Congratulations are in order. Two CAST faculty members were named as recipients of University level awards. Dr. Jerry Polacek, Assistant Professor in the School of Kinesiology and Recreation, was named as recipient of the Outstanding University Service Award for 2001-2002. He has provided much service to his department and the college, but his most notable service achievement is serving as director of the Gamma Phi Circus for over 30 years. I must tell you that when I make Capital Campaign visits, students who participated in Gamma Phi have the utmost respect and admiration for Jerry and have never forgotten how he influenced their lives.

Dr. Doug Turco was named as a recipient of the Outstanding University Teacher Award for 2001-2002. Dr. Turco has undertaken many innovative approaches to teaching. He was one of the first faculty members in CAST to teach FOI. Currently, he is working on research related to teaching pedagogy. Doug is truly into developing the scholarship of teaching that ultimately benefits his students and ISU.

Dr. Polacek and Dr. Turco will both be recognized for their achievements at the annual Founders Day convocation.

Two of our Civil Service employees were honored at the annual PRO luncheon last week for completing training offered by the Department of Human Resources. Barb Arbogast from the School of Kinesiology and Recreation completed the PRO Supervisor Level 2 program and Arlene Ashley from the Dean’s Office completed the PRO Certificate Program. Congratulations to both Barb and Arlene.

Commencement exercises have been changed a bit from previous years. Celebratory receptions will be held after the commencement ceremony, thereby, enabling us to spend more time with graduated students and their families. CAST students and faculty will participate in the 1:00 p.m. ceremony in Red Bird Arena with the reception at Bone Student Center immediately following. Hope to see you there.

You face a couple of weeks of hard work administering and grading final exams and projects. I know this is a stressful time for our faculty as well as students. Be good to yourselves these next two weeks. I hope you will join us at the annual College Holiday Luncheon on December 10, 2001, to help relieve some of this tension. (Fell Dining Room, Watterson Commons from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)

More later….JRR

CAST RESEARCH OFFICE

Members of the CAST Research Committee are in the midst of reviewing 30 University Research Grant proposals submitted by 38 CAST faculty members. The dollar figure allotted to the College to support such grants this year is approximately $115,000. Dean Rossman has also allotted an additional $10,000 to support a pilot program designed to further enhance non-salary related research needs. The following individuals or teams have submitted proposals:

- Eltayeb Abuelyaman, ACS
- Anthony Amorose, KNR
- Barbara Becceu & Joaquin Vila, ACS
- Paul Brauchle & Anu Gokhale, TEC
- George Byrns, HSC
- Robert Cullen, FCS & Dale Brown, KNR
- Audrey Hentzen, HSC
- Guang Jin, HSC
- Sesha Kethineni & Tricia Klosky, CJS
- Douglas Kingman & Jeff Wood, AGR
- Sandra Klitzing, KNR
- Kristen Lagally, KNR
- Billy Lim, ACS
- Deborah Linnell, CJS
- Steve McCaw and Ty Hopkins, KNR
- Todd McLoda, KNR
- Sharon Pate, FCS
- Travis Peterson, KN
- Martha Power, FCS
- Louis Reifsneider, TEC
- Robert Rhykerd, AGR
- Klaus Schmidt, TEC & Maria Canabal, FCS
- Beverly Smith, CJS
- Peter Smith, KNR
- Dave Thomas, KNR
- Harvey Thomas, KN
- William Vogler, KNR
- Todd McLoda, KNR
- Sharon Pate, FCS
- Travis Peterson, KN
- Martha Power, FCS
- Louis Reifsneider, TEC
- Robert Rhykerd, AGR
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- Beverly Smith, CJS
- Peter Smith, KNR
- Dave Thomas, KNR
- Harvey Thomas, KN
- William Vogler, KNR
- Paul Walker, AGR
- Ed Wells & David Falcone, CJS
- Joseph Wen, ACS

Provost Goldfarb has urged College Research Coordinators, college representatives to the University Research Committee, and college representatives to the Educating Illinois, subcommittee for Items 28 and 33 to assist in a process of assessing the University Research Grant program. Deb Gentry invites comments from CAST faculty about the current URG program and the various reports and recommendations for adjustments and changes that are under review. As it stands now, it appears the current program will still be in operation for FY04.
AGRICULTURE

The Departments of Agriculture and Athletics co-sponsored Legends Classic III on October 27 as part of Homecoming, 2001. Over 50 Illinois State Men's Basketball alumni returned to Illinois State to compete in scrimmages, 3-point shooting, and slam-dunk contests. Net proceeds from the event are designated for providing scholarship funds.

The Illinois State University Agriculture Alumni Association held their 23rd annual meeting at the new Illinois State University Farm at Lexington on November 10. Approximately 100 alumni and guests toured the new farm prior to the meeting. Special guests included Provost Al Goldfarb and Dean Robert Rossman.

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. Mark Myerscough's paper, "A Task Utilization-based Assessment of Quality and Utility for Web-Based Information Systems" (co-authored by Dr. Thomas Richards, University of North Texas), has been accepted for publication in Communications of the IIMA. This journal is a blind-refereed publication of the International Information Management Association. The paper is an outgrowth of Dr. Myerscough's interest in Information Systems quality and the importance of “Task-Technology Fit” in the development and deployment of quality systems. The research study investigated how the tasks for which two Fortune 500 companies’ internal web-based Intranet systems were utilized impacted the employee assessment of quality of these systems.

Dr. Tibor Gyires presented “An Extension of Integrated Services with Active Networking for Providing Quality of Service in Networks with Long-range Dependent Traffic” at the IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, October 7-10, 2001 in Tucson, Arizona. The paper was published in the Conference’s Proceedings.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES

At the 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, Georgia, the following CJS faculty participated:

Ms. Donna Vandiver presented a paper entitled, “Female Sex Offenders: A Review of the Literature and Empirical Research.”

Dr. Tricia Klosky presented a paper, “An Exploratory Study of the Effects of Legal and Extra-Legal Factors on Rural Juvenile Justice Processing.”


Drs. Ralph Weisheit and Ed Wells presented a paper, “Patterns of Rural Homicide.” Dr. Weisheit also served as the discussant for another panel on Issues in Rural Crime.

Drs. Dave Falcone and Ed Wells presented a paper on “Community Characteristics and Police Service Styles in Suburban Chicago.”

Drs. Dave Falcone and Bev Smith presented a paper entitled, “County Constables and Town Marshals: Vestiges of Early Policing.” Dr. Tom Ellsworth also attended the conference.

Drs. Mark Fleisher and Jessie Krienert were the editors for a special edition of Corrections Management Quarterly (Fall 2001) on Employment and Crime: Implications for Corrections. They and Kelly Hird, a master’s student in CJS and Psychology, wrote the introduction, “Employment and Crime: An Overview and Redefinition of Critical Issues.” Drs. Fleisher and Krienert wrote one of the articles entitled, “Economic Rehabilitation: A Reassessment of the Link between Employment and Crime,” which is based on extensive interviews of federal inmates at the Pekin Correctional Center.

Drs. Sesha Kethineni published a peer-reviewed article entitled, “Female Homicide Offenders in India,” in the International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice (Spring 2001). The article is based on extensive interviews conducted in Indian prisons. Dr. Kethineni is also the author of “Family--A Safe Haven” in the November issue of Childhood Magazine. It is about her childhood in India.

Dr. Deborah Linnell addressed the Citizens Police Academy class in Waukegan, Illinois on behalf of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Dr. Bev Smith made a presentation on “Terrorism in Ireland” during Heartland Community College’s Diversity Fair.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

"Creative Staff Training is Key to Quality: Effective Ideas for Training" by Karen Stephens, Child Care Center, was published in the November/December '01 issue of the magazine, Child Care Information Exchange.

Connie Ley, and Laura Toffentasamer, Associate Director, Child Protection Network/CASA McLean County, presented "CASA: Advocacy In Court for Abused and Neglected Children." This program discussed a community volunteer opportunity advocating for abused and neglected children who are in the court system. Insights about the operation of community agencies that relate to and support families, as well as information on child abuse in Illinois, were part of the presentation at the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
Dr. Sharon Pate presented "The Influence of a Mandatory School Uniform Policy in a Rural and Urban School District," and "Technology Applications for Transferable Career Skills Using WebCT" at the International Textile and Apparel Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, November 10 and 11. She also served on the public relations committee and participated in the Job Fair at the conference to search for two new faculty members.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Mark Temple presented four peer-reviewed scholarly presentations at the American School Health Association National Conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Presentations included a co-presentation entitled, "Solving tomorrow's problems today: Advocacy as a tool in the 21st Century," with ISU lecturer Adrian R. Lyde. Dr. Temple was also elected by the Board of Directors to serve as an At-Large member of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Mark Temple presented "A qualitative analysis of student attitudes towards health and school health education," a peer-reviewed professional presentation, at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Temple was also elected to serve as a Councilor within the School Health Education and Services Section.

Vern Hanks, Director of the Motorcycle Safety Program, has received the 2000 Motorcycle Safety Foundation Award as the Outstanding Chief Instructor. Vern was selected for this award based upon his long-term commitment to professional development and curricular issues.

Dr. Frank Waterstraat and Dr. Jane Turley spoke at the Central Illinois Health Information Management Association Quarterly Meeting. Dr. Waterstraat reported on the results of the delegates meeting at the national convention and Dr. Turley reported on the Proposed Rule for Observation Patients published in the Federal Register.

Dr. Gary Erisman and Dr. Paul Ronczkowski attended the American Society of Safety Engineers, Central Illinois Chapter meeting on November 13. Several safety students also attended.

KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION

The following students and faculty made presentations and/or received awards at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance convention in St. Charles, November 15-17:

As part of IAHPERD's Student/Mentor program:

Annie Chapman, undergraduate student, presented a paper entitled, "A Comparison of Bench Press Maximum and Bone Density in College Age Women," on a study she worked on with her mentor, Dr. Dave Thomas, associate professor Exercise Science and Fitness. Co-authors of the study include Sue Romz, Dr. Kristen Lagally, Joe Rodgers, and Dr. Steve McCaw.

Sue Romz, recent B.S. degree recipient, presented a paper entitled, "A Comparison of Percent Body Fat and Bone Density in College Age Women," on a study she worked on with her mentor, Dr. Dave Thomas, associate professor Exercise Science and Fitness. Co-authors of the study include Annie Chapman, Dr. Kristen Lagally, Joe Rodgers, and Dr. Steve McCaw.

Michele Rahija, graduate student, presented a paper entitled, “Comparison of body image perceptions and body fitness among females of different athletic status,” on her Master's thesis under the direction of Dr. Dave Thomas, associate professor Exercise Science and Fitness. Committee members include Dr. Tony Amorose, Dr. Kristen Lagally, and Dr. Steve McCaw.

The Student/Mentor program awards the student presenter $300.00 and a plaque.

Annie Chapman was also awarded an IAHPERD Student Scholarship of $750.00

Dave Thomas, associate professor, gave a presentation on the IAHPERD Endowment Fund and received a "Presidential Citation" plaque from the President of IAHPERD.

Dr Steve McCaw authored the chapter, Introduction to Biomechanics, in the textbook Foundations of Exercise Science.

The Illinois Park and Recreation Association Annual Park Management Institute was held at the Radisson Hotel in Bloomington, November 11-14, 2001. Ms. Nancy J. Niebur was on the planning committee that brought over 40 park superintendents, park managers, and park foremen to the Institute. Dr. Rick Boser, of the Technology Department, gave a presentation on "Project Management" that was extremely well received by the participants.

Dr. Margo Coleman and Dr. Deb Garrah, along with Physical Education-Teacher Education students (Liz Rockwell, Emily Peterson, Michelle Schmidt, Shaunie Thomas, and Kelly Renville), co-presented " It's not what you say, it's how you say it" at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance conference in November. In addition, approximately 30 School of Kinesiology and Recreation students attended this annual conference at Pheasant Run Resort.

Dr. Deb Garrah chaired a panel discussion entitled, "What's Happening in Physical Education Today: An Informal Conversation with Practitioners and Professors," for the Illinois Association for Professional Preparation in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Six physical education
teachers from around the State served as panelists for this session, with four of the participants graduating from the Physical Education-Teacher Education program at ISU.

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TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Ron Meier was selected as the 2001 Outstanding University Professor of Industrial Technology for Region Two of the National Association of Industrial Technology. This award was presented November 2, 2001 at the annual conference in Dearborn, Michigan. Criteria for this award included excellence in teaching, scholarship and service to the profession.

On November 8, the Technology Department, through the assistance of Drs. Ryan Brown and Chris Merrill, served as host for the Thursday program of the annual Illinois Drafting Educators Association Fall Conference. Dr. Brown presented a workshop entitled, "Paper/Model Space and Scaling Issues" as part of the afternoon program. On Friday, November 9, a portion of the conference was held at the Holiday Inn in Normal. Dr. Merrill presented two sessions of a presentation entitled, "Making Web-based or CD-based Learning Materials," and Dr. Brown presented "ANSI/ASME Standards for Technical Drawings" as a joint presentation with Mr. Steve Schuerman of Lewis & Clark Community College.

Dr. Louis Reifschneider published a technical article in the newsletter of the Piedmont-Coastal Section of Society of Plastics Engineers titled, "A New Solution to an Old Problem: Flow Imbalances in Geometrically Balanced Runners." The article is a synopsis of the experimental and computational work he has done to address an injection molding design problem.

Dr. Louis Reifschneider delivered a full-day seminar "Introduction to Injection Molding" to sixteen professionals in the plastics industry on Tuesday, November 20, in Itasca, Illinois. The Chicago Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers sponsored the seminar. Monies raised from the seminar are used to support schools in Illinois that teach plastics technology.

Dr. Ken Stier and Kevin Devine toured the John Deere Davenport Works Plant in Davenport, Iowa, on Friday, October 26 with a group of students as part of the events sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Region 10 Chapter Officer Conference. Justin Dougherty, Chairperson of the SME student chapter, won third place in the presentations competition at the conference. The student officers participated in other leadership events at the conference.

Dr. Ken Stier was invited to serve on the Standards and Accreditation Committee for the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT). The committee met on October 31 at the NAIT Conference in Dearborn, Michigan, to review and take action on all proposed changes in the policies, procedures, and standards for the NAIT Accreditation Program.

Dr. Ken Stier had a peer reviewed article "Updating Course Content and Instruction Through a Practicum Experience," published in The Technology Teacher, which is one of the main journals published by the International Technology Education Association.

Dr. Rodney Custer has been appointed to a national advisory committee for engineering education at the National Academy of Engineering in Washington, D.C. The charge of the committee is to review the status of engineering education and pre-engineering education across the U.S. and make recommendations for reform. The committee conducted its initial meeting on November 19, 2001.

Dr. Richard Boser was appointed to the Town of Normal Planning Commission as a representative from Illinois State University.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, December 7  President’s Holiday Open House, 419 Hovey Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

Friday, December 7  Scholarship Awards presented for U-Club Scholarship at University Club Event.

Monday, December 10  CAST Christmas Banquet at Fell Dining Room, Watterson Commons 11:30-1:30.

Saturday, December 15  Fall Commencement 2002. 1:00 p.m. CAST Redbird Arena.
For more information or information on other ISU college commencement dates/times go to:
http://uhssrv02.uhs.ilstu.edu/

Thursday, February 21, 2002  Founders Day Convocation, Ballroom of the Bone Student Center, 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 11  Spring Commencement, 2002.  (All ceremonies in Redbird Arena)
9:00 a.m. CAST
1:00 p.m. Business
4:00 p.m. Education

Sunday, May 12  Spring Commencement, 2002.
11:00 a.m. Nursing (Braden Auditorium)
1:30 p.m. Arts & Sciences (Redbird Arena)
4:00 p.m. Fine Arts (Braden Auditorium)