Commencement
I look forward to seeing you at the College Commencement Ceremony tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in Redbird Arena followed by a reception in Linkins Dining Center at 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the ceremony. Your presence and support on this joyous occasion is important to our students and their families.

Congratulations on Promotion/Tenure
Congratulations to the following CAST faculty members who were awarded promotion and tenure to be effective July 1, 2002.
Promotion to Professor:
Dr. Martha Power, FCS
Dr. David Thomas, KNR

Promotion to Associate Professor:
Dr. James Broadbear, HSC
Dr. Frank Waterstaat, HSC
Dr. Margaret Coleman, KNR

Awarded Tenure:
Dr. Robert Cullen, FCS
Dr. James Broadbear, HSC
Dr. Margaret Coleman, KNR

College Golf Outing
The College will sponsor its first ever golf outing on July 10, 2002, at the Chalet Hills Country Club in Cary, Illinois. Additional information, an invitation, and an enrollment form are included with this NewsCAST. Proceeds from this outing will be used to support scholarships for students in the College. We hope to attract many CAST alums and faculty to the event. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there this summer.

Farm Dedication
I hope each of you will be able to join us as we dedicate the new ISU Farm at Lexington on June 18, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend and I look forward to seeing you there. The new farm is a first class facility; one that the entire College and University can be proud to own.

Although you have likely passed it many times as you have driven north on I-55, here are directions for getting to the farm. Take Interstate 55 north to Exit 178, Lexington. At the stop sign at the end of the exit ramp, turn right (east) onto road 2475N. Proceed toward Lexington .7 of a mile to the next stop sign. Turn left (north) onto road 2450E. Go north 1.1 miles and proceed over Interstate 55 to road 2555N (the first road past the Interstate 55 overpass). Turn right (east) onto road 2555N. Proceed 1.2 miles. The farm is on the right.

Summer
As we end another term, I want to thank the faculty and staff for their ongoing support in my role as Dean. I look forward to serving an additional term and pledge to continue working with you to advance the programs of the College. Have a good summer!

More next year.........
JRR

CAST RESEARCH OFFICE
CAST faculty members contemplating applying for the FY03 Outstanding University Research Award or the Research Initiative Award can find guidelines for these awards in several places. First, both department chairpersons and CAST Research Committee members have hardcopy versions of the guidelines, cover sheets, criteria info, and timetable for decisions regarding these awards. Second, the CAST Research Office has similar hardcopy version of such information. Finally, the following web page and relevant links found on the Research and Sponsored Programs website, can be consulted: http://www.rsp.ilstu.edu/internal_grant/. The deadline for submitting applications to the CAST Research Office is October 4, 2002. Summertime might be a less hectic time to organize application materials. Additionally, the deadline for the college level research award is October 18, 2002.

The CAST Research Office has information on hand to share with faculty regarding Fulbright Lecture/Research Grant opportunities in 140 countries for the 2003-2004 academic year. Traditional Fulbright awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. A new short-term grants program—the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program—offers two-to-six week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields. While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most Fulbright lecturing assignments are in English. Some 80 percent of the awards are for lecturing. The deadline for traditional lecturing/research grants worldwide is August 1. For the new specialists program, the deadline is a rolling one. Besides contacting the CAST Research Office for this information, readers may consult the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) at 3007 Tilden Street, NW, Suite 5L, Washington, D. C. 20008-3009. Telephone: 202.686.7877. E-mail: apprequest@cies.iie.org. Web: www.cies.org. The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs.
AGRICULTURE

The Department of Agriculture hosted the annual FFA State Public Speaking finals in Turner Hall on Saturday, May 4. Ten finalists in each of three areas of competition; creed speaking, extemporaneous public speaking, and prepared public speaking, participated in the competition. Randy Winter served as one of the judges for the extemporaneous public speaking contest.

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Mary Goodwin and Mary Elaine Califf published an article entitled, "Testing Skills and Knowledge: Introducing a Laboratory Exam in CS1", in the Proceedings of the 33rd ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Susan Winchip's manuscript, "Multiple Research Applications in a Student Interior Design Project", has been accepted for publication in the AAFCS monograph, Research Applications in Family and Consumer Sciences.

On April 16, Jean Memken was part of a panel presentation on "Best Practices in Using Group Work" that was sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching here at ISU.

Mardell Wilson attended the Meeting of Leaders and House of Delegates session for the American Dietetic Association May 3-5, 2002, as incoming chair-elect for Dietetic Educators of Practitioners.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Harvey Thomas was a presenter at the U.S. Naval Reserve Medical and Dental Symposium held in Jacksonville, Florida, April 27-28, where he presented papers on bioterrorism and web-based competency training for health care providers.

The Department of Health Sciences presented awards on May 6, 2002, for the 2001-2002 academic year. The Department recipients were:
Outstanding Teacher: Paulette Miller (HIM)
Outstanding Service: Frank Waterstraat (HIM)
Outstanding Researcher: Mark Temple (HED).

TECHNOLOGY

Chris Merrill and his wife, Kelli, have a new baby girl, born April 29, 2002. Jenna Ruthann Merrill weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21" long. Everyone is home and doing well. Congratulations Chris!

Drs. Richard Boser and Charles Duvel and former Department of Technology graduate student Tory Ragsdale had a refereed article entitled, "Recycled Foam and Cement Composites in Insulating Concrete Forms," published in the Journal of Industrial Technology (Volume 18, Number 3). The article can be found on-line in the Journal of Industrial Technology section of www.nait.org.

Michael Daugherty and Rodney Custer recently traveled to San Antonio, Texas to serve on a Council of Technology Teacher Education panel to review the spring cycle of NCATEfolios for six universities around the nation. As part of this activity, they also participated in a review of the new draft performance based accreditation guidelines for the profession.

Rodney Custer recently led a program review team evaluating programs in the Industrial Technology and Education department at Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

Dr. Louis Reischneider presented a peer-reviewed conference paper at the Society of Plastics Engineers Annual Technical Conference in San Francisco on May 6th. The paper was the result of a University Research Grant that addressed the use of polymer flow simulation software to automatically design extrusion dies.

Dr. Ken Stier served on a National Association of Industrial Technology accreditation site visiting team. The team visited the Department of Industrial Education and Technology at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Kentucky from April 14-16th to review them for re-accreditation.

IMPORTANT DATES

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


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

May 25 “Ice-Cream Social” Retirement Reception for Dr. Wayne Lockwood, 3-5 p.m.

June 7 Workshop on Using On-Line Surveys for Research from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Instructional Technology Development Building. Contact Deb Genty.

July 10 ISU Golf Scramble