DEAN’S CORNER

Spring semester 2006 will end this week leaving only final exams and commencement. It is with great pleasure that I inform you that almost one half of our faculty have registered to attend our spring commencement ceremony. This demonstrates tremendous support and caring for our students and their families. Thank you and please plan to also attend our post commencement reception in the Linkins Dining Center as well.

I want to thank everyone for their kind words after I announced I would be resigning effective August 31, 2006 and retiring on September 1, 2006. The nine years I have spent at Illinois State as Dean of CAST have been personally and professionally rewarding for me. Much of this positive experience has been because of the excellent faculty, staff, and students that make up CAST. The successes here constitute a good set of memories to retire from.

I still have almost four months left here and will continue to function as dean during that time. Linda and I plan to move to Sedona, Arizona this fall and look forward to a new life there. I am sure I will have an opportunity to see each of you before departing.

Best wishes in finishing this term and have a great summer.

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CAST RESEARCH OFFICE

Proposed Revision of URG Guidelines

At a recent meeting of the CAST Research Committee, the topic of possible revision of URG guidelines was discussed. The Committee provides recommendations regarding any revisions to the CAST Dean’s Office each year. The nature of the proposed changes, though relatively few, is such that wider input from faculty is being solicited. While there are several departments/schools within the College that still had opportunity to discuss these revisions with their Committee representative in the context of a late semester faculty meeting, other units did not have such opportunities available. To facilitate wider reaction and input, a draft of the proposed URG guidelines for FY08 is posted online. Interested faculty can review new wording that appears highlighted in yellow (see pages 2 and 4) and provide feedback to their appropriate department/school representative on the CAST Research Committee or directly to Associate Dean Gentry. The guidelines that are to be abided by for FY08 need to be submitted to the University Research Council on or before June 1, though the Council will not formally approve various college guidelines until its first meeting of the 2006-07 academic year in September.

Website: http://www2.cast.ilstu.edu/facultyresources/research/URGFY2008.pdf

CAST Research Committee members: Drs. Kerry Tudor, Frank Morn, Jean Memken, Tom Bierma, Barbara Beccue, Dave Thomas, and Dan Brown.

Visiting Scholar Fellowship Award to Associate Dean Gentry

Dr. Deborah Gentry has been selected as the 2006 Gladys Branegan Chalkley-Geraldine G. Fenn Public Policy Visiting Scholar by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The fellowship will involve time spent in Washington, D.C., as the organization is headquartered in Alexandria, VA, during the spring 2007 semester. Deborah will be presented a certificate of recognition at the annual AAFCS conference in Charlotte, NC, in June. She will appear at a special VIP and High Donors reception while at the conference as well.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

- Saturday, May 13: Commencement, Redbird Arena, 1:00PM
- Thursday, May 18: Links for Milt Golf Outing, University Golf Course, 11:30AM
Dr. Gary Bachman was interviewed for a two part series on home lawn care for TV-10. The air dates are April 19 and 26, 2006.

Dr. Gary Bachman was recently selected to fill the Agriculture Division Chair for the Illinois State Academy of Science. Krishnamohan Katnapally successfully defended his M.S. thesis titled "Analysis of Asian Indian Consumers and Ethnic Food Retailing by Mainstream Grocery Stores in Central Illinois". His advisors were Dr. Asilhan D. Spaulding, Dr. Kerry W. Tudor and Dr. J. Randy Winter.

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**Department of Agriculture**

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**Department of Criminal Justice Sciences**

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Dr. Sesha Kethineni completed her LL.M. degree at the University of Illinois -- Urbana/Champaign. This is the master's degree in law.

Dr. Kethineni also conducted a workshop in April on, "Do we really know how to handle diversity? Perspectives from various immigrant communities" on behalf of the Twin City Behavioral Health. More than 30 participants attended the Continuing Education Workshop held at BroMenn.

**Department of Family and Consumer Sciences**

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Ms. Anjie Almeda, HSC Departmental Academic Advisor, served as co-chair of the planning committee for the "It's Not Just a Major, It's a Mission" workshop hosted as a joint effort of the Advisor Development Committee and the Career Center on Friday, April 28th. ISU hosted this workshop for around 80 academic advisors and career development professionals from all over the state. There were 14 sessions presented, with attendees and presenters from UIUC, UIC, DePaul, NIU, EIU, WIU, COD, MVCC, Heartland, Lincoln College, Richland, Parkland, and others.


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Participation in the event is by invitation only and Tony Buchberger, employee of State Farm and task force member is responsible for the invitation for the Radon Task Force to participate in this year's event.

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School of Kinesiology and Recreation

Dr. Barbara Schlatter was inducted into the American Leisure Academy as a Senior Fellow on April 26, 2006 at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The American Leisure Academy serves as a forum for the promotion and advancement of quality of life through leisure and recreation experiences.

Dr. Jennie Gilbert presented "Adventures in Fitness" at the 2006 AAHPERD National Convention held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Kiltzing had an article, "I Love Lucy (aka Animal-Facilitated Interventions)," published in Expanding Horizons. A second article that was co-written by Dr. Lynn Barnett, University of Illinois, "Boredom in Free Time: Relationships with Personality, Affect, and Motivation for Different Gender, Racial and Ethnic Student Groups," was published in Leisure Sciences.

Dr. Sandra Kiltzing recently attended the Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation and Adapted Physical Activity at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. She co-presented with ISU therapeutic recreation students in a session titled, "Why Can't We Be Friends?", which focused on facilitating friendships between people with and without disabilities. She also co-presented with Donna McCauley from Moraine Valley Community College in a marketing session titled, "Can You Hear Me Now? Getting the Word Out About TR!", and she also co-presented with Julie Sprouse on "Recovery Approach for Individuals with Mental Illness: Motivational Interviewing."

School of Information Technology

Dr. Jihad Qaddour presented two papers, "Wap and Push Technology Integrated Into Mobile Commerce Application" and "A Comparative Analysis of Maintainability Approaches for Web application", which was co-authored by Emad Gsheh, Dr. Mathew Kuofie, and Sue Black, at the 4th AIEEE International conference on Computer System and Application (AICCSA-06), held in Dubai/Sharjah, UAE on March 8-10, 2006. The two papers were also published in the conference proceeding.

Additionally, Dr. Qaddour chaired two sessions, "Database and Web Technology" and "Software Application".

Dr. Matthew H. S. Kuofie and his two students, Adam Chrismore and Andrew Bauman, presented the paper "A Proposed Undergraduate Cooperative Curriculum Model " at the ISOOneWorld 2006 Conference, April 19-21, Las Vegas, Nevada. The paper will also be published in the Journal Information Science and Technology. The students were awarded with the best paper presentation. The work was for a partial fulfillment of an undergraduate database processing class. The work was also partially supported by the Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology (CeMaST) and with funding from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Matthew H. S. Kuofie published the paper "Conceptualisation of Cultural Dimensions as a Major Influence on Knowledge-Sharing" in the April - July 2006 issue of the International Journal of Knowledge Management. Dr. Abel Usoro of the School of Computing, University of Paisley, UK, co-authored the paper.

Dr. Matthew H. S. Kuofie will be serving as the international chair of the Conference on Information Science Technology and Management to be held July 16-18, 2006, in Chandigarh, India.


Dr. Eltayeb Abueylaman, Nonrata Kulkami, Dr. Mathew H.S. Kuofie and Dr. Jihad Qaddour presented their paper "Overview of Hardware Implementation of Advanced Encryption Standard" at the ISOOneWorld Conference, April 19-20, 2006, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

Department of Technology

Dr. Lou Reifschneider and a group of five students in the Integrated Manufacturing Sequence toured Illinois Valley Plastics, a custom injection molding company in Washington, Illinois. During their visit the group met three IMS TEC alumni who work at the company: their tour guide, Tom Williams, the Quality Manager; Jamie Duke, process engineer; and Troy Olsen, a recently-hired product designer. The group saw a highly automated injection molding cell, a novel gas-assist molding process being developed at IVP, and numerous other molding processes with the accompanying tooling.

Dr. Ryan Brown conducted a workshop for Airtex Products in Fairfield, Illinois on April 27 and 28, entitled "Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing."

Keith Rahn presented an all day training session on estimating heating, cooling, and piping for the Chicago Chapter of the Mechanical Contractors Association on May 5, 2006.

Dr. Richard Boser was elected to the Panel of 10 for 2006-07.

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Friends of CAST Golf Outing
Illinois State University Golf Course
Scramble Format – Thursday, May 18, 2006

Registration Form

NAME: _______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________

PHONE: HOME: _______________ BUSINESS: _______________

FAX: ______________________ E-MAIL: ______________________

IF COMING AS A MEMBER OF A FOURSOME, PROVIDE NAMES OF OTHERS IN YOUR GROUP:
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Mark which golf outing option(s) you wish to register for:

_______ $100 per person. Includes golf, cart, tee-gift, lunch, on-course beverages, and closing awards/social event in gazebo next to clubhouse.

_______ $200 per person. Includes golf, cart, tee-gift, lunch, on-course beverages, and closing awards/social event in gazebo next to clubhouse, plus a hole sign and recognition at awards/social event.

_______ $100 per hole sponsor. Includes a hold sign and recognition at closing awards event.

_______ I would like to make a donation of $____________.

_______ My employer, ________________________________, will match my gift with a donation of $____________.

Register by mail or fax: Send this completed form and check made payable to Illinois State University Foundation to: CAST Golf Outing, c/o Julie Barnhill, Campus Box 3200, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-3200. The form may also be faxed to Julie Barnhill at 309-438-5748. Those wishing to pay using a credit card, provide credit card number and expiration date:

DISCOVER CARD: No. ___________________________ Expiration ________

VISA No. ___________________________ Expiration ________

MASTER CARD No. ___________________________ Expiration ________

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