Dean’s Corner

Auld Lang Syne. These words are customarily sung at midnight on New Year’s Eve. This phrase seems appropriate though today at the close of another semester in the College of Applied Science and Technology. Translated, the traditional Scottish folk tune recalls days gone by and says we will always remember them. That pretty well sums up my feelings at the moment.

This year, with your help, we sought to create a new College culture of inclusion. We started the academic year together last August and we finished together again today with a Celebrate CAST Wiener roast at Turner Hall. Despite ominous weather, all had fun and thanks to Dr. Morrow and Lacy, the food was plentiful and good. The event gave us a chance to Celebrate CAST with colleagues from other departments and schools throughout the College. Dr. Lori Woeste provided games of skill and luck to help round out the event. Thanks also to Suzie Zeigler and Cindy Greskiwcz in the Dean’s Office for logistics and food acquisition.

Soon we will celebrate the 148th Commencement at ISU. Our College will graduate over 700 students on Saturday, May 12th at 1:00 pm in Redbird Arena. A record number of faculty has signed up to participate in the event. Your appearance at the commencement ceremony is a special treat for students and their families. To witness the pageantry of the day is something that leaves a strong positive feeling in our students as they move into their next phase of life. You have been dutiful mentors, steady sages, and inspiring teachers. As our students join the ranks of the nearly 36,000 living alumni from CAST, they will not soon forget what they have been taught or who has taught them. You should be proud of their accomplishments and yours.

The point of my final NewsCAST installment of the academic year is to thank each and every one of you for helping make this year special and joining Celebrate CAST. Nearly all of you participated in some way this year to help usher in a new College culture. Be it commencement, the College Fall or Spring meeting, homecoming tailgating, holiday luncheon, or an alumni cultivation event, each of you pitched in through your participation. Thanks for making this year memorable and, have a great summer!

Allow me to close by saying, auld lang syne! This year I will not forget.

Jeff

CAST Office

Facilities Planning Update

As we finish up the 2007 spring semester and look to the future, I want to provide a CAST facilities update. Each spring, CAST is asked to provide a facilities report to the Provost office. This report is closely linked to facilities budget requests that were made by CAST to the provost earlier this spring. The CAST report highlights the need to consolidate schools/departments in a single location as well as the desire to upgrade facilities. The priorities in this report include:

- Continued advocacy and an active role in planning the proposed Student Recreation Center that will house University Recreation Services and the School of Kinesiology and Recreation. This building is scheduled for completion in Fall, 2010. The completion of this building will allow the School of KNR to be located in a single location.
- Relocating the Agriculture classroom/lab currently located in Turner 113/149 to Ropp 108. This project would include upgrading the entire Ropp 108 area to include heating and cooling capabilities. This relocation would complete the move of the Department of Agriculture from Turner to Ropp.
- Relocate the Graphics Communication sequence from the Nelson-Smith Building to the vacated space in Turner 113/149. This move would consolidate programs in the Department of Technology into Turner Hall.
- Expand the Interior Environmental Design studios, creating additional space needed for this program. Space in Turner 100E would be suitable. This instructional space could also serve some classes in the Department of Technology.
- Remodel the foods/nutrition/dietetics laboratory in Turner 106. An emerging food industry management program requires updated laboratory space. This facility is extremely dated and does not lend itself to instruction regarding the commercial preparation of foods that is necessary today.
- An upgrade of the Health Information Student Computer Laboratory is needed. The goals of this project would be to provide students with information technology resources to access and use electronic health record software, expand the computer laboratory to address the current needs of students, and ensure that the student computer laboratory is ADA compliant. By expanding the HIM Student Computer Laboratory to 30 work stations, the lab may be utilized, on occasion, by other faculty in the Department of Health Science as an examination laboratory and for instructional use.

While some of these proposals are quite expensive, it is important that CAST continues to advocate for improving our current facilities. As funds may come available, we are doing all we can do to make sure we are prepared to move forward on our priority projects.

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Celebrate CAST
**CAST Research Office**

I just enrolled in 3 of 6 CAST Spring Computer Workshops. I wish I could take them all but schedule conflicts prevent me from doing so. What a fabulous opportunity to become more knowledgeable and skilled in new software to support enhancements in both the classroom and other responsibilities we all have. Fortunately, I can attend the Office 2007 update which is already installed on my work computer, and learn more about One Note and Outlook, the new calendar system to be adopted by the university this summer. Good bye to Meeting Maker. Podcasting is a technology that I need to learn more about to see if it can enhance my teaching as well as functions at both the departmental and college level. Other workshops include Blogs, Wikis, and RSS, Web Work, and New Alternatives in Communicating with Students. I was very interested in learning about virtual worlds such as Second Life as I have had the opportunity to talk with Bo Park in Technology about his research and teaching applications. Do not pass up the opportunity to enroll in one or more of the workshops that are scheduled Tuesday through Thursday (May 15-17) in Turner 202. Call Kate at 8-2104 or email at kaplant@ilstu.edu. Thanks to Kate Plantholt for putting these opportunities together. I am ending my semester experience as Acting Associate Dean at the end of May. Dr. Gentry will be returning later this month after a successful sabbatical experience. The Department of Philosophy is being moved into Turner Hall for 15 months during the renovation of Stevenson Hall and I need to move back to Felmley Hall on May 11th as the Chair of Philosophy moves into Turner 120. It has been a great experience and I feel like I have many more friends and colleagues. From the moment that I moved my 5 Xerox boxes into Turner 120, I received support, friendliness, and kindness from everyone.

I am looking forward to returning to the Department of Health Sciences but it has been a rewarding and exciting semester. Thank you.

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**Spring Sausage Sale**

Now is the time to stock up on pure pork sausage. Processed from lean market hogs produced on the ISU Farm.

$3.00/lb

Sold in bundles of 10 one pound packages.

Phone 438-2489 for more information or see a NAMA Member

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**Department of Agriculture**

Agriculture students Jackie Franklin (Growth of Jalapeño Pepper Seedlings in Vermicompost Produced from Two Different Sources), Andrea Brent (Production of Zinnia elegans as a Cut Floral Crop: IL Vase-life of Green, Red, and White Flowers from Five Seed Distributors), and Jeni Uswajesdakul (Comparative Analysis of Food Service Purchasing Practices) presented their research projects at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Jackie also participated in the opening ceremonies by describing her project as an example of the diverse research, scholarship or creative achievement being presented at the Symposium. Drs. Gary Bachman and Aslihan Spaulding and Ms. Jessica Chambers served as project mentors.


Drs. Gary Bachman and Jim Metzger (The Ohio State University) will have their research paper “Physical and Chemical Characteristics of a Commercial Potting Substrate Amended with Vermicompost Produced From Two Different Manure Sources” published in Hort Technology 11(3) July – September issue

Dr. Gary Bachman was a guest on WJBC McLean County Saturday April 28 taking calls on the trials and tribulations of home gardening. More guest spots on May 12, June 2, and July 14.

The Department of Agriculture held its annual Awards Day on April 29. Dr. Rob Rhykerd received the Harvey S. Woods Outstanding Teaching Award and Drs. Rick Whitacre and Aslihan Spaulding received Departmental Service Awards. Student award winners included Mr. Jack Frombelle (Sophomore), Ms. Jessica Brown (Junior), Ms. Jenna Rozum (Senior), and Ms. Meaghan Flesch (Holbert Award).
**Department of Criminal Justice Sciences**

Dr. Donna Vandiver and CJS student Jeremy Brathwaite were awarded $1,500 through the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology for a project that involves establishing curriculum for a study abroad trip to Russia.


Dr. Donna Vandiver is taking 11 students for a two-week study abroad (May 15-28) in Russia. They will be visiting Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Vladimir. The trip includes meetings with law enforcement personnel, prison officials, and several historical sites. Students from Criminal Justice Sciences and Politics and Government are: Samantha Strom, Elizabeth Cleveland, Melissa Parker, Kayla Kurrle, Elizabeth Maher, Jessica Dodson, Gary Kurtz, Skylar Hand, Paul Grutzmacher, and Jeremy Brathewaite.

**Department of Family and Consumer Sciences**

Dr. Jean Memken had an article entitled, "Local housing and service decisions: Planning for aging adults in rural communities," published in the Journal of Housing for the Elderly. Co-authors were Shirley Niemeyer, University of Nebraska, Christine Cook and Sue Crull, Iowa State University, Marilyn Bruin and Becky Yust, University of Minnesota and Betty Jo White, Kansas State University.

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**Peppers and Tomatoes for Sale**

The Hort Club has peppers and tomatoes available starting Monday, May 7th in the Ropp Greenhouse.

Peppers, $1.00 each, include bells (green, red, yellow, orange), hots (tiburon, jalopena, hungarian, habanero, cayenne), and mandarin sweets.

Tomatoes, $1.00 each, include an assortment of heirloom and modern varieties. Also, assortment packs (mild pepper, hot pepper, salsa), $3.00 each.

Contact Dr. Gary Bachman at 8-3275 or email grbachm@ilstu.edu
Drs. Bryan Hosack and Glen Sagers will be presenting their paper, *A Study on the Impact of Values on the Open Source Design Decision-making Process*, at the Americas Conference on Information Systems this summer. The conference is in Keystone, Colorado from August 9th through the 12th. The paper explores the effect of the personal values - such as self-direction or achievement - of participants in open source software (OSS) projects on the development and use of the software. This study attempts to better define the personal values currently defined in IS research and their effect on the decision making behavior in OSS project communities.

Dr. Sandra Klitzing recently attended the Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation and Adapted Physical Activity in St. Louis. Dr. Klitzing presented with Brooke Fanning, Michelle Mohler, and Jamie Petteys (ISU students) on *verbALL: Inclusive Physical Activity for Tweens.* The session presented information about increased obesity and decreased physical fitness for youth with disabilities, and proposed inclusive activities to address those concerns. A second presentation, *"Who Needs Stars to Dance?"*, was also presented with current students. Dr. Klitzing, Krista Killelea, Latoya Brooks, and Erin Heinold described goals and activities for an adapted tap dancing program. Two therapeutic recreation alumni, Staci Duenn and Jacquelin Soos, along with Dr. Klitzing, presented *Movement: Techniques and Outcomes* which focused on movement activities for children with autism.

Dr. Brent Beggs co-authored an article titled *Campus Recreational Sports Internships: A Comparison of Student and Employer Perspectives* in the April 2007 publication of the Recreational Sports Journal. Dr. Brent Beggs and former graduate student Ben Hickerson presented *Leisure Boredom of College Students: An Analysis of Activity Choice* at the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Lou Reifschneider led an SPE sponsored field trip with six students to Illinois Valley Plastics on April 20th. This custom injection molding company employs several integrated manufacturing sequence graduates. One of the highlights of the tour was a work cell that utilized three large 6-axis articulating arm robots to tend molding machines while also performing complex trimming, deburring, and testing of the molded parts.

Dr. Ken Stier attended the Housing Education and Research Council Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from April 22nd-25th. The conference was dedicated to warehouse and distribution management. It offered the participants guided tours, featured presentations, topic discussions, roundtable discussions, and company exhibits of the latest technology in this area.

Students Michael DeWees and William Merchantz were selected as departmental winners.

Dr. Anu Gokhale presented a refereed paper *"International Experiences - An Essential Element of Quality IT Programs"* at the annual INQAAHE (International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education) conference in Toronto, April 2nd-5th.