DEAN’S CORNER

Inspire. A powerful verb. According to Webster’s, inspire defined is “to stimulate or impel to some creative or effective effort.” Consider what it is that you do. Your’s is to teach, conduct research and perform service. In performing those tasks you are often inspirational to your students. Your assignment puts you squarely in the enviable position of influencing and shaping the future by educating. Keep in mind that what you do is being observed by countless students, some of whom may be inspired to go on to graduate school for advanced degrees and some will move directly into a career. Some of those you inspired will follow in your exact footsteps.

As a former high school teacher, I mark among the proudest moments of that career when I received a “Teacher of Teachers Award.” I was recognized for having inspired one of my high school students to pursue a baccalaureate degree and enter the ranks of teaching. Proudly, I can say that several of my high school students followed the same career path as did I. In my career as a professor, I have been fortunate to have had students who pursued graduate degrees and subsequently joined the ranks of college teaching. I can think of no greater satisfaction than to have a former student follow in my footsteps and join the academy.

Your students will be inspired too. Their inspiration may manifest itself in many ways and at different rates. Some students may not realize their inspiration for years after graduation. Some will ask you for job search recommendations; others will seek your input concerning graduate studies and will ask for a letter of recommendation for admission. Some of those will finish an advanced degree and they too will join our ranks at an institution of higher learning. By doing your job, you inspire others. Be mindful of this as we approach the close of another semester and be generous with advice for those who seek your guidance.

On behalf of those who you inspire, thank you.

JAW

CAST Office

A large area of responsibility I have as interim associate dean is management of all CAST facilities. I want to provide updates on a few of the current facilities projects.

- Campus Recreation Center – Planning for this new building has been ongoing this year. Architects and consultants are currently working in the design phase of this building. To this point, I have seen no blueprints or renditions of the building. There seems to be some possibility of using at least some of the exterior façade of McCormick Hall in this project. The ISU planning team along with the outside architects and consultants will be making two tours in the next several weeks to visit other facilities in Illinois and Indiana. This very large building will be constructed on a site now occupied by McCormick Hall and Dunn, Barton, and Walker Residence Halls. Each of these buildings is scheduled for demolition in summer 2008. Estimated costs of this new building are $45 million with scheduled completion being fall 2010.
  - CAST and the Department of Agriculture are working with Facilities Planning to erect a greenhouse at the Horticulture Center off Raab Road. Construction should be completed during this fiscal year.
  - The School of Kinesiology and Recreation (KNR) recently completed renovation of the Horton weight room. This renovation included upgraded equipment, flooring, painting, and lighting. This area will be used by Gamma Phi Circus, Military Science classes, University Wellness, as well as KNR classes.
  - In mid-May, the Department of Philosophy will be moving to Turner Hall. With the renovation of the 3rd and 4th floors of Stevenson in the upcoming year, this department needed a temporary home. Please welcome these colleagues to luxurious Turner Hall. Hey, at least there is good parking!
  - The CAST Dean’s Office will continue to advocate for improved facilities for our programs. The progress is not as rapid as any of us would like to see, but we are making progress in some areas as evidenced by the first three initiatives listed above.

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University Research Grants (URGs) – Update on our Progress

The College Research Council (CRC) has been working the past 6 weeks to review the 26 university research grants submitted in CAST. We have one more round to go and then will formalize our recommendations. Every department and school in CAST was represented by at least one submission while several units have 4 – 6 submissions. The majority of submissions are in the category of New Investigator (Research) which is reserved for those who have received two or less URGs previously. Most of the proposals are quantitative in design but there were several that were qualitative.

At this point, we do not know the actual dollar amount from the Provost’s Office to fund URGs but we are expecting that it will be about the same as last year. Our percentage of the URG “pot” is almost identical for FY08 as it was for FY07. The College is continuing its match program in which a researcher can increase the amount awarded by up to $1500 in non-salary dollars. Within his ability to do so, Dean Wood has committed to adding some additional funding to extend our ability to fund more people. It is the goal of the CRC to notify all applicants of their probable funding status by May 1st along with narrative comments provided by the reviewers. I cannot express my gratitude enough to the members of the CRC which include Aslihan Spaulding, Frank Morn, Jean Memken, Tom Bierma, Peter Smith, Winn Mahatanankoon, and Chris Merrill. I have enjoyed my time with them on this project and have learned so much listening to their comments and suggestions about research designs and statistics.

Finally, CAST Presentation Travel Grants have been reviewed and letters to the recipients should be received by the end of the week.

MJM

Department of Agriculture

Dr. Gary Bachman was a guest on WJBC’s Laughlin and Reynolds and WMBD 31 with Katie Burcham providing comment on the effects of the current freezing temperatures on flowering and ornamental landscape plants.

Dr. Randy Winter was interviewed on March 26th by Al Jarand and Josh St. Peters for the Illinois RFD Radio Network. Dr. Winter discussed the proposed renewable energy major at Illinois State University in addition to other renewable energy initiatives underway at the university.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences


Department of Criminal Justice Sciences

Dr. Jeffrey A. Walsh’s Victimology class participated in the Stepping Stones Sexual Assault Program, “Walk the Walk: A Sexual Violence Awareness Exercise,” to kick off April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The exercise was covered by the Pantagraph on the front page of the Life section on Friday, March 30th.

Dr. Mark Temple hosted health and physical educators from around the state on April 3rd for a work session related to Physical Development and Health Learning Standards. This work group is charged with reviewing current standards, making recommendations for change, and providing examples to improve understanding of each learning standard. The group will meet at ISU at least three more times (May, June, and July) before their work is complete.

Ms. Liza Woolsey (senior, Clinical Laboratory Science) is this year's recipient of the Larry R. Miller Scholarship. She will be recognized at the CAST Spring meeting on April 19th in the Brown Ballroom. Liza was recognized as CLS Program Scholar and winner of the Ruth M. Jones Scholarship during the HSC Student Recognition Day ceremony.

Ms. Liza Woolsey and Dr. Lori Woeste at the HSC Student Recognition Day Ceremony.

Dr. Steve McCaw and colleagues from Italy (Cacchio, A, Don, R, Ranavolo, A, Guerra, E, Procaccianti, R, Camerota, F Frascarelli, M, & Santilli, V), published the refereed article "Effects of 8-week strength training with two models of chest press machines on muscular activity pattern and strength" in the Journal of Electromyography and Kinesiology.

Dr. Lori Woeste participated in an accreditation site visit for NAACLS (National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences) in Virginia during March 19th-21st.

Professor Chris Grieshaber and Dr. Steve McCaw (KNR) talked to group of about 150 faculty and alumni at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago before taking a private tour of the Body Worlds 2 exhibit. The event was hosted by CAST and the Mennonite College of Nursing, but alumni from across the University were present. Steve and Chris talked about their research and how it related to the human body. Dean Wood, Dean Ridenour and J.D. Bergman from the Board of Trustees also addressed the audience.

The Environmental Health Accreditation Council conducted a re-accreditation visit of the Environmental Health program during March 26th-28th.

The ISU student section of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) submitted their application to National ASSE to compete for the Section of the Year Award.

Dr. Chung-Chih Li has had a paper accepted at Computability in Europe 2007 – Computation and Logic in the Real World (CIE2007) to be held in June in Siena, Italy. The paper, titled "Speed-up Theorems in Type-2 Computation", was also selected from among the accepted papers to be published in SLNC (Springer Lecture Notes for Computer Science) Volume 4497.

Dr. Steve McCaw was also invited to present "Control strategies in one leg landings" by the Athletic Training and Biomechanics Lab’s at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. The day prior to the presentation, the former CAST Dean, Robert Rossman, was on the BYU campus as part of an accreditation visit for the recreation program.

Mr. Britton Devier, a Technology Education Graduate Student, was awarded an "Outstanding Graduate Student Award" at the International Technology Education Association conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Dan Wilson had his manuscript entitled "Effects of Selected Finishing Operations on Paper Folding Endurance: A Modified TAPPI 511 Test", accepted for publication by the Journal of Graphic Technology.

Dr. Lori Woeste, a Technology Education Graduate Student, was awarded an "Outstanding Graduate Student Award" at the International Technology Education Association conference in San Antonio, Texas.

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