CAST Office

Retirement Planning

A person’s retirement annuity is based upon the highest four consecutive years (September 1 to August 31) of salary including summer session earning, ISU contract or grant pay and extension work.

As was the case for the last several years, the College will try to set aside some summer funds to insure that anyone retiring in FY2001 can receive some summer employment during the summer of 2000 with duties (teaching) assigned by the department chairperson. Our ability to do this will depend on the funds available and the number of individuals requesting support.

In order to be considered, applicants must inform their chairperson and the Dean in writing of their intent prior to November 5, 1999. The letter should include: (1) proposed retirement date, (2) years of service at ISU and (3) birth date.

Persons who filed last year may reactivate their file by resubmitting a copy of that notification with a current date and signature. Applications are the responsibility of the faculty members and are not automatically reactivated.

Applicants will be selected using the following criteria: (A) Proposed Retirement Date - current year retirees will be served first; (B) Years of Service at ISU - service provides seniority; and (C) Birth Date - age provides seniority. All eligible persons will be assigned one month before any are assigned a second month. (Prior receipt of retirement enhancement funds will be considered).

NOTE: (1) Eligible persons with less than one month’s summer assignment may apply to complete that month’s summer salary. (2) Departments are encouraged to assist in this project by developing a summer school assignment policy that gives some special consideration to persons in their final four years. Comments concerning this policy should be addressed to Dean Rossman, 5000 CAST.

CAST Research Office

Kimberly J. Mueller, graduate student in HPER, has been selected by the CAST Research Committee as the college’s Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher. Her thesis entitled “The Female Athlete Triad: The Prevalence of Disordered Eating, Menstrual Irregularities, and Low
Bone Mass in Female Distance Runners” was exceptionally well done. Drs. Dale Brown, HPER, and Robert Cullen, FCS, co-chaired her thesis committee. For this achievement, Ms. Mueller’s name will appear on the plaque recognizing this award in the CAST Dean's Office. She will also receive a $200 monetary award. Her thesis has been forwarded to compete in the university-wide James L. Fisher Thesis Competition. The results of that contest will be announced at a ceremony in December. In the meantime, Ms. Mueller is completing an internship experience in San Diego, California.

**Award Nominations from CAST:**

The following faculty were nominated by CAST for University-based Awards:

**Outstanding University Teacher Award**

1. Dr. Deborah B. Gentry, FCS  
2. Dr. Douglas M. Turco, HPER

**Teaching Initiative Award**

1. Dr. Mark Temple, HSC  
2. Dr. Deborah Gentry, FCS  
3. Dr. Cynthia J. Wachter, HPER

**Outstanding University Teacher Award – Category II**

1. Ms. Christy N. Bazan, HSC

**Service Initiative Award**

1. Dr. David Q. Thomas, HPER  
2. Dr. James T. Broadbear, HSC

Tim Kelley has been selected as the 1999-2000 CAST Outstanding Teacher.

**Agriculture**

A side-by-side taste comparison of shrimp produced at the aquaculture center at Illinois State University was conducted on October 13. Shrimp produced in two different production systems at ISU were compared to shrimp available from commercial outlets. While tasters indicated a slight preference for shrimp produced at ISU in a salt water production system, there was no significant difference among preferences for the three samples. Researchers participating in the project include Randy Winter, Pat O'Rourke, Kerry Tudor and Pat Foley, all from the Department of Agriculture.

**Applied Computer Sciences**

On October 21-22, Dr. Robert F. Zant chaired an External Review Committee for the IUPUI Chancellor's Office. The committee reviewed the programs in the Department of Computer Technology in the School of Engineering and Technology.
Criminal Justice Sciences

Dr. Mark Fleisher and Criminal Justice Science MA student, Adam Bossler, had their research project, *Risk and Resiliency Factors in the Pre-Imprisonment Employment Histories of Federal Inmates*, approved by the Federal Bureau of Prisons and were joined by Assistant Professor Jessie Krienert, in data collection at FCI Greenville. Bossler will use these data for his master’s thesis.

Dr. Thomas Ellsworth attended the annual meeting of the Illinois Probation and Court Services in Decatur on October 21.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Twenty-two apparel merchandising and design students, along with Margaret Ann Hayden and Myrna Garner, visited and toured Claire's Incorporated Corporate Headquarters in Hoffman Estates, IL. Claire's sells private label accessories for young girls. Representatives of the company, including 6 apparel merchandising and design alumni of Illinois State University, spoke to the students.

Health, Physical Education & Recreation

Dr. Gary D. Kinchin presented, “Implementing seasons of sport education into one PETE institution: What do the participants tell us?” at the National Teacher Education Conference in Physical Education: Exemplary Practice in Teacher Education, held in Bloomingdale, IL. At this conference, Dr. Kinchin also co-presented with Dr. Diana Jones a paper titled “Computer-assisted supervision: How is it done and what do the preservice teachers think?”

Health Sciences

Drs. Teresa Belingar, Gary Erisman and Mr. Paul Ronczkowski attended the American Society of Safety Engineers, Central Illinois Chapter meeting in Peoria. The speaker, John Lee (ISU Safety alum), presented a topic on grain dust explosions.

Dr. Audrey Hentzen presented a talk entitled “Regulatory mechanisms of gene expression in plants.” This talk was part of the Biology Seminar Series which was held on October 14, 1999, here at ISU.

Industrial Technology

Dr. Hank Campbell and graduate student Salisa Chamnanmoh presented "The Utilization of Quality Tools Within Selected Industries in Thailand" at the October 14th meeting of the American Society for Quality, Central Illinois Section 1200 at the Ramada Inn South in
Springfield, IL. This research study investigated the quality management practices of 26 selected industries near Bangkok, Thialand.

The Academic Senate elected **Hank Campbell** to serve on the search committee for Vice President for Business and Finance.

The National Science Foundation invited **Dr. Franzie Loepp** to serve on a proposal Review Panel that met on October 14-16. The proposals related to the enhancement of middle school mathematics, science and technology teachers.

**Dr. Richard Boser** was elected as Second Vice President of the National Association of Home Builders Student Chapter Advisory Board.

## Important Dates

October 22 - Deadline for next NewsCAST items

November 2 – Distinguished Professor lecture by Ralph Weisheit, CJS  
Old Main Room of Bone Student Center

November 5 – Deadline for letter to Dean for faculty retiring in 2001 to apply to be considered for summer 2000 employment.