Last weekend was Homecoming. It was a beautiful fall weekend. The only low point was losing the football game.

We can all take pride that CAST was well represented in all events. Most of our units hosted honored alumni for the weekend. Below are the alums that joined the festivities.

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The collective accomplishments of the group were varied and interesting. Among the positions held by the group are a college dean, the director of safety for the recently completed Soldier Field renovation in Chicago, and the director of the Illinois State Police crime laboratory—a real-life CSI expert!

Our departments and schools did an excellent job of planning interesting itineraries for our guests and hosting them. Several alums accepted our invitation to ride on the CAST Homecoming parade float and some also brought their children to ride. Thus, we hope we had CAST future alums on the float as well.

Thank you to Mardell Wilson, Doug Kingman, and Jeff Wood for organizing the College float for the Homecoming Parade. Several faculty members joined us on the float and some brought children and grand children to ride with us. Joy Hutchcraft, our Development Officer, joined us and passed out candy along the parade route. Some of our group observed that this is a role reversal for Joy. She is usually not giving things away but is soliciting donations for the College. She did great with the give away though. We had a great time; consider joining us next year.

Our Military Science Cadre organizes the parade and directs its assembly as it moves out. They did their usual fine job under the command of LTC Rob Felkel.

Agriculture, Criminal Justice Sciences, Technology, and Kinesiology and Recreation all had alumni gatherings at the pre-game tailgate area. The Associate Deans and I visited each of these and were able to welcome many alumni back to campus. Thanks to the chairs and faculty of these units for operating these venues.

If your unit did not organize to host an alumnus this year, start now for next. This is an important cultivation opportunity that is mostly already structured for you.

More later……

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AGRICULTURE

Dr. Randy Winter hosted twenty agribusiness consultants from Korea on October 13. Dr. Winter discussed agricultural education programs in Illinois and the state of the U.S. agriculture industry with the group.

On October 3, the Department of Agriculture (Dr. Rob Rhykerd and Dr. Doug Morrish) hosted an Invitational Soils Judging Contest for the local high schools at the Lexington Farm. Four teams were present for a total of 20 high school students, as well as, numerous agriculture teachers. The Student AG Association provided lunch and drinks to all of the students.

The Department hosted one of their largest Agriculture Career Days ever, this, their first year in their new offices in the Ropp Building. Twenty-five companies and organizations visited with students from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1 in Ropp. Virtually all companies in attendance were looking for full-time hires or interns.

Dr. Doug Morrish attended the Beginning FFA Advisors Workshop on October 10 in Springfield. The workshop was designed to assist new agriculture teachers in Illinois with problems or concerns they are having in the secondary classroom.

The Agriculture department held one of its three open houses on October 13. The program allowed the students and parents to meet the faculty, observe classes, and tour the Lexington Farm. A faculty/student luncheon was also held in conjunction with the program.
The Agriculture department participated in Homecoming activities by hosting a tailgate cook-out (brats and hamburgers) behind the Ropp Agriculture Building. Activities included an alumni board meeting and luncheon. Approximately 72 guests and family members were present. Alumni member, Craig Olmstead, Dealer Operations Manager for Caterpillar, represented the Agriculture department during the University wide luncheon on Friday. Additionally, Craig guest lectured in AGR 150 (Plant Science) and AGR 214 (Agricultural Marketing) on his role at Caterpillar and discussed opportunities available to agriculture students upon graduation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES

Dr. Jessie L. Krienert, M. L. Henderson (SIU) and Dr. Donna M. Vandiver have published "Inmates with Physical Disabilities: Establishing a Knowledge Base" in the Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice 1, 1 (2003), 13-23.

Dr. Chris Schreck presented a paper at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association annual meeting entitled "Sources of Fear of Crime at School: What is the Relative Contribution of Disorder, Individual Characteristics, and School Security." This paper was co-authored with J. Mitchell Miller of the University of South Carolina.

Drs. Beverly A. Smith, David N. Falcone, and Mr. Jason Fuller have published the peer-reviewed, "Establishing a Statewide Police Force in Illinois: Progressive Reform in a Political Context" in Journal of Illinois History 6,2 (2003), 82-104. Jason Fuller just left the position of Professional Practice Coordinator to become an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in the greater Los Angeles area.

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General has notified the Criminal Justice Sciences that the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs has approved plans to develop a Victim Assistance Academy. Illinois State will be the location for all planning, curriculum development, and training for that academy. Criminal Justice Sciences faculty will assist in the development of training curricula, as well as serve on the statewide advisory committee.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Dr. Atsushi Nanakida, Associate Professor of the Graduate School of Education for Hiroshima University, along with two of his graduate students, visited the Child Care Center October 16th to learn how the Project Approach was applied in a U.S. early childhood classroom. The visitors also observed Family and Consumer classes taught by Dr. Connor Walters (Play Therapy) and Ms. Sandra Gosch (Parenting). The visitors were guests of Ms. Aya Fujiwara, graduate student in Child Life Studies in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department Professor Nanakida taught Ms. Fujiwara as an undergraduate in Japan.

Child Care Center Head Teachers; Barb Gallick, Scott Brouette, Pam Morbitzer, and Lisa Lee had three project examples of their curriculum documentation accepted for the following exhibition:

THE POWER OF DOCUMENTATION: CHILDREN'S LEARNING REVEALED

A new 1000 square foot exhibit of documentation of children's work will open at the Chicago Children's Museum on Navy Pier on November 5. Visit this exhibit to see how teachers have collected, analyzed, and interpreted evidence of children’s learning. Explore how documentation helps teachers, informs parents, and demonstrates accountability. Examine children's work from diverse programs, ages, settings, and cultural backgrounds and see how it reveals the learning that comes from young children’s active, engaged work and play. See how standards can be met through engaging learning experiences. Learn ways to share your children’s work. Learn about Chicago’s site-based professional learning communities and how they support children’s active, engaged learning. The exhibit is presented by Chicago Metro AEYC, Chicago Children’s Museum, Chicago Public Schools, and Judy Harris Helm and is made possible by a grant from the McCormick Tribune Foundation.

All NAEYC conference attendees will be admitted at no charge to the museum and the exhibit. Free shuttle buses will run every half-hour between McCormick Place and Navy Pier. To find out about museum hours, location, bus schedule, and attractions at Navy Pier, please see the following website: http://www.bestpracticesinc.net/PowerofDocumentationExhibition.html Look for information in your Final Conference Program.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Sara Cole has accepted a national delegate position with the Illinois Chapter of the Society for Public Health Education. The two-year term begins in January.

Gary Erisman and Safety major Jeff Karlson attended the Central Illinois Chapter, ASSE meeting at Mansfield, Illinois October on 14. A portion of the meeting involved a tour of the Stonehedge Dairy - a 3000 cow dairy operation located near Mansfield.
The Prairie Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association just donated a new Casella octave band analyzer. This $2000 instrument will be used in the HSC 359 Industrial Hygiene class to teach students noise evaluation methods.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Matthew Kuofie presented “A Methodology for Alignment of Information Technology with Business Strategies: Domain Expert Intention Directed Business Application Engineering” at the Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, on September 2. The possibility of collaborative work in the area of information systems was discussed.

Dr. Matthew Kuofie gave an hour and a half presentation on “The New Global Job Shift: The Roles of Information Technology, Business Strategies, and the Domain Expert” at the Bangkok University, Bangkok, Thailand, on September 26. The possibility of collaborative work in the area of information technology was discussed.

Dr. Chu Jong and Dr. Winn (Pruthikrai) Mahatanankoon will present a joint effort paper, titled “Enhancing ASP Infrastructure Through P-Split Parallel Systems,” at the 14th Annual Argonne Symposium for Undergraduates in Science, Engineering and Mathematics & the Central States Universities Incorporated (CSUI). The on-going project introduces a new conceptual model that eventually will enhance existing ASP businesses through the use of well-tested parallel systems. The meeting will be held in Chicago from October 24-25, 2003.

KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION

Dr. Deb Garrahy presented Preparing Socioculturally Conscious Physical Educators in the P.E.T.E. Program, at the 2003 National Physical Education-Teacher Education Conference in Baton rouge, Louisiana. Additionally, she co-presented with Margo Coleman, Diana Jones, Kim Walker-Smith, and Bill Vogler.

Dr. Deb Garrahy recently published "Speaking Louder Than Words: Teachers' Gender Beliefs and Practices in Third Grade Classrooms" in Equity and Excellence in Education and co-authored "This is kind of giving a secret away...": Students' Perspectives On Effective Class Management in Teaching and Teacher Education, an international journal.

As a result of the activities associated with the Adolescent Physical Education Wellness and Lifestyles research grant obtained by Dr. Dale Brown (KNR) and Dr. Robert Cullen (FCS), Danville High School Health and Physical Education teachers visited ISU and Normal Community West High School to observe the integration of technology into daily physical education. Teachers were shown examples of technology based wellness and lifestyle initiatives within physical education classes and how these could be integrated into existing physical education programs.

Approximately 40 students from East Peoria High School visited the KNR Exercise Physiology to observe and participate in laboratory based physical fitness assessments as part of their physical education classes. Students were given the opportunity to see laboratory based physical fitness testing programs and; learn how these assessments can be used as markers in the identification of common disease processes.

Dr. Dale Brown was invited to speak at the Unit 5 (K-5) teacher institute day and presented on the use of technology in teaching wellness and lifestyle concepts to children in physical education classes.

Dr. Peter Smith published the articles "Task duration in contextual interference." Perceptual and Motor Skills, 95, 1155-1162, and "Alternating versus blocked practice in learning a cartwheel." Perceptual and Motor Skills, 96, 1255-1264.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Thursday-Friday Thanksgiving Holiday November 27-28

Tuesday CAST Holiday Luncheon December 9 Old Main Room, BSC 11:30-1:30

Saturday Commencement December 13 CAST ceremony at 1:00 p.m. Redbird Arena

Dr. Steve McCaw was a keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Illinois Food Service Workers on the topic of Avoiding injury in the food service industry.