has been to add winter classes in which we did not accommodate everyone in fall, and add summer classes to try to accommodate spring "overflow."

The picture for this summer, however, is looking different and I wanted to explain why and suggest what you can do now to be proactive. Several years ago, the CSU required that all campuses go to Year Round Operation (YRO). The thinking was that this would be a more efficient way to help students graduate in a timely manner. This change was also mandated as a part of additional funds that came to campuses. Unfortunately, one of the results that we face now is that because we have been told to reduce enrollment in the fall, we probably can't afford to offer summer classes in YRO because that funding then won't be there to pay for instructors for the fall and spring. That's really the problem; the state doesn't have funds to supplement both summer, and fall/spring classes.

Confused? The outcome for you is likely to be that, in common with most departments in most CSUs, our summer class offerings this year will be greatly reduced, perhaps to nothing. The faculty are aware that both 175 and 158 need additional sections and in a normal summer we would offer them but this clearly is not going to be a "normal" summer. And because this summer is unlike one anyone here has ever experienced before, perhaps no one really knows the big picture but the state budget looks as if it may include a 10% reduction to the CSU.

So, for those who might be hoping to take 175 or 158 this summer at SJSU, it remains a possibility but a very slim one. Here are two other suggestions:

1. Take the class you need at East Bay. They are on quarters and spring quarter starts March 30 and ends June 12. Both Biomechanics and Measurement will likely be offered (see <http://edschool.csueast-bay.edu/departments/kpe/blockUD.html>) To take a class at East Bay, get a form for Concurrent Enrollment from the Student Success Center and we will sign it to say you are enrolled at SJSU.

2. Check for online class offerings at other institutions. I have an informal list that I've put on the bulletin board outside my office (SPX 56). I do NOT know which courses are offered which semester.

Finally, I believe that 2009-2010 will be extremely challenging for all, especially for students. I am confident we will all get through it but it's always a good idea to give yourself as many options as possible and pay special attention to meeting deadlines. Another outcome: there will be virtually no late adds permitted next year, as the university will be penalized for taking additional/late students. The priority, of course, is still to get those in the system, that's you, to graduate!! As always, if you have questions, please email me.

*Shirley H. M. Reekie, Chair*

## What's New in KIN?

The Graduation Banquet will be held on the evening of Friday May 22. Save the date now and more details later!

Save the date April 18th and come to the Spring Swing-a-thon hosted by the SJSU Ballroom Dance Club! Whether you've taken a social dance class, love to dance, or would love to learn to dance you'll have a great time. Workshops (beginning and intermediate) on East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing, and Jive; open dancing; jack & jill contests; ..... Come join the fun. Starts at 5pm. For more information check: <http://studentorgs.sjsu.edu/sj-subdc/> or contact **Dr. Shifflett** (club advisor).

**Dr. Butryn** has a new blog! Check it out at <http://tedbutrynsportpopculture.blogspot.com/>

In early February, **Dr. Shirley Reekie** attended the Chairs' Meeting of the American Kinesiology Association (of which the Kinesiology Department at SJSU is a member) in Florida. The purpose was to agree on a common core of experiences that every KIN major in the US should share. The outcome is given below:

### **AKA Common Core**

The American Kinesiology Association believes that undergraduate majors in Kinesiology should share a common core of knowledge. The common core establishes broad knowledge categories that can be used by faculty in Kinesiology to examine and refine current educational expectations, policies and practices.

The undergraduate degree in Kinesiology includes principles and experiences focused on physical activity across the lifespan. These include:

- Physical activity in health, wellness and quality of life
- Scientific foundations of physical activity
- Cultural, historical and philosophical context of physical activity
- The practice of physical activity



