Dean's Corner

I am looking forward to seeing you at the College Holiday Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. in the Ballroom of the Bone Student Center. Because it is finals week, everyone has a different schedule and some of you will not be able to come. If you have not already done so, please RSVP so we know who to expect and have an accurate head count for our food order. Thanks.

PLEASE TRY TO BE THERE AT 11:30 SHARP FOR OUR CAST FAMILY PORTRAIT.
We would like the picture for various uses throughout the year and would like as many of the CAST family in it as possible. Also, during the lunch, you may have your own picture made for use in the new College web site. If you would like a fresh photo for the web, this is the most convenient opportunity we will be able to make available.

We received some good news this week regarding our alums; two have been selected for recognition at the annual Alumni Awards Recognition Ceremony. Daniel R. Butterly (94) KNR, Associate Commissioner of the Mountain West Conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado, will receive an Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Curtis Thomas, Jr. (91) TEC, Account Executive with ABB, Inc., Auburn Hills, Michigan, will receive an E. Burton Mercier Alumni Service Award. All are welcome to attend the recognition ceremony in the BSC Ballroom, on April 9, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. to help congratulate our alums.

The College is participating with the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Fine Arts in the University winter commencement ceremony that will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 18, 2004 in Redbird Arena. I hope you have made arrangements to participate in this important event. CAST has 195 undergraduate and 26 graduate students who will be marching in the commencement ceremony.

Since returning from sabbatical, I have been to several coffees with faculty and staff. They have been a great opportunity to be updated about the accomplishments of our faculty and units while I have been gone. Congratulations to each of you and thanks for your hard work this fall.

Best of wishes to each of you as you close out fall semester. Have a pleasant holiday season and a happy new year. See you in 2005!

More later…………..

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CAST Research Office

CAST researchers can access the directory by visiting the following website: http://www.fconline.fdncenter.org/ There are several different packages that subscribers can purchase. ISU has obtained the “premium” package. The “premium” service allows one to search 20,000 of the largest and mid-sized U.S. foundations and a file of 450,000+ recent grants. The Trustees, Officers, and Donors search field and its corresponding index allow users to search over 110,000 trustee, officer and donor names. Once on the website mentioned above, ISU users can gain further access to information by employing “flopp” as the user name and “cemast” as the password. Anyone who has not yet checked this resource out is encouraged to do so sometime soon.

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The following faculty presented peer-reviewed papers at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Nashville:

**Dr. Susan Bloom** and John Hale (ISU-Communications) presented a paper entitled, "The Illinois State University Innocence Project." The Innocence Project is an ongoing cooperation among ISU departments to provide proof of the innocence of prisoners held in Illinois prisons.

**Dr. Donna Vanderpool** and Jessie Kriener presented a paper entitled, "Male Prostitution: An Exploratory Study and Comparison to Female Prostitution".

Dr. Frank Morn presented, "Measuring Man: Bertillon System at Joliet Prison and the Chicago Police in the Late 19th Century".

Professor Jeff Walsh was the author of "Ecological Predictors of Motor Vehicle Theft".

**School of Kinesiology and Recreation**

Congratulations to **Dr. Mary Henninger** on receiving the 2005 Graduate Student Research Award sponsored by the Research Consortium division of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Dr. Chad McEvoy presented "Variable Ticket Pricing in Major League Baseball" and "We've Traveled a Long Distance, Let's Not Skimp: A Pricing in Major League Baseball" at the annual conference of the Sport Marketing Association in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Jennie Gilbert conducted a FITNESSGRAM assessment and FITNESSGRAM software workshop to Spring Wood Middle School staff. Dr. Gilbert also received a Presidential Citation Award from the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, on November 19, for her work with the Statewide Health Fitness Project and the co-submission of a Physical Education Program Federal Grant to help fund the Statewide Health Fitness Project.

The grant was submitted, but not funded this year.

Dr. Margo Coleman received an IAHPERD Mentor award for a presentation with her student Brandon Cochrane at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance state convention held November 19-20 in St. Charles, Illinois. Brandon's paper was entitled, "Surveying PETE: What Teacher Education Students are Saying About the Physical Education Curriculum". A number of ISU students attended the conference as future professionals. ISU sponsored a team in the annual "Superstars" competition and placed second. Team members included: Amy Cwiakala, Kristen Morgan, Alley King, Diana Ainsley, Nick Demchenko, and Brian Boam.

Dr. Kristen Lagally has been awarded Fellow status with the American College of Sports Medicine.

**Department of Health Sciences**

**Dr. Marilyn Morrow** and **Ruth Ann Lipic**, CHES, Director of the Radon Awareness Program, have been notified by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency that their grant, McLean County Radon Awareness Program, has been funded for the 4th year. The purpose of this grant is to provide information and outreach to all of McLean County on issues of radon as well as provide continuing education opportunities for radon testers and mitigators.

**Drs. Beverly Barham and Lori Woeste** published a peer-reviewed article entitled, "The Importance of Learning Styles: Lessons Learned" in the November 2004 issue of Laboratory Medicine.

**Dr. Rod Simmons** presented an invited seminar entitled, "The Risk Acceptance Code Matrix: A Universal Tool or Toolkit" at the Engineering College of Hung Kuan University (HKU) in Taichung, Taiwan on November 17, 2004. The seminar was attended by 170 graduate students and faculty and was jointly sponsored by the Department of Environmental Engineering and the Department of Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) at HKU. Dr. Simmons also discussed curricular issues with OSH faculty and Engineering College administrators.

Dr. Rod Simmons presented, "Thermal Destruction System for Livestock Mortalities: An Opportunity for ITRI-ISU Cooperation" at the Center for Environmental, Safety and Health of the Industrial Technology Research Institute in Hsinchu, Taiwan on November 26, 2004. Dr. Simmons also toured new research facilities at ITRI and presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding that would formalize ISU-ITRI research and teaching collaboration.

**Vernon Hanks**, Motorcycle Safety Program Director, has secured a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation for $717,570. The primary purpose for grant monies is to conduct beginning rider and experienced rider courses as a part of the Illinois Cycle Rider Safety Training Act.