Reorganization issues and concerns have been the focus of much of the activity in the Dean’s Office during the past two weeks. I hope each of you returned your survey and used this opportunity to participate in the campus discussion on reorganization. Randomly selected faculty and staff have been invited to focus groups with the Provost to discuss reorganization. The number invited is small, so it is important that you attend if you were selected for participation. Prior to attending, if you would like to talk with someone who is up to date regarding the issues being discussed, you may seek out your Department Chairperson, a CAST Academic Senator, or a member of the CAST Council. Our CAST Senators have kept these individuals up to date about the reorganization issues being considered. As a reminder, our Senators include Dr. Jim Coliz (ACS), Dr. Ed Wells (CJS), Dr. Susan Winchip (FCS), Dr. Dave Thomas (KNR), and Dr. Kerry Tudor (AGR). Dave and Kerry both serve on the Senate committee that is dealing with reorganization.

Two weeks ago I had an opportunity to tour the new University Farm. Phase I of construction is complete, and we are now beginning Phase II. Although the farm looks done from I-55, some buildings are just shells that need to be completed in Phase II. It will likely be next spring before the farm will be completed and ready for occupancy. We are hoping to have it dedicated in June, 2002.

We have begun hosting Comprehensive Campaign cultivation events at least once per month again this year. To help kick off this year's events, President and Mrs. Boschini hosted a dinner at the University Residence for some of our alumni. These events give us the opportunity to interact with our alumni and keep them up to date with events on campus. One thing we have learned from these interactions is that our alumni read Broadcast. I always receive comments or questions about items that have appeared in the newsletter.

More later............

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Retirement Planning: A person’s retirement annuity under the General Formula is based on the highest four consecutive years (September 1 to August 31), or the immediate 48 months of salary including summer session earnings, ISU contract or grant pay, and extension work. Retirement under the Money Purchase Formula only takes into consideration a person’s contributions into the system, interest earned on those contributions, and life expectancy. The maximum that a person may receive under either formula is 80%. SURS will calculate it both ways and you will receive the greater of the two calculations. Since it is hard to predict which formula will be applied to any given individual, it is valuable to have the extra summer employment before retirement.

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 FY2003 under the general formula can receive some summer employment during the summer of 2002 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, 2001. 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) Amount that the funding will affect an individual’s retirement, (B) Proposed Retirement Date - current year retirees will be served first; (C) Years of Service at ISU - service provides seniority; and (D) 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

A university-wide database of faculty research interests and profiles is under development and will hopefully be ready for use next spring. In the meantime, the College Research Office decided not to delay in sharing such information about faculty members new to CAST this fall. This and upcoming issues of this newsletter will feature brief summaries of the research interests of our new faculty. Below, readers will find information about the research interests and accomplishments of Dr. H. Joseph Wen, ACS, and Dr. Deborah Linnell, CJS. Both persons are eager to collaborate.

Dr. H. Joseph Wen, new associate professor of Computer Information Systems in the Applied Computer Science Department, has published over 70 papers in academic refereed journals, book chapters, encyclopedias and national conference proceedings. His research interests are in the areas of: (1) information systems analysis, design, and evaluation and (2) Internet and e-commerce. In the first area, he has published 17 refereed journal articles, and has received $6,685,693.21 research grants from various state and federal agencies. In the area of Internet and e-commerce, Dr. Wen has published 18 refereed journal articles. He has also worked as a senior developer and project manager for various software development contracts since 1988. His funded researches focus on implementing research theories, models, and procedures to solve real-world problems. He looks forward to working with faculty who have published research models and is interested in seeking external research funding to implement the models. Dr. Wen can be reached at 8-7756 or by e-mail at hjwen@ilstu.edu. Listed below are some of his achievements.


Dr. Deborah Linnell, new assistant professor in Criminal Justice Sciences, recently completed her dissertation entitled “College Student Attitudes Toward Two Disability Populations: Crime Victims and Police Officers.” This work was used to complete her doctorate in Counselor Education at the University of Maryland, College Park. She maintains two national counselor certifications, one with the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc., and the other with the Commission of Rehabilitation Counselor Certification, with master's degree training in both Criminal Justice and Rehabilitation Counseling. In the past, she has been employed with the Prince George County Police Department (retired), the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County (Maryland) Support Collection Unit, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She has completed various clinical practica with the University of Maryland-College Park Counseling Center, the Prince George's County Heath Department, and the Prince George's Hospital Sexual Assault Center. Dr. Linnell is also actively involved with such organizations as the American Counseling Association, where she sits on the Ethics Committee, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the National P.O.L.I.C.E. Suicide Foundation, and the Disabled/Injured Police Officers Foundation, where she provides pro bono training and consultation services.
These keywords best fit her research interests and activities: police officer/firefighter/corrections officer/EMS personnel; injury and disability; public safety personnel; rehabilitation; and occupational/industrial health. Her record of scholarly publications is growing. Among Dr. Linnell’s most recent publications are these:


CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES

Dr. Ralph Weisheit and Dr. Robert Culbertson, a former CJS chairperson, have edited the sixth edition of their ‘Order under Law’: Readings in Criminal Justice with Waveland Press (2001). This book, with eight new chapters, is used across the nation in introductory criminal justice courses.

Dr. Frank Morn has been chosen to be the leader of the next faculty trip to China (from May 15 to June 6). Dr. Morn recently spent a semester in China as a Fulbright Scholar. He can be reached at ftmorn@ilstu.edu. There will be an introductory meeting on October 9 at 3 p.m. in Turner 104A.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Dr. Myrna Garner, FCS, was a consultant with the United Nations Development Program in Amman, Jordan during this past summer. The UN development project was designed to enhance employment opportunities for women in Jordan. Dr. Garner’s primary task was curriculum development for the community colleges in the areas of apparel product development and management of apparel manufacturing facilities within the Qualified Industrial Zones of Jordan. She worked extensively with an advisory panel of apparel plant managers from all over the world and with the administration and faculties of Al Baqah University and Ajloun Community College.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Gary Erisman attended the American Society of Safety Engineers Central Illinois Chapter meeting in Champaign September 11. The director of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals gave a presentation on the status of the profession.

KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION

Dr. Sandra Klitzing attended the National Institute on Recreation Inclusion in College Park, MD in September. Dr. Klitzing was invited to present at this relatively new and growing institute. The name of her presentation was “Where Do We Go From Here? Collaboration.” She discussed how general recreation professionals and therapeutic recreation professionals will need to work together in order to help people with disabilities be included in community recreation experiences.

Dr. Deborah Garrahy's manuscript, "Three Third-Grade Teachers' Gender-Related Beliefs and Behavior," was published in the September issue of The Elementary School Journal (The University of Chicago Press).

Speakers to KNR recreation classes during September include Illinois Park and Recreation Association president, Michael Clark, BS'87, Bill Wald, Executive Director of IPRA, and Lisa Linden, BS'91, Executive Director of Resort and Commercial Recreation Association. In addition to classes, the Parks and Recreation Society provided lunch and showed the speakers around campus.

TECHNOLOGY

The Center for Mathematics, Science, and Technology has been selected to receive a $391,875 CSEMS Award from the National Science Foundation. This will allow the programs in industrial computer systems, applied computer science, and mathematics to grant twenty, $12,500 scholarships to talented students who have financial need for the 2002-2003 academic year. The number of scholarships will increase over the span of the four-year program.
Professors Hank Campbell, Mark Comerford, and Rick Boser accompanied 18 construction management students on an all day field trip to a residential housing development in Geneva, Illinois. The Residential Construction Employers Council of Northern Illinois sponsored the event.

Richard Boser and two student officers of the Illinois Protective Officials Conference student chapter at ISU, Mike Mrachek and Omar Martinez, attended the annual conference of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International in Cincinnati, September 16 & 17.

Dr. Charles Duvel and Carey Baker, a student in the construction management sequence, attended and participated in the Mechanical Contractors Association of America’s first annual design and management competition. The event was held in Kansas City, September 20 & 21.

Students from Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan are building a house with the Carol Mack family and Habitat for Humanity for the seventh consecutive year. Hank Campbell who serves as the Project Director is leading this community project, which will be completed in April 2002. Students from each university volunteer each Saturday morning to work on the house. Additionally, Construction Management students from the TEC 121 classes are involved with this project throughout the first and second semesters.

MILITARY SCIENCE

LTC Dominic Lilak, Ph.D. presented “Leadership and Themes of Success,” at the New ROTC Commander’s Conference at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, on September 27, 2001. LTC Lilak’s presentation focused on building and maintaining a successful leadership team. Attendees were new Professors of Military Science from 85 mid-western universities.

Master Sergeant (MSG) Norman Talton is the new senior instructor in the Military Science Dept. He replaces MSG Paul Leiter, who recently retired from active duty. MSG Talton comes to Illinois State University ROTC from Ft. Carson, Colorado. He and his wife, Kellina, have two children, Kellina, age 18, and Clayton, age 11.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, September 28        URG Proposal Writing Workshop for new (and nearly new) faculty in CAST, 10-11 am, Turner 104A.
Monday, October 1         Application forms for U-Club Scholarship available from the college deans’ offices, the Graduate School, the Honors Office, Student Affairs, International Studies, and the University College.
Friday, October 5         University Outstanding Researcher and Research Initiative Award materials due to the CAST Research Office.
Friday, October 12        CAST Outstanding Teacher and CAST Outstanding Service Awards due to CAST Office.
Friday, October 19        CAST Outstanding Researcher Award materials due to the CAST Research Office.
Monday, October 29       Deadline for submitting URG proposals to the CAST Research Office.
Thursday, November 1     Deadline for submitting U-Club scholarship applications.
Monday, November 5       Intent to retire letter due to Chair and Dean. (See beginning of this newsletter for details).
Saturday, December 1     Due date for selection of recipients for U-Club scholarship.
Friday, December 7       Scholarship Awards presented for U-Club Scholarship at University Club Event.