Founders Day was a great day of celebration. The main event was celebrating the end of the University’s first comprehensive campaign. We all learned that our goal of $88,000,000 was exceeded and our final total was in excess of $96,000,000. This was an impressive accomplishment considering that it was our first campaign and the financial climate in which it occurred was less than ideal.

Jane Seymour was a hit on campus. I admit that I was somewhat skeptical about what she might have to contribute. But her speech at the afternoon ceremony was very appropriate and laudatory of our campaign accomplishments. It was an uplifting ending to the campaign.

In her speech, Ms. Seymour recalled that her parents had instilled in her at a very young age the notion of giving back, and contributing to others was one of life’s important responsibilities. She was very impressed by how much faculty, staff, and retirees had contributed to the campaign. And, she should have been as these three groups were very generous. Their contributions made a statement about their commitment and faith in Illinois State University.

An unrecognized gift is the extra attention and caring that our faculty and staff give to their work of teaching and mentoring students. This too is a generous gift. The incremental energy and effort each of you gives every day to our students is a well recognized feature of student life on this campus. It comes to my attention frequently. At a recent Freshman Orientation meeting in Naperville, a very enthusiastic father related how excited and well prepared his daughter was for student teaching in Technology Education. He was enthusiastic about the ISU experience and looked forward to sending his second child to ISU. This story is retold many times in different settings about different majors. Its genesis is the day-to-day treatment students receive from faculty and staff. Thank you for your financial support in the campaign. Thank you for giving students each day your expertise and your emotional energy of empathy and caring.

More later…

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CAST OFFICE

Summary of Enrollment

As of the census date, enrollment in CAST was down 156 students from Spring 2004 for a total of 3,469 students. This decrease occurred despite the facts that:

1. We purposely sought to grow enrollments in selected areas within the College;
2. We have been challenged by over enrollment tensions in a few majors with CAST;
3. We graduated slightly fewer students in 2004 (947, down from 1,001 in 2003, a decrease of 54).

In terms of aggregates, undergraduate enrollments at ISU are down 391 which represents a 2.0% decline.

CAST departments and schools that have enrollment management concerns such as over enrollment or under enrollment need to devise methods to meet these challenges. Discussion about strategies should include meeting with enrollment management staff on campus to make sure we are not admitting students for whom we have limited or no capacity. Those units which can tolerate modest growth also need to work with enrollment management to devise strategies best fitted to individual disciplines. Either way, faculty and staff within departments and schools need to work together for the common good of the academic unit and the College. Frequent and open dialogue is a good way to manage under and over enrollment in these turbulent times.

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**Grant-Writing Initiative Award Program – Sponsored by the RSPO**

Support for the development of institutional external grant proposals that will have a broad impact upon the University and/or colleges or departments. Funding through this program is intended only for those grants or contracts to be submitted and administered through Research and Sponsored Programs.

Interdepartmental collaborations are encouraged.

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Department of Agriculture

Dr. John Bednar was on campus to talk with students about the French Exchange Program this summer. Dr. Bednar is a French professor from Clemson University and has participated in the program for several years now. John was also able to visit with the current French exchange students we have on campus this semester. Dr. Aslihan Spaulding is in charge of the summer exchange program.

Dr. Doug Morrish gave a departmental update at the annual Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Founders Day conference on February 12, 2005. Numerous agriculture alumni and current Alpha Gamma Rho members were present.

Department of Criminal Justice Sciences

Dr. Tom Ellsworth was interviewed on school safety by the Peoria Journal Star for the February 5 edition. Dr. Ellsworth also was interviewed by the Pantagraph for an article that appeared February 5 on the effectiveness of the Crime Stopper Program in McLean County.

Dr. Frank Morn was interviewed and taped as a "talking head" for the box set of the second season of the HBO original series, Deadwood.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dr. Connor Walters presented "New Models for Accreditation" at the joint meeting of the Board on Human Sciences and the Council of Administrators in Family and Consumer Sciences in Washington, DC.

A paper by Dr. Tricia Widner Johnson and Sally K Francis was accepted for presentation at the Consumer Personality and Research Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia in September, 2005. The paper is titled: "Personality as a Predictor of Appearance Management Behavior."

School of Information Technology


Dr. Mark Myerscough and Matthew Kuofie will present the paper titled “The Role Of Technology In Managing Small Pharmacy Stores” at the 6th Annual Global Information Technology Management World Conference June 5-7, 2005, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Drs. Jihad Qaddour and Matthew Kuofie will present the paper titled “A Multi-Purpose Universal Wireless Center Model for Businesses” at the 4th Annual ISOneWorld Conference and Convention, held March 30-April 1, 2005, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. Matthew Kuofie has joined the Editorial Review Board of the International Journal of Knowledge Management.

School of Kinesiology and Recreation

Dr. Brent Beggs co-authored an article titled “Gender and Self-Esteem in Intramural Sports” that was published in the Physical and Health Education Journal.


The School of Kinesiology and Recreation was pleased to sponsor the return of alumnus Jeff Friday who graduated from ISU in 1992. Jeff is currently the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach with the Baltimore Ravens of the NFL. He gave two presentations on Thursday, February 17, one in which he addressed an undergraduate KNR majors course on the role of strength coaches in the NFL and a second presentation that was open to ISU students, faculty, staff and the community on the strength and conditioning programs of the Baltimore Ravens. Thanks to all those who attended.

Department of Health Sciences

Dr. Tim Kelley served as an Environmental Health Program academic representative on the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council's (NEHSPAC) reaccreditation team during their on-site visit to the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire's (UWEC) Environmental and Public Health Program on February 17-18.

The Health Sciences Department has announced the recipients of the Department’s Faculty Awards: Dr. George Byrns, for Outstanding Service; Dr. Guang Jin, for Outstanding Scholarship; and Dr. Beverly Barham, for Outstanding Teaching.

Dr. Gary Erisman and Rod Simmons along with seven members of the ISU student section of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) attended the Central Illinois Chapter ASSE meeting on February 17 in Forsyth, Illinois. The program for the meeting dealt with treating and rehabilitating repetitive motion injuries arising from the workplace.

Dr. Rod Simmons met with Environmental Health and Safety professionals at Caterpillar's Tech Center in Mossville, Illinois to discuss options for implementing a risk-based approach to safety analysis to achieve the goal of safety through design of products, facilities, equipment, processes and procedures on February 11.

Dr. Rod Simmons met with Dr. Hayden Chen, President of Tunghai University (located in Taichung, Taiwan) during Dr. Chen’s visit to Urbana, Illinois on February 6. They discussed potential areas of collaboration in risk analysis/management between ISU Safety faculty and faculty members in Tunghai’s Colleges of Engineering and Management.

Dr. Rod Simmons presented an invited seminar entitled, “The Loss-Rate Concept in Safety Engineering” at the Department of Industrial & Management Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering and Petroleum at Kuwait University on November 24.