I want to bring you up to date on several issues. I assume that most of you learned of Provost Goldfarb’s announcement that he accepted appointment as President of Western Illinois University effective July 1, 2002. President Boschini has announced while you were away that, after appropriate consultations across campus, he will appoint an interim Provost and also begin a national search for an individual to appoint permanently. More information about how this will be done should be forthcoming shortly.

This week each dean will present an FY03 budget request to the University. These are open meetings, and you are invited to attend. The CAST presentation will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, from 8:30—9:00 a.m. in Stevenson 104. Although we expect another tight budget year and will likely have to accommodate another rescission, we are asking for funds to expand our capacity to teach General Education courses and to renovate several of our facilities.

On Thursday the Caterpillar Corporation will announce its major Comprehensive Campaign Gift to the University. We are hopeful that the College will be named as a recipient of a part of this. The news conference is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. in the West Lounge of the BSC.

The week before Spring Break the Provost asked the CAST Council to identify faculty who would be willing to continue work on two recommendations of the Academic Senate reorganization subcommittee—item 1b on health related disciplines and item 1e on Information Systems. The Council solicited names, and these were sent forward today (March 15, 2002) as requested. The Provost also asked the Council to work on item 1f regarding the identity of CAST. The Council will begin studying and considering this issue at a meeting on March 22, 2002, Turner 139, 12:00 noon. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend.

On a personal note, I was notified last week that I will be inducted into the American Leisure Academy at the AHPERD meeting in San Diego during April. Although it may sound like a relaxation group, it is not. The academy is a group of scholars dedicated to advancing knowledge related to leisure and leisure service delivery systems. I look forward to joining my colleagues in the School of KNR in San Diego for the induction ceremony.

I hope all of you had a relaxing Spring Break. Campus was very quiet during the week, and our weather was beautiful. Welcome back.

More later

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES


At the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Anaheim, California, the following CJS faculty participated:

- Dr. Sesh Kethineni presented a paper entitled, “An Exploratory Study of Adolescent Violence toward Parents in a Central Illinois County.” She also chaired the panel.

- Dr. Bev Smith, Dr. Dave Falcone, and Mr. Jason Fuller presented a paper on “The Rise of the Illinois Secretary of State Police, 1880-1944.” Dr. Smith also acted as chair of the panel.

- Dr. Deborah Linnell held a three-hour workshop on “Assessing the Needs of Injured and Disabled Police Officers in the Aftermath of Violent Crime and Acts of Terrorism.”

Dr. Bev Smith was an invited speaker at the Unitarian Church in Bloomington on the current threats to civil liberties.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

At the end of February, Karen Stephens, Child Care Center, attended the annual conference of the National Coalition of Campus Children's Centers in San Antonio.

Dr. Susan Winchip attended the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) annual conference in San Antonio, Texas February 13-16.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Gary Erisman, Paul Ronczkowski, Harvey Thomas and Rod Simmons attending the recent American Society of Safety Engineers Central Illinois Chapter Meeting on March 12. Safety students also attended. Presentations were given on ASSE membership benefits and the OSHA Z Project initiative.

Dr. George Byrns attended the recent American Industrial Hygiene Association, Chicago Section Student recognition night in Hinsdale. Ten environmental health students also attended and presented their posters. ISU won the undergraduate research poster awards. Larken Akins' poster "Low Back Pain Risk Factors Affecting RNs in Two Hospitals in Central Illinois," and Amy Doranski's poster, "Student Housing and Health," tied for first place.

Mark Temple:


- Presented with American Cancer Society Award of Excellence for active involvement in the ACS's National School Health Coordinator Leadership Institute, February 8, 2002, in Washington, D.C.

- Presented two scholarly presentations during the last month: 1) "Acquiring resources to support coordinated school health programs" at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Adolescent and School Health - National Leadership Conference, Feb. 11, 2002, Washington, D.C. 2) "Resources to aid preservice education professional preparation programs train teachers to deal effectively with child and youth health issues" at the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Preparation, Feb. 24, New York City, NY.

KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION

Dr. Dave Thomas appeared on TV Channel 31 on the 6:00 p.m. Feb. 27th edition discussing obesity in children and physical education.

TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Ken Stier, Dept. of Technology, has been invited to serve on the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) newly formed subcommittee for developing standards for compatibility of machine-tool components and industrial lubricants.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

March 22  Registration deadline for Graduate Research Symposium to be held April 26.

March 29  Deadline for CAST Presentation Travel Program applications.

March 29  Next Issue of NewsCAST Published.

April 5  Undergraduate Research Symposium.

April 8  Application Deadline for University-Wide Grant Writing Workshop.

April 8 & 9  Workshops on Scholarly Writing Publication.

April 22-26  CAST sponsored “Science & Technology Week.”

April 26  Graduate Research Symposium.

**May 11**  CAST Spring Commencement in Redbird Arena at 9:00 a.m. Reception at 10:30 a.m. in Linkins Dining Center.

May 11-12  ISU Spring 2002 Commencement.  
http://www.commencement.ilstu.edu/schedu le.shtml

May 14-17  Tentative dates for University-wide Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by the Research and Sponsored Projects Office.

March 21  Ideas In Progress

March 29

April 4  BSC Faculty Commons Conference Room

April 17  See next page for details