This is the final NewsCAST for the year. My thanks to the individuals who have worked hard this year keeping our newsletter informative and up to date. The College is large and spread across campus, which makes this newsletter all the more important for keeping us informed of each other’s activities.

This has been a good year for CAST. We continue to enjoy strong demand for our programs and graduates. I am currently midway through attending spring award ceremonies for departments in the college. Each is different but enjoyable. It is encouraging to meet outstanding students who have excelled academically or who have provided leadership to college student organizations. I am gratified by the evident respect that students have developed for our faculty during their time at ISU. Many parents at these events have commented to me about how satisfied they are with ISU and the job we have done in developing their young adult. Accomplishing this requires our faculty to commit time and effort to developing our students both in the classroom as well as in other activities. The results of your efforts are evident and noticed by many. Thank you.

The CAST Council sponsored our first CAST Expo this semester. As we have communicated, the Expo was well done and deserved a larger audience than it attracted. A committee from the CAST Council is already at work revising plans for next year’s Expo.

As the year draws to a close, I need to publicly thank Drs. Wayne Lockwood and Deborah Gentry for serving as the Associate and Assistant Dean respectively during this year. They both assumed their duties with a short notice and have represented the College well across campus this year. They have worked hard and done more than just care-take their offices. We have made genuine progress this year.

The final major event for this year is commencement. Last year we began hooding our master degree graduates at the Spring Commencement. It was well received, and we will continue the practice this year. Many faculty members were involved in the hooding ceremony. The
University has made a sincere effort to facilitate faculty members participating in have made plans to join us.

More next year…

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CAST Office

Jeri Ryburn joined our office staff on April 14th. Jeri has been on campus for over four years and has worked as a secretary in Music and the Department of Communication. Most recently, before joining our staff, she was a data entry operator in the Purchasing department in Hovey, where she was involved with the new financial system, Datatel.

Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture hosted the Illinois FFA Section 5, 9 and 16 livestock and dairy-judging contest at the University Farm on April 15. Approximately 400 high school students participated in the competition.

Dr. Randy Winter was selected as one of the Greek Week Outstanding Faculty Advisors of the Year for 1998-99. Dr. Winter is a faculty advisor for CERES Fraternity.

Randy Winter, Tina Cade, Kevin Baker, Aaron Moore and Wilbur Chrudimsky participated in the 32nd Annual Agriculture Articulation Conference hosted by Wabash Valley College on April 8 and 9. The purpose of the conference is to articulate transfer courses among all community colleges and universities in Illinois with agricultural programs and to address transfer issues.

The Department of Agriculture hosted a Trustee Residence visit for Mr. Tom Andes on April 13. Mr. Andes is an alumnus of the Illinois State University Department of Agriculture. He recently retired from his position as CEO of The Magna Group headquartered in St. Louis.

Family and Consumer Science

Dr. Jean Memken was an invited speaker at the Association of Home Equipment Educators annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29. Her speech was entitled, "Housing Alternatives for the Elderly – the Role of Technology."

Dr. Martha Bauman Power was the organizer and president of the session Emotions and Biography and presented a paper titled, "From Despair to Care: A Journey of the Old and the Young at Hope Meadows," at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 8-11, 1999.

Mardell Wilson and Robert Cullen attended the annual Area V Dietetics Educators of Practitioners meeting on the Ohio State University campus, April 8 and 9. Integrating Technology into Dietetics Curriculum was the theme of this year’s meeting.

May Merchandising Company of St. Louis, MO, was on campus Wednesday, April 21, interviewing apparel merchandising and design students. They were interviewing students for
employment in career opportunities such as technical designers and computer pattern graders. They also spoke to two classes about career opportunities at May, FCS 328 Economics of Fashion and FCS 226 Apparel.

Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Dr. Gary D. Kinchin (HPER) has been invited to make a presentation titled, "Facilitating gender equity in PE: Making the case for sport education," at the University of Southampton, England, in May.

Rhonda Bonifield and Laurie Highland, (Graduate Student) of the Recreation Program (HPER) presented a workshop at "Expanding Your Horizons." Their workshop focused on the uses of mathematics in Tourism.

Lori Nelson, an undergraduate major in Commercial Recreation, advised by Rhonda Bo
nifield, took part in the poster session at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Her poster, "Making Information Available for Internship Preparation: Using the Internet," involved a needs assessment of students in the program, an analysis of data and will culminate in a Website dedicated to helping students prepare for internships.

An article by Dr. Cynthia Wachter and Rhonda Bonifield, titled, "Assessment and technology: A preliminary discussion to bridge the gap between theory and practice" will be published in the May issue of Parks and Recreation. This is a special issue devoted to articles on Therapeutic Recreation and Technology.

Health Sciences

Congratulations to Jill Cooley in the EH Program who has won the Larry R. Miller Scholarship this year. This is a CAST scholarship – she will receive $1,000 at our Spring CAST Faculty Meeting.

Drs. Chris Janicak and Greg Deal attended the American Society of Safety Engineers, Central Illinois Chapter meeting on April 13. A tour of the General Electric facility in Ottawa, Illinois, was conducted. Frank Waterstraat was presented with the Professional Achievement Award for all of his accomplishments and dedication to the profession.

Dr. Gregory Deal and 12 students from his Disaster Preparedness class toured the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety’s Radiological Emergency Assessment Center in Springfield, and then toured Illinois Power’s nuclear power plant in Clinton, both on April 9.

Mark A. Temple represented the American School Health Association at the 2nd Annual Health Education Advocacy Summit, April 10-12, 1999, in Washington, DC. Mark joined 37 representatives from nine professional organizations who advocated on behalf of the health education profession regarding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention appropriations, Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, tobacco issues, and the Patient’s Bill of Rights.

Mark A. Temple presented, "The Tough Stuff: Controversial and Sensitive Content" at the American Association of Health Education National Conference in Boston, MA. While at the conference, he was also recognized as a key leader in the health education profession by Eta Sigma Gamma, the National Health Education Honorary.


Drs. Jim Broadbear and Bette Keyser presented, "Infusing Critical Thinking into Health Education Professional Preparation," at the annual meeting of the American Association for Health Education in Boston on April 21.
**Industrial Sciences**

**Hank Campbell** attended the American Society for Quality, Central Illinois Section #1200, for the April 8th meeting in Decatur, IL. Senior IT student, Jim Arturi, was the recipient of a John Henry Quality Scholarship Award as the outstanding student from ISU. Other Scholarships were awarded to Jakub Teply of the University of Illinois School of Engineering and IT student, Russell Reinhardt, Jr. of Eastern Illinois University. This Honors night featured keynote speaker Mr. Ronald Kingen, National President of the American Society for Quality.

**Jim Lentz** served as a judge for the graphic arts competition during the Illinois State VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competition held in Springfield on April 16.