Welcome. By now, you are likely settled into a routine for the semester. We have completed our fall College meeting where Provost Presley presented and outlined several areas of change for the University. I have attended first year meetings in each department and appreciated the opportunity to meet and greet each of you. In case I missed you, let me extend a welcome back to campus and to CAST.

Positions. We received notice this week about the positions we will be allowed to search this year. These are for appointments to be made next fall (2004). We will conduct an internal search for a new Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture. We will conduct an open search for a new Director of the School of Information Technology. In addition, we will conduct eight faculty searches in five departments. We were not given permission to search for four positions we requested. This is a better allocation than we expected from initial reports about the financial status of the Academic Impact Fund.

As a reminder, position searches result in new colleagues for all of us. We have continued succeeding in attracting new colleagues from good graduate programs. Even though you may not be serving on a Search Committee, we all need to be committed to recruiting to our needs for a diverse, high quality faculty. Please invest some of your energy this year in this endeavor and use your professional networks to help us succeed.

Dean’s Coffees. At the suggestion of the committee who wrote my evaluation last year, I have scheduled coffees in each department this fall. These are no agenda gatherings for faculty and staff to have interaction time with me. I will provide a brief update of what is going on in the College and then be open for questions, comments, or input. I look forward to visiting with you.

CAST OFFICE
Welcome back CAST colleagues! I hope your summer has been productive and rejuvenating. I would like to use this opportunity to inform you about some of the developments that have occurred within CAST during the summer.

After much anticipation, cooperation, and planning, two CAST departments have been relocated. The Agriculture Department now occupies a newly renovated space within the Ropp Agriculture Building. What was once a livestock arena has been transformed into a comfortable suite of offices for the agriculture faculty and their graduate assistants. Moving Agriculture from Turner Hall to Ropp opened space that is now occupied by the Criminal Justice Sciences Department. Their anticipated stay in Turner is expected to be approximately 18 months while Schroeder Hall is being renovated. When the Schroeder project is completed, CJS will move back into the newly renovated facilities. Planning is currently underway concerning the vacated space in Turner once CJS moves back to Schroeder.

Some progress is being made in renovating Old Union (former TV production studio) into an advanced computer laboratory. The Caterpillar Foundation has provided generous support to our School of Information Technology to create the lab. Caterpillar’s generosity will also permit us to renovate and create other much needed facilities within CAST.

Even in these difficult budget times, modest facility improvements have been made in many areas within CAST. Effective instruction and meaningful research necessitates adequate facilities. It is important to realize that the Dean’s Office in CAST is sensitive to your needs and the needs your students, and will do everything possible to create an appropriate educational environment.

The very best of luck to each of you this academic year.

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CAST RESEARCH OFFICE

Research Recognition Deadlines

The CAST Research Committee (CRC) consists of these members for this academic year: Ken Smicklas, AGR; Seshia Ketheneni, CJS; Marty Power, FCS; Barbara Becue, ITK (formerly ACS); Dale Brown, KNR; Tom Bierma, HSC; and Dan Brown, TEC. The fall semester is a busy time for the Research Office and the CRC. During this time, outstanding scholars among graduate students and faculty in the college are determined. These competitions allow us to recognize those individuals who have participated in research activities that are truly exceptional in nature. For the Outstanding Graduate Student Award, the deadline for materials to be sent to the CAST Research Office is Friday, September 19th, 4:00 p.m. Information related to application procedures for the Outstanding Graduate Student Award can be found on the web as well as by asking one’s CRC representative, Dept. Graduate Coordinator, or Dept. Chair as well as Assoc. Dean Gentry. The Graduate School Office can be of help as well. Each department decides which graduate student will represent them in the college competition. Once a college winner is selected, his/her materials are forwarded to Hovey Hall. For the University Outstanding Researcher and Research Initiative Awards, the deadline for materials to be sent to the CAST Research Office is Friday, October 3rd, 4:00 p.m. Faculty can obtain information about eligibility and application procedures by contacting their CRC representative or department chairperson, as well as Dr. Gentry. Each of these persons has an original copy of the award guidelines from which a given faculty member can make his or her own reference copy. This website can be helpful, too: http://www.rsp.ilstu.edu/internal_grant/

To be eligible to apply for the University Outstanding Researcher Award, one has to have received the CAST Outstanding Researcher Award. The deadline for submitting application materials for this college-level award is Friday, October 17th, 4:00 p.m. Guidelines for this award can be obtained from Assoc. Dean Gentry, CRC representatives, and department chairpersons. Also see this website: http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/Research/cast_outstanding_researcher_award_guidelines.htm

For those faculty who anticipate preparing and submitting a University Research Grant this fall, the CAST guidelines for this award can be found among the CAST Research Office web pages at http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/Research/urg.htm. Department chairpersons and CRC representatives from each department have a copy of the guidelines in their possession as well. A copy of the guidelines has accompanied at least one message on this topic put out on castlistserv. Faculty new to CAST this fall, as well as those arriving last fall, will be invited to a workshop—tentatively set for Thursday, September 25. The deadline for submitting URG proposals to the CAST Research Office is Monday, October 27th.

CAST—2003-2004 Academic Year” should arrive in faculty-mailboxes about the same time as this issue of NewsCAST. Readers will notice a few changes in some of the programs when compared to last year’s offerings. These adjustments have been made as a result of lack of indirect funds collected from external grant awards in FY03 being passed onto the College. It is hoped they will be temporary and back in place next year. Questions or concerns can be directed to Dr. Gentry.

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AGRICULTURE

Two new faculty members were added to the Agriculture department faculty this summer. Dr. Aslihan Spaulding earned her Ph.D. in agriculture economics from the University of Kentucky in March 2002 and will be teaching agribusiness courses at ISU. Aslihan’s research interests include examining the public perception of irradiated beef, risk management and crop insurance, and new product development process management. Some of her former research includes examination of the greenhouse tomato industry in NAFTA countries and precision agriculture. Aslihan is originally from Istanbul, Turkey where she received her B.A. from Bogazici University. She received her M.S. in agriculture economics in 1999 from the University of Kentucky, Lexington and an additional M.S. degree in Economics from the same university. Aslihan’s hobbies include watching college football and her new Golden Retriever puppy, Ruby. She is married to husband, Daniel, and has one brother who is the captain of a commercial oil-tanker in the Mediterranean.

In addition, Dr. Doug Morris earned his Ph.D. in agricultural education from Texas A&M University in August 2003. Doug is from Cypress, Texas and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX. Doug will be teaching courses in agricultural education and will be in charge of the student teaching component of the agriculture department at ISU. Doug has worked closely with student teachers at Texas A&M University and was a former secondary agriculture instructor for three years at a 4-A high school in Jacksonville, Texas. Doug’s research interests include examining student teacher placement methodology and how it affects the overall student teacher experience. Additional research areas include professional development opportunities for current agriculture instructors and examining what the quality characteristics of a cooperating teacher and school consist of. Some of Doug’s hobbies and interests include golf, hunting, and fishing. Doug has one older sister, who is currently an assistant principal in Brenham, TX.

Randy Winter met with U.S. Representative Tim Johnson and Representative Robert Goodlatte, Chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee, on August 19 to discuss agriculture programs and initiatives at Illinois State University.
The Department of Agriculture hosted state representative Keith Sommers and his agricultural advisory committee at the University Farm on August 27. The group was given an overview of agricultural programs at Illinois State University and a tour of the farm.


Gary Bachman presented two papers at the Southern Nursery Association (SNA) Research Conference in held July 30-August 1 in Atlanta, Georgia., titled "Effects of fall pruning of Callicarpa dichotoma' Albinfructus' on the following years growth", Bachman, Gary R., and W. Edgar Davis and "Ornamental sweet potato response to Bonzi and Sunmagic", Bachman, Gary R., and W. Edgar Davis. Gary is also the Poster Section Editor through 2004 for SNA.


CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES


Dr. Schreck traveled to Boise, Idaho this August as a consultant for Excelsior College in Albany, New York in order to assess police academy training for college credit. Excelsior received an NIJ grant to conduct nationwide assessment of law enforcement and correctional training.

Dr. Jessie Krienert just published the peer-reviewed “Masculinity and Crime: A Quantitative Exploration of Messerschmidt’s Hypothesis.” in The Electronic Journal of Sociology 7(2).

This summer Dr. Donna Vandiver led 8 students from the CJS, Politics & Government, and History departments for a two-week tour of Russia and Estonia. They visited Vladimir, Moscow and several other cities. The students learned about the Russian criminal justice system through their visits to several prisons, a tour of a courthouse, and a meeting with the local militia in Vladimir. They visited several historical sites, including the Red Square, the Kremlin, Lenin's Mausoleum, and the State Tretykov Gallery. The students also took an excursion to Estonia, where many enjoyed a little rest, relaxation . . . and shopping!

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Starr Gobtop and Jean Memken presented their research, "The Manufactured Housing Industry's Response to Aging in Place" at the annual meeting of the Housing Education and Research Association held in June in Washington, D.C.

Jean Memken was an invited panelist for a session at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences that discussed how professional organizations can work together to the benefit of both organizations. The meeting was held at the Washington D.C. Hilton in June.

Jean Memken was given the outstanding volunteer award by the Centrillo Council of the Girl Scouts for her work with junior girl scout troops affiliated with Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

Dr. Nweze Nnakwe received a grant award of $28,000 from Illinois Department of Public Health Office of Women's Health. The project is entitled Understanding Menopause and other Women's Health Issues.


Maria Canabal has been approved for candidacy on the Fulbright Senior Specialists Roster. The Roster is a list of all approved candidates who are eligible to be matched with incoming program requests from overseas academic institutions for Fulbright Senior Specialists.

On Thursday, August 14, 2003, Elaina Osterbur spoke on "Effective Communication with Parents of Children with Special Needs" at the 2003 Regional Educators' Resource Fair co-sponsored by the Danville Area Community College, Regional Office of Education and the University of Illinois.

Barbara Gallick, Head Teacher in the Child Care Center presented "Encouraging Self Esteem in Children" for early childhood educators on Tuesday, August 26 in Bloomington, IL. The workshop was sponsored by the Child Care Resource and Referral Network.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Dr. H. Joseph Wen was the Conference Chair of the 13th ACME International Conference on Pacific Rim Management held in Seattle, July 31- August 2, 2003. The conference was a forum for researchers and practitioners from all countries of the world. This year there were 282 regular paper presentations from Australia, Canada, China, Finland, Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, and USA. The conference featured 3 outstanding speeches, 6 special panels including a 15-Dean academic program accreditation panel, and 42 contributed paper sessions which covered most of the key areas in management, such as Accounting, E-commerce, Enterprise Information Systems, Finance, Marketing, Management, Regional and Global Economics, Web Technology, Management Information Systems, and Transportation Management.


Dr. Mary Elaine Califf published an article entitled "Bottom-Up Relational Learning of Pattern Matching Rules for Information Extraction" in the Journal of Machine Learning Research 4(Jun): 177-210, 2003. The article was co-authored by Raymond J. Mooney of the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Tibor Gyires was invited to work as a reviewer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Graduate Fellowship and Undergraduate Scholarship Program, June 17-20, 2003, Washington D.C. Dr. Gyires served as a panelist on the Computer Science Panel.

KINESIOLOGY & RECREATION

The fourth edition of Recreation programming: Designing leisure experiences by J. Robert Rossman and Barbara Elwood Schlatter was released this summer by Sagamore Publishing. Originally published in 1989, the text book has become a standard in the park, recreation, and leisure service industry. This title has been used to teach beginning and experienced programmers in over 100 higher education institutions, both nationally and internationally. Designed in a user-friendly format, this new edition continues its focus of providing a clear understanding of how leisure experiences are a direct basis of program development.

Dr. Sandra Wolf Klitzing had an article published in a special issue of Leisure Sciences. The issue focused on leisure, stress, and coping. The name of Dr. Klitzing's article was "Coping with chronic stress: Leisure and women who are homeless."


TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Klaus Schmidt presented a paper entitled: "An Interdisciplinary Collaborative Project in Teaching and Learning" at the World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications in Honolulu, Hawaii, on June 26, 2003. The project was conducted with and co-authored by Dr. Maria Canabal, Family and Consumer Sciences.

Dr. Klaus Schmidt continues as Editor of the Industrial Teacher Education directory, 42nd Edition for the years 2003-04. He has developed an on-line database to collect information from Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Canada, and the United States pertaining to technology education programs. The directory is sponsored by the National Association of Industrial and Technical Teacher Educators and the Council on Technology Teacher Education.

Dr. Ken Stier gave a refereed presentation entitled "Teaching Lean Manufacturing Principles in a Capstone Course with a Simulation Workshop" at the American Society of Engineering Education 2003 Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on June 24th. While at the conference Dr. Stier attended other presentations and a professional tour of the Dell Computer manufacturing plant.

Dr. Ken Stier had a refereed article entitled "University and Industry Partnerships: Moving the Manufacturing Curriculum from Mass Production to Lean Production" published in the Journal of Industrial Technology in August.

A 12-station course of surveying monuments was installed around Turner Hall on August 6, 2003. The monuments were provided and installed by the Heart of Illinois Chapter of Professional Land Surveyor. Mike Mohr of Clark Engineering coordinated the project with volunteer assistance from personnel from Randolph Engineering, Farnsworth Group, and Survey Instrument Consultants. Clark Engineering and Farnsworth Group provided funding for the project. The monuments will be used for instructional purposes by Construction Management students in TEC 223 Surveying and Building Layout.

Dr. Louis Reischneider attended the National Plastics Exposition in Chicago during June. The show is the largest plastics processing convention in North America held every three years in Chicago to showcase the latest technology in the plastics industry.

The plastics technology laboratory was the recipient of a generous equipment donation from Winzeler Gear, a Chicago-based firm. The office, John Winzeler, donated a 30-ton injection molding machine with a significant set of auxiliary equipment: a mold temperature controller, a pneumatic resin conveyor and dryer, a parts handling robot, and a granulator. The donation represents a significant addition of contemporary technology that will be used to advance the quality of our manufacturing technology program.
IMPORTANT DATES
Friday   CAST New Tenure Track Faculty
September 19   Orientation from Noon to 3:30 pm in Turner 139

Friday   Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award nominations due to CAST Research Office
September 19

Thursday   University Research Grant (URG) Proposal Writing Workshop in Turner 104A from Noon to 1:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Soda And cookies provided.
September 25

Friday   University Outstanding Researcher and Research Initiative Award materials due to the CAST Research Office
October 3

Friday   CAST Outstanding Researcher Award materials due to the CAST Research Office
October 17

October 17-19   Homecoming

Monday   Deadline for submitting URG proposals to the CAST Research Office
October 27