Dean's Corner

The latest issue of BroadCAST, the College's alumni newsletter, features the three recipients of the College Scholarship. During the past three years, we have been awarding the scholarship as a four-year award of $1,000 per year. We continue to try and build the endowment for this scholarship that currently has a balance of approximately $46,000. To ensure a sufficient endowment to fund the scholarship in perpetuity, we need to bring that amount to $80,000.

The largest annual contribution to this scholarship is the net proceeds from the College Golf Outing, Links for Milt.

We could use your help to increase the number of golfers attending this event. Actually, it is a lot of fun. We have a core group of about 50 golfers who return each year and support the event. Given the amount of work it takes to organize the outing, we could be a much more efficient with around 100 golfers.

You can help us in several ways. Come golf with us, better yet, bring a foursome. You could recruit a hole sponsor for us. Or, you can find a donor of an auction item. There are no expenses involved with these last two suggestions, so all proceeds are income for the scholarship.

Please mark your calendar today. This year the outing will be held at the ISU Golf Course, on Thursday, May 18, 2006, with lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. and a scramble start at 12:00 noon. If you are not a great golfer, you will fit in with this crowd even better. We have a lot of fun and end with a light supper and auction - sometimes live and other times silent. Hope to see you there.

If you are here to read this before Spring Break begins, have a great one.

More later……

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Collaborative Learning may be defined in several different ways. One shared characteristic is that learning occurs through interaction in a social context. The lectures scheduled for the upcoming CAST Science and Technology week could provide your students many opportunities to explore new ideas and to learn by interacting in many social contexts beyond the confines of our traditional classrooms.

There will be many opportunities for you to encourage student attendance at several different lectures that are scheduled throughout the week of April 17-20. Speakers will address topics that are thought provoking, stimulating, and that generally relate to many of our curriculums. Topics and speakers include Dr. James E. Painter, Eastern Illinois University, who will speak on portioning food for mealtime consumption that will facilitate healthy weight management and eating habits; Dr. Dawn Beichner, Criminal Justice Sciences, and Dr. John McHale, Communications, will moderate a panel discussion following the showing of a 30-minute documentary "A Matter of Innocence: The Story of Dale Helmig"; Bob Crowell of Horizon Wind Energy will speak about developments in wind power, from the local to the international level; and Dr. Sylvia Nasar, author of the book "A Beautiful Mind" which was made into an award winning film of the same name, will anchor the week with a keynote address on April 19 in Braden Auditorium.

Each of these venues will provide you and your students with opportunities to expand and broaden your knowledge through collaborative learning. Consider collaborative learning by encouraging your students to attend the lectures during Science and Technology Week.

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Important Dates & Deadlines:

- Saturday, 3/11-Sunday, 3/19: Spring Break
- Friday, 3/24: CAST Presentation Travel Grant applications due to CAST Dean's Office
- Friday, 3/24: Graduate Student Research Symposium at BSC
- Tuesday, 4/4: Writing workshops conducted by Robert Lucas
- Monday, 4/17-Friday, 4/21: Science and Technology Week
- Friday, 4/21: Undergraduate Student Research Symposium at BSC (registration deadline 3/17)
- Saturday, May 13: Commencement, Redbird Arena, 1:00PM
The following papers were presented at the annual meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences which were held in March in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Dawn Beichner and Cassia Spho (University of Nebraska--Omaha), "Debunking the Myth of the Stranger in the Bushes: An In-Depth Examination of Sexual Assault among Non-Strangers".

Dr. David Falcone and Sesha Kethineni, "Misapplication of the Ker-Frisbie Doctrine in Contemporary Extraordinary Renditions: Suggestions for Legislative Remedies".

Dr. Frank Morn, "Expanding Criminal Justice Curricula: War and Justice".

Dr. Ross Smith and David Falcone, "The Death Rattle of Pennsylvania's Constables".

Dr. Donna Vandiver, K. Cheeseman and Robert Worley

**DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

Dr. Barbara Allison and M. Rehm had an article, "Positionality in teaching culturally diverse students: Implications for family and consumer sciences teacher education programs", published in the Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal.

Drs. George Byrns, Gary Erisman and Rod Simmons, as well as 15 students from the Safety and Environmental Health programs attended the Downstate Illinois Occupational Safety and Health (DIOSH) Day conference in Peoria on March 1, 2006.

Dr. Rod Simmons attended a conference on Rural Public Health

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

Bioterrorism Response sponsored by the University of Illinois, March 1-3, 2006, in Effingham.

Dr. Gary Erisman, who will retire at the end of the Spring 2006 semester, was honored at a reception following the Health Sciences Department Student Recognition Day on March 5 in the Bone Student Center. The reception, attended by current and emeritus faculty, students and alumni, recognized Dr. Erisman’s many contributions to the Safety program since its inception in 1971. Among his other accomplishments, he developed the first college-level Agricultural Safety and Health course in the U.S.; he is regarded as one of the top agricultural safety and health experts in the country.

Dr. Harvey Thomas delivered an invited presentation, “Comprehensive Emergency Management and the Role of the Emergency Manager in Effecting a Disaster Resistant Community”, to students and faculty in the College of Aviation, Department of Applied Aviation Sciences, at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida in March.

**SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Dr. Mathew Koufie’s paper, "Conceptualisation of Cultural Dimensions as a Major Influence on Knowledge Sharing," was published in the most recent issue of the International Journal of Knowledge Management. The paper was co-authored by Abel Usoro of the University of Paisley in the United Kingdom.

**SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION**

Dr. Kevin Lauder recently published "Glennonural Range of Motion Deficits and Posterior Shoulder Tightness in Throwers with Pathologic Internal Impingement" in the American Journal of Sports Medicine, March 2006.

Karen Dennis and Dr. Robert Cullen (FCS) were recent panelists on the At Issue television program for WTVP, Channel 47, hosted by H. Wayne Wilson. The program topic was "The Obesity Epidemic and Intervention Strategies for Children". Other panelist included Dr. J. Stephen Marshall, Director of Trauma and a Bariatric Surgeon at St. Francis Medical Center, and Ms. Peggy Jones, Director of the

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