Planning Presentations
This week, Deans made planning presentations for their colleges to the University community. Since there are no budget resources to compete for, presentations focused on accomplishments in FY 04 and plans for FY 05. The resourcefulness of ISU faculty and staff was made apparent in these presentations as Deans reviewed what had been accomplished despite the lack of resources. We have excellent employees who still have some resources at their disposal. Efforts have been focused more sharply and the critical needs of the institution are being addressed. Never the less, it was a more exciting time when there were new resources flowing into the institution and college faculties were competing for them with well developed proposals. In these times, forward movement was by larger leaps than is possible with diminished resources.

Unit Head Searches
We completed our search this week for a new Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Patrick D. O’Rourke, Professor of Agricultural Economics, accepted an offer to become the new Chairperson effective July 1, 2004. Dr. O’Rourke has been at Illinois State University for over 20 years having begun as an Assistant Professor and eventually earning promotion through our professorial ranks to Full Professor. Pat has excellent connections across campus and with the agricultural industry in Illinois. He is a senior member of our faculty and he has my full support for assuming this position. I believe the Department of Agriculture will continue to advance under his leadership. Please join me in congratulating Dr. O’Rourke and wishing him the best in this position.

The search for a new Director of the School of Information Technology continues. Two of the four candidates for the position visited campus this week and the other two will visit next week. We have candidates with excellent qualifications and I expect we will obtain excellent leadership for the School of Information Technology as well.

CAST RESEARCH OFFICE
Shortly before spring break occurred, two writing workshops were conducted on campus by Dr. Joe Moxley, University of South Florida. One workshop focused on writing for scholarly publication, while the other dealt with grant writing. Both were very well attended by faculty, staff, and graduate students from across the entire campus. Every workshop participant will receive a complimentary copy of a book edited by Moxley, Writing and Publishing for Academic Authors, 2nd ed. The CAST Research Office has a copy to loan out to faculty who would like to read it.

As it was not possible for all CAST faculty and staff to attend either or both of the workshops and receive a book of their own, here are some highlights of Chapter 2 (page 26) written by Robert Boice, Director of Faculty Instructional Support and professor of psychology at SUNY at Stony Brook.

Habits of Productive Writers
Productive writers exhibit these characteristics:

- They set limits on lecture preparation time, usually confining it to no more than the amount allotted to scholarly writing (ten to fifteen hours per week).
- They are proactive in soliciting advice about teaching and about scholarly writing from colleagues.
- They tend to write during more weeks of semesters than lesser productive writers. They rarely engage in writing binges (with the exception of grant writing when deadlines are looming). They only rarely complain of working conditions including busyness. Overall, they seem more positive and less stressed in their jobs.
- They show high self-esteem that evidences itself most obviously in a willingness to share writing in its formative stages. They not only feel comfortable with rough first drafts, but they see colleagues and other reviewers as helpers instead of as adversaries.

More later………

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AGRICULTURE

**Dr. Gary Bachman** and AGR students Chad Garrett and Beau Kreidler attended "A Landscape Graphics Workshop with Grant Reid" sponsored by the Illinois - American Society of Landscape Architecture Student Chapter at UIUC February 21, 2004. Grant Reid is a Professor of Landscape Design and Contracting in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Colorado State University and is a 2002 inductee - Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architecture.

**Dr. Gary Bachman** had the following article, "Which Irrigation System Works Best for You: An In-depth Look at 3 Automated Systems" published in the March 2004 issue of Greenhouse Management & Production magazine.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES

The following Criminal Justice Sciences faculty presented peer-reviewed papers at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Las Vegas. ACJS is an international organization whose membership includes academics and criminal justice system practitioners.

**Dr. Jessie Krienert** -- "Bridging the Gap between Prison and Community Employment: An Initial Assessment of Current Information."

**Dr. Donna Vandiver** -- "Female Sex Offenders: A Case Study Approach"

**Drs. Ed Wells and Dave Falcone** -- "An Empirical Test of Contingency Theory on Sheriffs' Offices"

**Drs. Sesha Kethineni and Bev Smith** -- "Production and Use of Opium in India: The Effects of Informal Social Controls"

**Dr. Frank Morn** -- "Investigations of Inhumane Treatment of Prisoners at Joliet Prison in Illinois in the 1870's"

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Free Low Fat-Low Cholesterol Diet Education!
1-hour counseling session completed by Graduate Students in the Dietetics Area

**Dates:** Monday, April 5th, 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 6th, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 7th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Location:** 105A Turner Hall  
Call 438-2517 to make an appointment... hurry openings will fill quickly!

**Dr. Maria E. Canabal** was appointed by the American Council on Consumer Interest (ACCI) as their representative to the United Nations. She will act as liaison between the UN and ACCI as well as represent ACCI at the UN briefings and attend NGO committee meetings relating to economic and consumer interests.

Dr. Canabal reports that the following manuscripts have been accepted for publication in peer reviewed journals:

- **Canabal, M.E. & Winchip, S.** "Responding to changes: An application of the FCS Body of Knowledge" *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*
- **Canabal, M.E.** “The Fulbright programs model for teaching and learning about international families” *Journal of Teaching in Marriage and Family: Innovations in Family Science Education*
- **Schmidt, K. (TEC) & Canabal, M.E.** "A faculty collaborative approach to engaged teaching and learning" *Journal of Student Centered Learning.*

Additionally, the following papers have been accepted for presentation at international/national conferences:


**Karen Stephens**, Child Care Center, recently presented in Seattle, Washington at the annual conference of the National Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers. Her topic was, "Build a Better World for Children and Families by Writing for Parents and Professionals."

HEALTH SCIENCES

**Dr. Mark A. Temple** attended the Sixth Annual Health Education Advocacy Summit February 28 - March 1, 2004 in Washington, DC. Dr. Temple served as a member of the School Health Leadership Group that advocated for increased appropriations for physical activity and nutrition education initiatives and increased appropriations for CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health School Health Infrastructure projects.

**Dr. Mark A. Temple** represented the American School Health Association at a March 2, 2004 meeting of the Friends of School Health at the Office of National Education Association in Washington, DC. The Friends of School Health examined strategies for improvements in the functioning of state school health associations and advocacy groups.
The Health Information Management Program hosted the quarterly Central Illinois Health Information Management Association in February. Jane Turley presented on the federal government's ICD-10 coding initiatives. Paulette Miller presented a draft paper on the impact of learning styles in employee training programs. Dr. Frank Waterstraat, who is President-Elect of the Illinois Health Information Management Association, facilitated a question and answer session on national and state level association activities.

Dr. Rod Simmons recently attended the Construction Safety Conference in Chicago. He also participated in an Aerial Lift Safety Task Force meeting hosted by the Division of Safety Research, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

On February 6-7, Mike Shorten, Aaron Mannos, and Kevin Vogt of the ISU Student Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers attended the Mid-West Region V Safety Conference hosted by Northern Illinois University. The two day event featured many speakers ranging from an Olympic Gold-Medalist to a 9/11 survivor of the World Trade Center disaster.

Dr. Beverly Barham presented a program on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Clinical Laboratory Science at the Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 27, 2004.

Dr. Sara Cole presented an invited research presentation titled Sexual Compulsivity among College Women: Implications for Sexual Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on February 27th.


Dr. George Byrns and 6 Environmental Health students attended the Chicago American Industrial Hygiene Association Student Recognition Night. Anthony Arms won first place in the undergraduate category for his poster entitled, The Need for Pro-bono Health and Safety Inspections of Sheltered Workshops. The featured speaker for this event was Dr. John Howard, Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Two health education students are serving as student trustees with state professional organizations. Marisa Evans is a board member of the Illinois School Health Association and Christie Courtright is on the board of the Illinois Society for Public Health Education.

Dr. Matthew Kuofie was an invited guest speaker at the March 3, 2004, International Studies Seminar at Illinois State University, where he examined "Information Technology in African Education." One of the many outcomes of the activity is that Dr. Kuofie and one of the seminar attendees, an ISU faculty member, are collaborating on submitting a proposal for a grant to implement an information technology related project.

Dr. Matthew Kuofie reviewed eight (8) papers for the 2004 Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS) to be held in New York, New York, August 6-8.

Dr. Matthew Kuofie who serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Enterprise Information Management refereed, for consideration, a manuscript to be published in the journal.

Dr. Mary Elaine Califf has received word that the following paper has been accepted for presentation at the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference in Lisbon. A. Lavelli, M.E. Califf, F. Ciravegna, D. Freitag, C. Giuliani, N. Kushmerick, and L. Romano, "A Critical Survey of the Methodology for IE Evaluation".

KINESIOLOGY & RECREATION

Dr. David Thomas, Professor of Exercise Science attended the quarterly meeting of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC) held at the UBS Building at One North Wacker Drive in Chicago on March 3rd. Thomas serves as the co-chair of the Research Working Group for CLOCC.

Dr. Steve McCaw was selected as the 2004 Past President's Scholar for the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The Past-President's Scholar Award annually recognizes individuals who have developed an outstanding reputation as a scholar. Additionally, the award is designed to involve the scholar in the dissemination of knowledge in such a way as to benefit the disciplines and professional practices represented within HPERD. Dr. McCaw presented the keynote lecture at the Midstate Convention of IAHPERD, and will give at least two additional presentations during the year. The topic of his presentation is "Physical Activity for Healthy Bones", and focuses on the role of a healthy lifestyle in the prevention of osteoporosis.

Dr. Jennie A. Gilbert has been selected as a "Centennial Fellow" of the Pennsylvania State University-Mont Alto Campus. This the first and only award of this type recognizing 100 individuals (alumni, faculty, staff, and administrators) from over 13,000 alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their professions, communities or society at large. The recognition comes in part from a year-long celebration for 100 years of service as an academic institution, beginning as the state's first forestry academy and culminating as four-year University.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Tom Portegys will present a paper with co-author Janet Wiles entitled "A Robust Game of Life" at the 2004 International Conference on Complex Systems (ICCS2004) in Boston this May.
TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Rodney L. Custer recently delivered the keynote address at the Wisconsin Technology Education Association's annual spring conference. The focus of the address was on Technically Speaking, which is a document produced by the National Academy of Engineering and the National Research Council, focused on the critical importance of technological literacy for all citizens.

Dr. Rodney L. Custer recently served as part of a three member team conducting a National Association of Industrial Technology accreditation site visit at the Tennessee Technological University in Cooksville, Tennessee.

Dr. Michael Daugherty presented a full-day workshop on "Developing standards-based science and technology curriculum" at the Boston Museum of Science on March 6, 2004. The session was attended by museum staff as well as science and technology education teachers from throughout New England.

Dr. Chris Merrill and 13 Technology Education pre-service teachers designed and judged the 35th Annual Illinois Technology Student Association state competition in Carlinville, Illinois on March 5 and 6.

Drs. Klaus Schmidt and Dan Wilson have a paper entitled: "Integrating AppleScript into Graphic Communications Curricula" accepted to be published in the 2004 Visual Communications Journal. This journal serves as the official journal of the International Graphic Arts Education Association, Inc., and provides a professional communicative link for educators and industry personnel associated with design, presentation, management, and reproduction of graphic forms of communication.

Dr. Kenneth C. Williamson III, former Construction Management faculty at ISU and now at Texas A&M, was awarded the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Outstanding Educator award for his exceptional performance in undergraduate teaching, support of extra-curricular activities, and involvement in activities with the AGC and other professional construction industry organizations. Dr. Williamson received a cash award, an expense paid trip to the AGC National Convention in Orlando, and two AGC Foundation scholarships designated for Texas A&M Construction Science students.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday  Registration deadline for Graduate Research March 19  Symposium to be held April 23
Friday  Deadline for CAST Presentation Travel March 26  Program applications
Friday  Undergraduate Research Symposium March 26  BSC, 9:00-1:30
Wed and Thurs CFSC Elections April 7 and 8
April 19-23 CAST sponsored “Science and Technology” Week
Thursday CAST Expo Displays April 22  2:30-3:00 p.m., Circus Room, BSC
Thursday Spring College Faculty Meeting April 22  3:00-5:00 p.m., Circus Room, BSC
Friday  Graduate Research Symposium April 23  BSC, 9:00-1:30
Friday  Deadline for election of DFSC April 30
Saturday CAST Commencement, 1:00 p.m. May 8  Redbird Arena