Dean’s Corner

February is a busy month for the Dean’s Office. We are working on budgets, CFSC decisions, and attending area meetings. In addition, we are implementing plans for renovating the College’s main office complex. Part of this renovation includes renovating and relocating a clothing materials lab for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. This is a large project that will give us an adequate reception area; a College conference room; a break room for faculty and staff; offices for the Dean, Associate Dean, and Assistant Dean; offices for our support staff, and a modern accessible laboratory for Family and Consumer Sciences. Currently, we cannot provide all three deans offices in the complex and the College does not have a conference room exclusively available to the College. Overall, the renovated space will present a better image of the College and its programs.

Jeri Ryburn, from our office, informed the faculty in the College last week that Turner 104A and 104D will need to be out of service during the renovation. We anticipate that this will cause some difficulties, but we will need to use these rooms as temporary offices for the College. We really have no other option. We will work with individuals who need space as best as we can. Ironically, while we are increasing the space available for conducting college business, we will temporarily have less space.

All fall semester I have been visiting departmental offices on a regular basis to have my meetings with Department Chairpersons. Formerly, Chairpersons came to Turner for these meetings. Since the College is located in offices throughout campus, I do not have the opportunity to see faculty, students, and departmental operations on a routine basis. I have found these visits to the departments useful and will continue this practice.

The passing of Wayne Nelsen from the Department of Industrial Technology saddened us all. His friends and colleagues organized a very fitting, and moving, memorial service for him that was attended by individuals from the community and from throughout the University. His long time friend and colleague, Wayne Lockwood, wrote a most appropriate eulogy for him that was presented by Rod Custer, Chairperson from Industrial Technology.

By now, everyone should be well into teaching their Spring semester courses and are likely looking forward to Spring Break. I am also teaching this spring in an area that I know well, Recreation Program Development. It is a joy to teach students who have graduated from the high schools in Illinois. They are well prepared and are serious students. More later…….

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CAST Research Office

The workshop on Qualitative Research is a “go”!! After reviewing input from numerous CAST faculty on this topic, a workshop has been planned and will be presented by Dr. Barbara Heyl, Department of Sociology, on Friday, April 7th, from 1-4 p.m. in Turner 104A. The workshop will primarily address these four content areas: 1) basic principles, as well as pros and cons of employing qualitative methodologies/approaches/techniques; 2) strategies for determining the most appropriate approach for the research questions being investigated; 3) data analysis techniques; and 4) tips for writing up results and presenting data/findings. Attendees are asked to come to the workshop with a list of research questions related to a research project on which they are currently working, or will be undertaking in the future. Several interactive activities are planned, as well as refreshments and a mid-way break. To register call Jeri Ryburn, CAST Dean’s Office, 438-7602. Provide name, department, telephone number and e-mail address when calling. To facilitate a modest amount of audience participation, enrollment will be kept to 25-30 people. The deadline for registering is April 3rd. Pre-registration will enable us to adequately prepare handouts and purchase refreshments.

There have been other CAST Research Office efforts recently presented to CAST faculty via the listserv. Here is a reminder of these opportunities that you may want to take advantage of:

First, there is a workshop on large, single sheet research poster display development for conference presentations being offered Tuesday, February 29, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in room 108 of the Faculty Tech Services building (formerly called ITS building). Call Jeri Ryburn in the CAST Dean’s Office at 438-7602, on or before February 25 to register, as only 19 seats are available. An interested volunteer should contact Bryan Bray at 438-2628 if s/he would like to work with Bryan to use her/his materials for demonstration purposes. Contact Bryan between February 14-18, if you wish to be the volunteer. Power Point and Illustrator can be used to design these posters. A printer large enough to accommodate the printing of such a large poster display is available at the Faculty Tech Services building.

Second, there is a workshop focusing on scholarly writing for journals scheduled for Thursday, March 23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. A light lunch will follow. Dr. Robert Lucas, of the Institute for Scholarly Productivity in San Luis Obispo, California, will be the presenter. While seating at the workshop is primarily reserved for new tenure-track faculty in CAST, there will likely be several open seats that could be filled by other CAST faculty. If you are not among the “very new and new” tenure-track faculty to CAST and see benefit to your attending the workshop, please call Jeri Ryburn in the CAST Dean’s Office at 438-7602, on or before March 13th. Your name will be placed on the waiting list. When the exact number of open seats is known, you will be contacted to confirm your interest in attending. This workshop may serve to re-energize and re-vitalize your scholarly writing efforts.

CAST Council

The CAST Council will sponsor an open forum about the unionization issue on Wednesday, February 16, at 4:00 p.m. in Turner Hall, room 200. Faculty representing both sides of the issue will present their arguments, either for or against unionization, and then there will be an
opportunity for faculty to ask questions. We are encouraging all faculty to attend this event to hear both sides of the union debate in an open forum.

Refreshments will be served. Please come, listen to the speakers, and then make an informed decision about unionization.

Department Highlights:

Criminal Justice Sciences

On January 31, Dr. Thomas Ellsworth was interviewed by the Pantagraph, WJBC, WMBD-31 and WEEK-25 on the governor's recommended moratorium on the death penalty.

On January 18th, Dr. Ralph Weisheit testified before the Illinois Attorney General's Youth AT-Risk Commission. The Commission was created by the legislature and will issue a report making recommendations regarding programs and policies for at-risk youth in Illinois.

Dr. Ralph Weisheit has an entry in the three-volume set, Violence in America: An Encyclopedia, published by Charles Schribner's. His contribution to the encyclopedia focuses on rural violence.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Dr. Jan Shane will attend the annual meeting of the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences on February 9-12 in New Orleans. Dr. Shane serves on the 2001 Annual Meeting Planning Committee for that organization and will be participating in a meeting of the Family and Consumer Sciences Administrative Leadership Council while she is there.

Health, Physical Education & Recreation


Dr. Alan Lacy recently attended the National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education Conference in Austin, Texas and made a presentation entitled, “Incorporating a Wellness Concepts Course within a University Learning Community.”
**Dr. Diana Jones** gave a presentation entitled, "PE Overhaul: Time for a Tune-up," at the Sharing the Wealth in Physical Education conference on Jekyll Island, Georgia on Saturday, January 29th.

**Dr. Mary-Margaret McHugh** gave a research poster presentation at NAPEHE, in Austin, Texas, January 6, 2000 entitled, "The Changing Tide of Basic Instruction Programs."

**Dr. McHugh** also gave two presentations at the Midwest District, AAHPERD Conference held in Chicago, February 3-5, 2000. She presented, "Writing a Winning Resume," and co-presented with Mensah Kutame, "Interdisciplinary Activities for Success." As a past-president of the association, she is a voting delegate to the Representative Assembly.

**Terri Ryburn-LaMonte**, Assistant Chairperson of HPER, received her Doctor of Arts degree in history at Illinois State University in December, 1999. The topic of her dissertation was "Route 66: The Road as Local History." Congratulations Terri!!!

**Health Sciences**

An article by **Tom Bierma** and **Frank Waterstraat**, entitled, "Shared Savings in Action," was recently published in the "Millenium Issue" of *Pollution Prevention Review*. The article summarizes five studies at GM, Ford, Daimler-Chrysler, and Navistar manufacturing plants. These plants are using an innovative chemical supply strategy to reduce chemical waste.

**Frank Waterstraat** presented a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act electronic health data security standards update to the Central Illinois members of the Illinois Health Information Management Association on January 24, 2000. If congress passes the standards as currently written, many believe that it will have a bigger impact on the healthcare industry than the Y2K issue.

**Industrial Technology**

**Dr. Steve McCaw** attended the Leadership Conference of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance held January 27-29 at Starved Rock Lodge. Dr. McCaw is coordinator of the Grant Review Committee and maintains the website, www.iahperd.org, for the organization.

**Franzie Loepp** attended a PI Conference held in Washington, D.C., February 10-13, for those with NSF Instructional Materials Development projects.

**Dr. Anu A. Gokhale** received the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers’ Third Millennium Medal. This award honors IEEE members for their outstanding contributions in their respective areas of activity.
Important Dates

February 9         External grant budget preparation workshop, 3:00 p.m., STV 401
February 16       Faculty forum to debate unionization—Turner Hall 200, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
February 17       Founders Day, Ballroom, Bone Student Center
February 29th     Workshop (Faculty Tech Services bldg.) related to preparing 3’ X 4’ poster displays for professional conference presentation. Call 438-7602 to register soon.

March 3           Deadline for CAST Outstanding Undergraduate Student Research Award applications. See http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/Research/honor.htm#COG
March 3           Deadline for abstracts to Graduate School Office for Undergraduate Student Research Symposium.
                   See http://www.grad.ilstu.edu/grad/menus/research.htm
March 23rd        New faculty workshop on scholarly writing for journals
March 30          Undergraduate Student Research Symposium, Ballroom, BSC
March 31st        Deadline for CAST Presentation Travel Program applications.
                   See http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/Research/travel.htm
March 31st        Deadline for abstracts to Graduate School Office for Graduate Student Research Symposium.
                   See http://www.grad.ilstu.edu/grad/menus/research.htm
April 7th         Afternoon workshop on qualitative research methods, etc. Call 438-7602 to register on or before April 3rd.
April 28          Graduate Student Research Symposium, Ballroom, BSC
May 15-18         URO sponsored Grant Writing Workshop, mornings. Applications out soon.

Sometime during the semester, a possible workshop on End Note software program use may be planned and delivered.