DEAN’S CORNER

I wanted to share with you some of the progress we are making on creating a Horticulture Center at the Gregory Street Reserve (this is the old ISU Farm on Gregory Street). We have received approval for reallocating the AP position formerly assigned to Aquaculture to Horticulture and we have received permission to use the two Aquaculture Buildings for horticulture purposes. In the next few months, we will be appointing an advisory committee to guide development of this facility and program as well as commissioning a landscape architect to design the area. We believe this center will provide excellent support for our academic program in horticulture as well as be an excellent new facility for the ISU campus that will attract an audience to ISU activities that is not currently attracted.

Homecoming is next week. On Friday, the College will host Trustee Diane Glenn as a Trustee in Residence. Most of our Schools and Departments have an alumni guest they have invited to campus and will be honoring. The College is providing to each unit who is sponsoring a gathering a cake or flowers for their food table with a message welcoming alumni. CAST will again have a float in the Homecoming Parade and you have an open invitation to ride on the float if you like—contact Doug Kingman or Mardell Wilson.

I have completed Coffees with three departments/school thus far and find them stimulating. One concept of management is named “management by walking around.” This is exactly what I find these to be as I learn faculty concerns and issues. Thus far, we have had lively and useful discussions. I look forward to future meetings with units I have not yet visited.

More later…

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CAST RESEARCH OFFICE
CAST Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award Recipient

A former graduate student within the college has been selected by the CAST Research Committee to receive the CAST Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher Award. Ms. Jill M. Hollembeak completed her exemplary thesis under the supervision of Dr. Anthony J. Amorose, School of Kinesiology and Recreation. Drs. Steven McCaw and Peter Smith also served on her thesis committee. The thesis, entitled “Perceived Coaching Behaviors and Athletes’ Intrinsic Motivation: A Test of Self-Determination Theory,” has been forwarded to the University Research Committee for consideration for the university-wide James L. Fisher Thesis Competition. Results of that competition will be announced at a luncheon ceremony in December. Currently, Ms. Hollembeak is employed as an academic advisor and assistant director of the Karin Bone Athletic Study Center here at ISU. In recent years, she has been quite involved in gymnastics, both professionally and as a volunteer. She will receive a monetary award and a plaque for her own keeping which will acknowledge this award. Her name will also be inscribed upon a permanent plaque recognizing this award that is on display in the office of the Dean. Ms. Hollembeak and her thesis chairperson will be invited to attend the CAST Spring Faculty Meeting next April.

Small Writing Groups

Have a manuscript in its earliest stages of development? According to author and scholar, Libby Rankin, participating in a small peer writing group can provide motivation and helpful feedback. Small groups can be of any duration desired, both short-term and longer-term. Anyone interested in giving this approach to scholarly writing for publication a try, contact Associate Dean Gentry in the CAST Research Office (dgentry@ilstu.edu or 438-8748). She is happy to facilitate the first meeting of interested authors. Dr. Gentry has a copy of Rankin’s book, entitled The Work of Writing: Insights and Strategies for Academics and Professionals, available for check-out.

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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
"Building Strong Bonds with Program Sponsors" authored by Karen Stephens, Child Care Center, was published in the September/October 2003 issue of Child Care Information Exchange.

Dr. Connor Walters received the Jack Davis Professional Achievement Award in the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Alabama during homecoming activities. This award is given annually to recognize outstanding achievement in administration, education, research or business in a discipline represented by Human Environmental Sciences. Dr. Walters received her M.S. in Human Development from the University of Alabama in 1979.

HEALTH SCIENCES
On September 25th, Dr. George Byrns and three environmental health majors attended a regularly scheduled meeting of the American Industrial Hygiene Prairie Section. The topic of the meeting was providing pro bono outreach services to non profit agencies that provide work for disabled persons. These services could include an assessment of health and safety hazards.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Dr. Winn (Pruthikrai) Mahatanankoon has accepted the invitation from Dr. Mehdi Khosrow-Pour (editor) to write "An overview of Impact of Personal Internet Usage and Employee’s Well-being” to be considered for inclusion in the “Encyclopedia of Information Science and Technology, Volume I-III.” The encyclopedia will provide comprehensive coverage and definitions of the most important issues, concepts, trends and technologies in IS and IT. This important new publication will be distributed worldwide among academic and professional institutions and will be instrumental in providing researchers, scholars, students and professionals access to the latest knowledge related to information science and technology.

KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION
Dr. Steve McCaw attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics held in Toledo, Ohio, September 25-27. Dr. McCaw gave a podium presentation of the paper "Reliability of muscle activity measures during perturbed gait" co-authored with Drs. Ty Hopkins, Todd McLoda, Jeff Seegmiller, and undergraduate student Deb Birrer. Dr. McCaw also serves as the chair of the Education Committee of the ASB, and was responsible for organizing two tutorial sessions held during the annual meeting.

Dr. Gary E. Sanders traveled to Rome, Italy this summer with the St. Patrick Choir from Kansas City, Missouri. The group performed at three different Masses. They sang for the Pope twice and then performed a full concert for the community before a packed audience, which gave them a standing ovation at the conclusion. In other travels last fall, Dr. Sanders visited Ski, Norway and taught dance to the children of the Soberg Elementary School.

Dr. Anthony Amorose and Dr. Peter Smith recently had an article published “Feedback as a source of physical competence information: Effects of age, experience and type of feedback.” Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology, 25, 341-359

Dr. Anthony Amorose, published the article “Reflected appraisals and perceived importance of significant others' appraisals as predictors of college athletes' self-perceptions of competence.” Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 74, 60-70.

Dr. Dale Brown (KNR) and Dr. Robert Cullen (FCS) presented two sessions at the Illinois Dietetics Association Fall Assembly entitled "Strategies to improve Lifelong Health and Fitness Through Schools" and "Understanding Body Weight: Assessment of Body Composition".

Dr. Margo Coleman attended the National Physical Education Teacher Education Conference sponsored by NASPE in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and made the following presentations: "Determination of Expertise in Elementary Physical Education Teachers" - co-presented with Diane Jones and Bill Vogler (formerly of ISU); "PETE Activity Courses: Do We Teach Skill or Pedagogy?" - co-presented with Dr. Diana Jones, Dr. Deb Garrahy, and Kim Walker-Smith; "Longitudinal Inclusion of a Student With Severe Disability in Physical Education (Kindergarten through Sixth Grade)" - co-presented with Dr. Deb Garrahy and Bill Vogler; "The Parkside Project: Using a Middle School Model for Curriculum Reform in a PETE Program" - co-presented with Kim Walker-Smith; and Hosted a roundtable discussion: "Supervising Student Teachers - Where To From Here?"

TECHNOLOGY
Dr. Chris Merrill, Dr. Michael Daugherty, and Dr. Rodney Custer were among 20 participants selected to develop a strategic plan for the Council on Technology Teacher Education. The planning meeting, funded by the Technical Foundation of America, was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 26-27 and yielded a draft plan for the remainder of the decade.

Dr. Dan Wilson published The GATF Bindery Training Curriculum as lead author with Graphic Arts Technical Foundation staff. The project involved input and review from an advisory committee made up of industry leaders from 20 different companies, equipment manufacturers, educational institutions, and technical associations.

Marketed to industry and educational institutions, the 320 page Instructor's Manual provides technical content, lesson plans, activity ideas, operating procedure checklists, review questions, a glossary, along with an instructional CD-ROM containing more than 200 movie clips and illustrations. For learners, a Trainee's Workbook provides worksheets, checklists, troubleshooting charts, and other learning aids.

Dr. Wilson participated in a press conference to introduce the product on September 29th at the Graph Expo Conference and Exposition at McCormick Place in Chicago. Dr. Wilson was accompanied at the conference by seven Printing Management students.
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