CAST Research Office

It may seem like a long way off now, but the deadline for submitting applications for the CAST Outstanding Undergraduate Student Research Award is only five weeks away: Friday, March 3rd. As compared to recent years in the past, this is an earlier deadline. It is hoped this earlier review of applications will allow for earlier announcement of names of the awardee(s), such that the person(s) might be recognized at a departmental student award event at the close of the semester.

Information about this award and procedures for applying can be found at this web site: http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/Research/honor.htm#COU. Once all applications are received in the CAST Research Office, members of the CAST Research Committee will review and rank them, eventually selecting the most noteworthy effort.

CRC members hope there will be ample submissions this year. Those readers who actively supervise undergraduate student research projects, do consider helping one or more students to prepare and submit application materials.

On another matter, be reminded of a workshop on external grant budget preparation which is to be held on Wednesday, February 9th at 3:00 p.m. in Stevenson 401. Lucinda Beier, CAS Research Coordinator, will be the primary presenter. This is one of the aspects of grant writing that seems to mystify prospective investigators the most. If you are in the midst of writing a grant, or expect to sometime in the near future, try to attend this workshop.

Department Highlights:

Agriculture

Dr. Randy Winter participated in a conference, sponsored by the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators, to discuss the development of collaborative distance education delivery of graduate training in agricultural economics. The conference was held in Chicago, on January 14 and 15.
Criminal Justice Sciences

Dr. Frank Morn’s recent text, Foundations of Criminal Investigation, has been published by Carolina Academic Press.

Dr. Mark Fleisher was invited to participate in a conference on school violence and delinquency by the Department of Criminology, Bar-Ilan University, Israel, which will sponsor his participation in May, 2000.

Congratulations to Jessie and Eric Krienert on the birth of their new son, Evan Alexander. The baby arrived Thursday, January 20.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Jan Shane, represented the AAFCS Collegiate Assembly, as one of 15 AAFCS leaders participating in the FCS Body of Knowledge meeting at the AAFCS Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, on January 12-13, 2000. The group spent two days redefining the professional knowledge base inherent to programs of study in family and consumer sciences. The updated knowledge base will be presented to 13,000 AAFCS members nationwide in March - June, 2000. Certification and accreditation standards will then be revised to reflect this new common knowledge base.

Margaret Ann Hayden took a group of students on a study tour of London, Paris, and Brussels over the semester break. The students studied fashion merchandising and visited such sites as Frank Usher and Hermes.

Health, Physical Education & Recreation

Dr. Steve McCaw was quoted in the Christian Science Monitor regarding his research, co-authored with Texas physician John Walker, on the effects of violence on series outcome in ice hockey.

Health Sciences

Drs. Teresa Bellingar, Gary Erisman, George Byrns, and Mr. Paul Ronczkowski attended the recent joint meeting of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Central Illinois Chapter with the American Industrial Hygiene Association, Prairie Section. The speaker, Mr. Dustin Berger with the Illinois EPA, spoke on criminal investigation of major industrial polluters in the state.

Frank Waterstraat presented an update on the health information security requirements, defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, at the winter meeting of the Illinois Health Information Management meeting on January 24, at BroMenn Regional Medical Center.
Dr. Gary Erisman attended the Corn and Soybean Classic - a one day workshop put on by the Cooperative Extension Service at the Interstate Center on January 11, 2000.

Dr. Sharron LaFollette, Dr. Jim Broadbear, and Christy Bazan published an article in the December 1999 issue of the Journal of Environmental Health. The article was entitled "Beyond Regulatory Compliance: Enhancing Environmental Health with an Education Paradigm."

Drs. Marilyn Morrow and Sharron LaFollette received a grant from the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety to provide radon education to all 29 communities within McLean County. In addition, two radon-related research projects will be designed this year for implementation next year.


Dr. Jim Broadbear co-authored an article, entitled "Publishing in professional journals: Critical steps for young scholars," that was recently published in the journal, The Health Educator.

Industrial Technology

Dr. Franzie Loepp’s article titled, "Models of Curriculum Integration" was published in the 1999 Summer/Fall issue of The Journal of Technology Studies.

On Friday, January 21, Dr. Ryan Brown presented a 7-hour workshop entitled "AutoCAD 2000 Update" to 12 teachers in the Kaskaskia Community College Tech Prep Consortium in Centralia, Illinois.

Drs. Richard Boser, Hank Campbell, and Ed Francis, with seven Construction Management students, attended the National Association of Home Builders' annual convention in Dallas, Texas, from January 13 - 17, 2000. A five-student team also participated in the National Construction Management Competition and finished 10th in the nation. The Bloomington-Normal Area Home Builders Association funded students' travel expenses.

Dr. Richard Boser received the professional designation of Certified Professional Constructor (CPC) in December 1999. He is one of over 900 practitioners throughout the United States to be certified in a rigorous program developed by national construction trade and professional associations under the auspices of the American Institute of Constructors.
Important Dates

January 31\textsuperscript{st}  
Promotion and tenure materials due to the Dean’s office

February 2\textsuperscript{nd}  
Deadline to send Jeri names of undergraduate students recommended For Spring 2000 Commencement marshals

February 4\textsuperscript{th}  
Deadline to send Jeri news items for next “NewsCAST”

February 9\textsuperscript{th}  
External grant budget preparation workshop, 3:00 p.m., STV 401

March 3\textsuperscript{rd}  
Deadline for CAST Outstanding Undergraduate Student Research Award applications

March 31\textsuperscript{st}  
Deadline for CAST Presentation Travel Program applications.