DEAN’S CORNER

This is the last issue of NewsCAST this semester. This has been a busy and seemingly rapid fall semester. I am looking forward to seeing you at the CAST Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 13th in the Brown Ballroom at Bone Student Center. The CAST Council and I will host this event and we hope your schedule permits you to attend. If you have not yet sent us an RSVP, please do so as we need to make certain we have sufficient seating and food for all who will attend.

I want to thank everyone for their concern regarding my recent injury. The Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, I broke my ankle and a bone in my foot. I also want to dispel rumors that I fell off of the Segway or was run over by it. I did have an incident with the Segway, but had successfully dismounted it. There was a curb behind me that I was unaware of and I actually twisted my ankle on the curb when I backed a few steps away from the Segway. If I had been on flat ground, I would have been okay. The Thanksgiving Holiday provided excellent down-time for recovery as will the upcoming winter break.

Many of you may already know, but I want to publicly congratulate Eugene Snyman, our Professor of Military Science, who was promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Holiday. LTC Snyman brought a distinguished military career to his appointment at ISU and his promotion acknowledges this contribution.

As we approach the end of the semester and look forward to winter break, we can take pride in many of our accomplishments this fall. Two of our academic units received re-accreditation from their national accrediting bodies, enrollments are strong in most of our programs, and our faculty members continue to be productive in scholarship and in receiving grant awards.

Enjoy your winter break and come back refreshed and ready to complete spring semester.

More later………. JRR

CAST OFFICE

Dialoguing with Yourself through a Teaching Log or Ways to Improve Your Teaching

One very important, but often overlooked, source of input on teaching is you, the teacher. Something that can form the foundation for other critical reflection is to keep a daily log or journal on your teaching. You could start by writing your instructional plan on the right-hand side of your log and reserving the left-hand side for comments and reflection. Questions to ask yourself and reflect on in writing might include, “What worked well in this class, and why?”, “What didn’t, and why?”, “Where did the students seem to have difficulties?”, “Were there any noticeable points where the students seemed very engaged with the material?”, “What types of things may need greater clarification the next time?”, “Were there any particular pedagogical strategies that seemed to work well?”, “What will I change the next time I teach this topic?”

In addition to improving your instruction on an ongoing basis, the reflection fostered by keeping a log will greatly assist you in writing a statement of philosophy for a teaching portfolio.

For further information on how to keep a teaching log, see Stephen Brookfield’s Becoming a Critically Reflective Teacher, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1995, pp. 72-75.

For more information about the teaching portfolio, see Peter Seldin’s The Teaching Portfolio, 2nd ed. Bolton, MA: Anker Press, 1997.

Happy Holidays!

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

- CAST Holiday Luncheon Tuesday, December 13 BSC Ballroom, 11:30-1:00
- Commencement Saturday, December 17 Redbird Arena, 9:00 am
Need someone to undertake some transcription tasks for you?...or to edit a manuscript for you? The CAST Research Office tries to maintain a list of talented persons who can provide such services, on a fee basis, of course. Just recently, I learned of a new resource. Her name is Kathy Wood. Below is the information she shared with me about her experience, references, and rates. I also have a copy of her vita which I can share with you, should you like to see it.

“I have over fifteen years of experience doing professional editing and transcription for scholars such as yourself. I have helped edit dissertations, proposals and reports; and my transcription experience is very broad, including interviews, focus groups, and more for professors and grad students doing research in a number of areas. At the University of Michigan, for example, I have done transcription for The Institute for Social Research (ISR), The Institute for Research on Women and Gender (IRWG), The School of Business, The Center for African American Studies (CAAS) and The School of Public Health (to name a few). I have worked on projects at other universities as well, and in the business sector. I have also done extensive work for oral history societies.”

“The rate for both transcription and editing is $25/hr. How this works is as follows: For transcription, taking the industry standard of 4 hours of transcribing required for every 1 hour of taped interview/ conversation, a one-hour tape can take on average of 4 hours to do, costing $100; a 90-minute tape, 6 hours, costing $150, etcetera. However, it can take times 3 instead of times 4 if the tape quality is good and participants speak at a normal rate. That said, special formatting, rapid speech, insufficient volume and/or background noise can sometimes add to the time it will take. At this point in time, I can transcribe standard and micro-cassettes, and digital files as well. For editing, clients usually send me the work as an attachment via email. I edit using the tracking function in Word and then send the edited work back to the client. I’m flexible however, and can edit hard copy as well.”

“Turnaround time is on an as needed basis. I can turn around 1 hour of tape or digital file in 24 hours. However, I can commit to 2 hours of recorded conversation in 1 day if needed and not overbooked. For editing the turnaround time, the client and I agree up front as to what will that be. Usually I can turn around a 25 page document in 1 day (committing an approximate 2 hours/day), but can do more if not overbooked. With regard to the logistics, as I live in Ann Arbor, Michigan, you would mail me the cassettes or CDs or email the files or audio files, and I would email you the transcripts back, after which I’d return to you the cassettes and/or CDs.”

“Feel free to contact these references about my work. Dr. Mark Turner, Optimal Solutions Group, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, email: mturner@optimalsolutionsgroup.com Dr. Margaret Scisney-Matlock, School of Nursing, University of Michigan, email: mscisney@umich.edu; Dr. Alford Young, CAAS and Dept. of Sociology, University of Michigan, email: ayoun@umich.edu; Elizabeth Aries, Social Class/Race Perceptions Project, Amherst University, email: ejaries@amherst.edu.”

“Contact me at Kathleen E. Wood, 1407 Durango Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103; phone: 734-213-6212; or Sarahchava@aol.com.”

Should any CAST faculty or staff member utilize Ms. Wood’s services, I would like to know the outcome, particularly the degree to which you were pleased with her work.

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**Department Of Agriculture**


Dr. Rob Rhykerd, S.M. Interrante, J.P. Muir, and R.E. Rossiere published “Effects of shade and rhizobium on herbage of black and button medic” in the Texas Journal of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Dr. Rob Rhykerd, E. M. Ososs, and M. Nxumalo had their paper “Influence of intercropping pulses with Ipomoea batatas L. on plant mineral concentration and soil chemical properties in Swaziland” published in the UNISWA Research Journal of Agriculture, Science and Technology.

Drs. Ken Smiciklas and Rob Rhykerd attended the American Society of Agronomy International Meetings in Salt Lake City November 6-10, 2005. Dr. Smiciklas served as the Division A01 Resident Education Chair for 2005. Dr. Rhykerd served as Chair for the National Club Poster Contest. Judge for the National Student Research Symposium Poster Contest, and Moderator for Session 129, Agronomy in the Curriculum. Dr. Rhykerd was also a nominee for the Soil Science Society of America Education Award, 2005.

At the American Society of Agronomy International Meetings held in Salt Lake City, Utah November 6-10, 2005 the following papers were presented:

Dr. Rob Rhykerd, M.A. Caldwell, and K.N. Nelson - “Cultivating Agronomic Knowledge in Third Grade Students”.

Drs. Doug Kingman, Aslihan Spaulding, Patrick O’Rourke and K. Fletcher - “Customer Opinions of John Deere Auto Trac Self-Steering Systems”.

Drs. Rob Rhykerd, Gary Bachman, Bryon Wiegand and A.L. Meteor - “The Use of Vermicompost to Enhance Growth of Native Illinois Prairie Plant Species in Biodiesel Contaminated Soil”.

Dr. Rob Rhykerd, E.M., Ososs, and M. Thwala - “Evaluating Mineral Concentration and Yield of Maize (Zea mays L.) Intercropped with Pulses on an Oxisol Soil in Swaziland”.

Drs. Rob Rhykerd, Kerry Tudor, Bryon Wiegand, Doug Kingman and Doug Morrish - “Cultivating Experiential Learning in Agronomy”.


Drs. Rob Rhykerd, and Ken Smiciklas, S. Russell and C.G. Hamaker - “Phytoremediation of Petroleum Diesel and Biodiesel Contaminated Soil”.

Drs. Ken Smiciklas, Paul Walker, and Tim Kelley - “Utilizing Compost or Processes Manure as a Soil Amendment for Corn and Soybean Production”.

On November 15, the Department of Agriculture and the CAST Dean’s Office hosted 37 agricultural industry leaders in an all day on-campus workshop to help chart the future for agriculture programs at Illinois State. These individuals are members of the Agricultural Leaders Review Committee (ALRC) which was formed by the Department to help identify the potential markets future students will come from and the potential markets into which they will go as graduates.

Five ISU students, Andrew Blackmer, an Agriculture Education major from Cherry Valley, Ashley Hembra, an Agribusiness major from Bloomington, Laura Merriman, an Agriculture Education major from Clinton, Emily Sullivan, a Public Relations major and Agriculture minor from Rushville, and Kristina Wright, an Agriculture Education major from Georgetown, competed in the 2005-2006 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Collegiate Discussion Meet, hosted by the Department of Agriculture. Kristina Wright was declared the winner, and she will participate in the American Farm Bureau Federation Collegiate Discussion Meet in Des Moines, Iowa in February. Ashley Hembra was selected as the alternate. Judges for the Meet were Ellen Culver and Melissa Rhode from the Illinois Farm Bureau and Associate Dean Jeff Wood. Dr. Rob Rhykerd served as timer, Dr. Kerry Tudor served as room chairman, and Dr. Randy Winter served as moderator.
**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES**

Dr. Dawn Beichner presented a paper entitled, "Is Preferential Treatment Reserved for Certain Women? Intersectionalities of Sex, Race, and Ethnicity on Sentencing Outcomes." Dr. Beichner also participated in sessions on teaching portfolios and the transition from doctoral student to faculty member.

Dr. Jessie Krienert and Dr. Mark Fleisher of Case Western University presented a paper on "The Social Process of Sexual Victimization in Male Prisons."

Dr. Frank Morn authored a paper entitled, "Expanding Criminal Justice Education: Conspiracy Theory and Justice."

Cara Rabe-Hemp presented a paper on "Women in Danger? Citizen Assaults on Police."

John Reitzel authored a paper entitled, "Race Differences in Persistence/Desistance: A Trajectory Analysis of Serious Youthful Offenders Followed into Adulthood."

Dr. Jeff Walsh presented a paper on "Calculating Rates of Motor Vehicle Theft: What a Difference Does a Denominator Make?"

Dr. Ed Wells and Dr. Joe Rankin of Wayne State University authored, "Social Control Theory and Direct parental Controls." Dr. Wells was the sole author of "Social Disorganization Theory in the 21st Century: A Re-assessment," which was presented as part of a panel that Dr. Wells chaired.

**DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

Dr. Connor Walters has been appointed to the Emerging Leaders in Family and Consumer Sciences task force sponsored by the Council for Administrators in Family and Consumer Sciences and Kappa Omicron Nu.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

Dr. Tim Kelley, Director of the Environmental Health Program, traveled to Canterbury, England serving as a delegate to the Bloomington-Normal Sister Cities group. Dr. Kelley met with governmental officials and representatives of Christ Church University, Kent University and Vladimir University in Russia concerning potential student and faculty exchanges and research collaboration.

The Student Environmental Health Association (SEHA) provided the lead exhibit for ISU's America Recycles display at Milner Library on November 15. President Bowman and others spoke on the importance of recycling on campus. SEHA's exhibit featured hazardous materials used in electronics and how to recycle electronics through the Town of Normal.

Lori Woeste served as a site visitor for the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).


Jim Broadbear published a peer-reviewed article entitled, "Development of a sexual ethics continuum teaching strategy" in the Fall, 2005 issue of The Health Educator.

Christy N. Bazan, LEHP, MPH, taught an Illinois Food Service Manager Training Course to over 70 McLean County restaurant owners, managers, and staff. The course was held November 21-22 at Illinois State University.

**SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION**

Dr. Amy Hurd had a manuscript published in the Journal of Park & Recreation Administration entitled "Competency development for entry level public park and recreation professionals".

Dr. Dave Thomas presented a session on the "IAHPERD Endowment Grants" at the annual conference of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) on November 18, 2005 at the Pheasant Run resort in St. Charles, Illinois.

Dr. Dave Thomas received a Quarter Century Club Award at the conference in recognition of 25 years of teaching.

Additionally, Dr. Dave Thomas and the following students gave presentations as part of the IAHPERD Student/Mentor Award ceremony:

- Tracy Gallovitch, graduate student in exercise physiology - "Is Body Mass Index an Appropriate Measure of Body Composition in Kindergarten and First Grade Students."
- Lindsay Gallovitch, undergraduate student in exercise science - "A Comparison of Percent Body Fat from Skinfold and Bod Pod Measurements in Kindergarten and First Grade Students."

Don Snider, graduate student in exercise physiology - "Heart Rate Response to Triathlete Racing."

Anna Rinaldi, graduate student in exercise physiology - "Evaluation of Heart Rate and Body Temperature in Adults."

Ailey King, Dr. Diana Jones and Aaron Decker presented "The Biomechanical Analysis of the Assembly of Automotive Parts."

Lori Woeste, Dr. Dave Thomas and the following recipients with Dr. McCaw of Student-Mentor awards from the Association; Amy gave the presentation "A Qualitative Biomechanical Analysis of the Assembly of Automotive Parts." while Aaron presented "The effect of marker placement on trunk angle measurement during drop landing".

Dr. Steve McCaw attended the Annual Convention of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in St Charles, Illinois, from November 16-19. Undergraduate student Amy Heinrichs and graduate student Aaron Decker were recipients with Dr. McCaw of Student-Mentor awards from the Association; Amy gave the presentation "Making Discipline in the Gym an Adventure..." at the IAHPERD State Convention November 16-18,2005.
SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Thomas E. Portegys and James Wolf have had their paper, "Technology Adoption in the Presence of Network Externalities: A Web-Based Classroom Game" accepted for presentation at the Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, March 24-26, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE

Military Science chairperson, Eugene Snyman, was promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel by the U.S. Army. LTC Snyman has 19 ½ years of Active Federal Service. He is married to Kathy J. Graves Snyman. They have six children, Michael (18), Angela (16), Daniel (12), Timothy (8), Teresa (6), and John (4). Before coming to Illinois State University, LTC Snyman was assigned to the 5th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized) at Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri as Executive Officer where he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was then reassigned to the 35th Engineer Battalion, also at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Congratulations, LTC Snyman!

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

At the recent annual conference of the National Association of Industrial Technology, the Department of Technology was awarded full re-accreditation for the next 6 years. This represents an important quality indicator for the Department and is a tribute to the vision and hard work of the faculty and staff.

Drs. Richard Boser and Ken Stier presented a paper entitled “A Practical Program Assessment Model for Technical Departments” at the National Association of Industrial Technology annual conference held in St. Louis, Missouri from November 16-19, 2005.

Dr. Klaus Schmidt presented a paper at the E-Learn 2005, World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, & Higher Education in Vancouver BC, Canada. Dr. Dan Brown is the co-author of the paper entitled “Assessing students preferred learning styles to better design successful learning environments.”

Drs. Chris Merrill and Rodney Custer recently attended the fall board meeting of the International Technology Education Association. The primary focus of the meeting was finalizing the association’s strategic plan which was initially drafted this past summer. The plan will drive the organization for the next three years.

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