Dean’s Corner

Another school year is underway. The start-up this year was remarkably smooth in CAST thanks to the hard work and diligence of our faculty and staff. Thanks to each of you.

Linda and I hosted a reception for the new faculty members in CAST a couple of weeks ago. We hired these individuals because of their records of accomplishment or our estimate of their potential. In addition to their professional accomplishments, they are a very nice group of individuals who should fit in well with our current faculty and students in CAST. Please continue helping them make the adjustment to Illinois State University and CAST.

There were several renovations in CAST since last Spring, some of which occurred over the summer. If you have not done so, be sure to visit the new offices and facilities of our Department of Health Sciences in Felmley Hall. They finally have adequate laboratory and teaching space to support their mission. It is configured and equipped very well due to the excellent planning of the faculty members in the Department, Dr. Morrow their Chairperson, and Dr. Lockwood, Associate Dean.

Last spring we held a grand opening of the Technology Education Learning Laboratory in Turner 123. This lab has rapidly become a major test and development site for technology education learning aids and supporting curricula. Currently, technology education learning aids are one of the highest demand educational products in the country. We also renovated the Physiology Assessment Laboratory in Horton 309, providing expanded space and capacity for fitness testing and research. Over the summer the Interior Design Studio, Turner 114, was renovated to increase our ability to use this space concurrently for instruction and studio work. In addition, several faculty offices were renovated and refurbished. Within the next five years we hope to improve the workspace of all faculty members.

A major task facing each department this year is the development of new ASPT policies that are consistent with the new University ASPT policies. I have conducted a retreat with the Department Chairpersons on this matter to discuss the new policies and their implications. In addition, the URC is operating a training session for the members of all DFSC’s, the CFSC, and me to help us better understand the new ASPT Policies. Although each Department will have a committee designated to develop policies, the policies belong to the entire faculty and will affect your future. I hope each of you will give some attention to the policies. They are being developed to make certain they ensure the future we want for CAST.

Best wishes for a successful year. More later.....

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CAST Research Office

The fall semester is typically a busy time for the Research Office and the CAST Research Council (CRC). This semester is not an exception. During this time, outstanding scholars among graduate students and faculty in the college are determined. These competitions allow us to recognize those individuals who have participated in research activities that are truly exceptional in nature. For the Outstanding Graduate Student Award, the deadline for materials to be sent to the CAST Research Office is **Thursday, September 23rd**. Information related to application procedures for the Outstanding Graduate Student Award can be found on the web as well as by asking one’s CRC representative, Department Graduate Coordinator, or Department Chair as well as Asst. Dean Gentry. Each department decides which graduate student will represent them in the college competition. Once a college winner is selected, his/her materials are forwarded to Hovey Hall. For the University Outstanding Researcher and Research Initiative Awards, the deadline for materials to be sent to the CAST Research Office is **Friday, October 8th**. Faculty can obtain information about eligibility and application procedures by contacting their CRC representative or department chairperson, as well as Asst. Dean Gentry. Each of these persons has an original copy of the award guidelines from which a faculty member can make his or her own reference copy.

To be eligible to apply for the University Outstanding Researcher Award, one has to have received the CAST
Outstanding Researcher Award. The deadline for submitting application materials for this award is Friday, October 22nd. Guidelines for this award can be obtained from Asst. Dean Gentry, CRC representatives, and department chairpersons.

For those faculty who anticipate preparing and submitting a University Research Grant this fall, the CAST guidelines for this award can be found among the CAST Research Office web pages. Department chairpersons and CRC representatives from each department have a copy of the guidelines in their possession as well. Faculty new to CAST this fall, as well as those arriving last fall, have been invited to a workshop to be held September 10th which will focus on URG preparation. At least one “question-and-answer session” will likely be sponsored by the CAST Research Committee, probably in October. CAST faculty with general questions about URG preparation, submission, and review will be welcome to attend. The deadline for submitting URG proposals to the CAST Research Office is October 29th.

The CAST Research Mentoring Program is beginning its second year. Mentor-mentee relationships formed last year are continuing, while faculty new to CAST this fall are asked to consider participating in the program. Details of the program are featured within the CAST Research Office web pages. Department chairs can also be contacted for more information, as can Assistant Dean Gentry. Several brand new mentor-mentee relationships have already been formalized, while others may solidify over the next few weeks. Mentor-mentee pairs need not be from the same department. New faculty wishing to participate in this program should inform their department chairperson, as s/he will facilitate the process of connecting with an eligible and willing mentor. As a feature of this program, Asst. Dean Gentry has begun visiting new faculty members in their offices in order to learn more about their research themes and assist them in subscribing to the Illinois Research Information System (IRIS).

For graduate faculty who are relatively new to the task of directing master’s level theses, a mini-workshop is planned for Wednesday, September 29 from 3:30-4:30 pm in Turner 104A. Several graduate program coordinators/advisors will be leading the workshop, including Dr. Jean Memken, FCS; Dr. Bev Smith, CJS; and Dr. Bill Vogler, HPER. Dr. Sandra Little and Dr. Larry Alferink, from the Graduate School Office, may speak as well. Useful information about procedures, policies, expectations, timetables, etc. of chairing thesis committees will be provided. Come with the questions you need answers to.

Thanks to Dr. Charles Duvel, Industrial Technology, the CAST Research Office has learned of a computer program that could save considerable time for faculty who have manuscripts or other scholarly writing underway or planned for the future. The program is called EndNote Plus. Its capabilities are two-fold. First, it is a database manager—it specializes in storing, managing, and searching for bibliographic references in one’s private reference library. Second, it is a bibliography maker—it builds lists of cited works automatically. One can use EndNote Plus to insert citations into work processing documents and later scan those documents for in-text citations to compile a bibliography in any format that is needed. System requirements: Windows 3.1 or later, including Windows 95 and Windows NT. Hardware requirements: An IBM PC or compatible computer with 386DX/25 MHz processor (or higher) and a minimum of 4 MB of RAM (8 MB recommended); a hard drive with at least 3.5 MB of free space; and a mouse, and 3.5 inch floppy drive. Word processor compatibility: EndNote Plus is compatible with the following word processing formats: Microsoft Word for Windows 1.0-6.0; WordPerfect for Windows 5.0-6.x; Rich Text Format (RTF); Ami Pro 3.0; and ANSI Text. Cost: Very reasonable. Dr. Duvel found this program invaluable while completing his recent dissertation. Contact him (8-2633) for more information and tips.

Assistant Dean Gentry, whose office is in Turner 153, can be reached at 438-8748 or dgentry@ilstu.edu. She divides her time between duties to the Research Office and the Family and Consumer Science Department, where she also has a half-time appointment.

Agriculture


Dr. Randy Winter attended the Growmark Annual meeting in Chicago on September 2-3, 1999. Scholarship recipients Brian Detwiler from Flanagan, IL. and David...
LeFevre from Rock Falls, IL. were recognized for their academic achievement at the meeting. Brian and David are both senior, agribusiness and agronomy double majors.


Kerry Tudor and Patrick O’Rourke took a week long U of I course in Stella, a simulation program language, in July. Audio communication was by speaker phone and visual by Internet.

Criminal Justice Sciences

The Criminal Justice department welcomes Jessie Krienert from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, David Hurley from the University of Cincinnati, and Martha Henderson from the University of Cincinnati. We hope that they will have long and successful careers at ISU.

Eight CJS majors accompanied Tom Ellsworth and Sesha Kethineni in a cultural exchange at Madras University in India from July 15-August 5.

Frank Morn conducted a tour to Russia with twelve students during the last two weeks of May.


Mark Fleisher recently published an article in the peer-reviewed journal, Corrections Management Quarterly. Over the summer, he delivered keynote addresses at the 2nd National Youth Gang Symposium, in Las Vegas; the Working With America's Youth, 14th Annual Conference, Minneapolis; and at the 25th Annual School on Addictions, sponsored by Substance Abuse Directors Association, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. He was also invited to discuss techniques in doing gang ethnography at EuroGang2, an international work group of invited American and European gang researchers, in Oslo, Norway, in September.


Dr. Kethineni attended a Next Millenium Conference to End Domestic Violence in Chicago, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Family & Consumer Sciences

Bloomington’s Mayor Judy Markowitz was a speaker in FCS 300, Leadership Development for Family & Consumer Professionals. She spoke about how she became a leader and was very inspirational in encouraging students to assume leadership roles while in college as well as after graduation. In addition to the students in the class, officers of the FCS student organizations, graduate assistants, and faculty were invited.

Connie J. Ley presented her refereed paper, “College Students’ Assessment of the Value of Human Development Knowledge” at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Seattle on June 28,1999. At the same meeting Ley participated in a panel discussion at the Town Hall Meeting on FCS Educator Shortage. Her presentation for that session was entitled, “Policies and the Educator Shortage.”

Connie J. Ley, was recently appointed to the College of Education Task Force on Performance Based Assessment. Her recent publication, “Influencing Policymakers about Secondary Family and Consumer Sciences Programs,” originally published in the Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences, Winter, 1999, was selected for inclusion in a national publication entitled Recruiting Family and Consumer Sciences Educators distributed by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, 1999.

Dr. Maria E. Canabal (FCS) attended and made a presentation at the Asian Consumer and Family Economics Association meeting in Seoul, South Korea from July 5 to July 11, 1999.


Health Sciences

Mark A. Temple, Health Sciences, was one of fifteen higher educators from around the U.S. selected to participate in the American Cancer Society (ACS) National School Health Coordinator Leadership Institute July 30 - August 5, 1999. The Institute, held in Atlanta, GA, is part of a three year ACS effort to improve cancer prevention through coordinated school health programs.
Dr. Sharron LaFollette was elected to the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (NEHSPAC) for a term of three years. Her term began in July 1999 during the NEHSPAC meeting held in conjunction with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Annual Education Conference. Dr. LaFollette also presented a paper at the NEHA conference entitled "Building a Statewide Coalition to Address Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Issues: An Illinois Model." Three of Dr. LaFollette's undergraduate research assistants had posters accepted for this meeting. URA Angela Hobson received third place in the poster competition. Angela also received a NEHA travel award to present a paper on her research into Indoor Air Quality Awareness in Illinois Day Care Centers.

Dr. Gary Erisman was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Farm Safety, Inc. at the organization's annual meeting held in Ocean City, Maryland this past June.

Paulette Miller, Health Information Management, presented "Clinical Compliance Monitoring in a Physician's Office" at the August 9, 1999, meeting of the Central Illinois Health Information Management Association at Illinois State University.

Paulette Miller attended the annual Illinois Health Information Management conference at Itasca, Illinois, on April 9 and 10, 1999.

Paulette Miller attended the Illinois Health Information Management conference on Compliance and Coding, held in Champaign, IL on April 29, 1999.

Industrial Technology

Two articles by Rodney L. Custer have recently been published. A manuscript entitled "Design and Problem Solving in Technology Education" was published in the September issue of the National Association of Secondary School Principals Bulletin. The article is one of six comprising a major theme issue on Technology Education. The second manuscript, co-authored by Joe Scarcella (California State University, San Bernardino) and Bob Stewart (University of Missouri-Columbia) was published in the Spring issue of the Journal of Vocational and Technical Education and is entitled "The Modified Delphi Technique--A Rotational Modification."

In July, the National Science Foundation awarded Drs. Robert Fisher (C&I), Franzie Loepf (IT), and Sherry Meier (MA) a $1.75M three year grant to develop an integrated mathematics, science and technology curriculum for the 6th grade.

Dr. Anu A. Gokhale, Industrial Technology, presented a paper "Strategies to Improve the Urban Environment in India: A Delphi Study" at the Fifth International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment, held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 23-25, 1999.

Military Science

The Military Science Department would like to welcome two new faculty members for the 1999-2000 school year.

Lieutenant Colonel Nick Lilak is the new Professor of Military Science and Department Chairperson for the Military Science Department. LTC Lilak received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Pennsylvania State University. LTC Lilak, his wife, Theresa, and daughter Lauren moved to Bloomington after being stationed in Germany for two years.

Major Dan Olson is also new in the Military Science Department. Major Olson is the Assistant Professor of Military Science. Major Olson, his wife, Linda, and three children moved to Bloomington after being stationed at Ft. Drum, New York.

Major Daniel Olson has been invited to speak on Leadership Styles for the L.E.A.D. (Leaders Emerging and Developing) Conference being held on September 18, 1999. The conference is sponsored by the Office of Student Life, Intercultural Programs and Services, and the University Housing Services.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 17 - Deadline for submissions for next NewsCAST.

September 23 – Deadline for department submissions for Outstanding Graduate Student Award

September 29 – Graduate Thesis Mini-workshop in Turner 104A

October 8 – Deadline for University Outstanding Researcher and Research Initiative Awards

October 22 – Deadline for CAST Outstanding Researcher Award

October 29 - Deadline for submitting URG proposals to the CAST Research Office