NEW GRADUATE FACULTY

Congratulations to four members of the CAST faculty who have been granted Associate Graduate Faculty Membership. They include Dr. Winn Mahatanankoon (ITK), Dr. Douglas Morrish (AGR), Dr. Sharon Pate (FCS), and Dr. Jennie Gilbert (KNR). Qualifying for Graduate Faculty Membership is an important step in developing a professorial career. Thanks to each of you for your hard work in achieving this status.

KEEPING OPTIONS IN A TIGHT BUDGET YEAR

As I circulate through the College, I am asked more frequently about our budget situation than any other topic. Unfortunately, I have no inside information to share and receive most of my information from the newspaper, same as each of you. I have consulted with the College Council Strategic Issues and Planning Committee about how to best accommodate a rescission if another one comes. They urged me to lead the College in saving as much instructional money as possible to help with a rescission if it comes or to support summer school.

Thus, the Dean’s Office will work with Chairs to make certain we have eliminated small enrollment classes and consolidated as many classes as possible during spring semester. We need to operate with all of the efficiency we can muster. This type of management is likely to result in changes to existing class schedules with resulting inconvenience for faculty and students. However, we cannot operate at the optimal efficiency needed in these tight budget times without this aggressive management. I hope you understand that this is a necessary practice if we are to teach as many sections as possible in both spring and summer.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

This year, for the first time, we implement a one week Thanksgiving break. I am not certain how this will work out. When we return, there is just one week of class left. We then move on to finals week and commencement. I expect there will be a campus conversation among faculty about the wisdom of this arrangement. Please convey your experience and or concerns, if any, to your department chairs and school directors.

COMMENCEMENT FYI

CAST will not have a reception associated with the winter Commencement ceremony. After several years of very low attendance at our receptions, we have abandoned this event.

Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday. More later……

JRR

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Postmarked by DECEMBER 8, 2003
Please mail your completed application to:
Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award
C/o Toyasha Vaughn, Grants Manager
Youth Service America
1101 15th Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20005
Applications can also be submitted electronically at www.YSA.org/nysd
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
This grant is designed for teachers, school-based service-learning coordinators, and youth ONLY.
Grant applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a certified teacher or professor who currently teaches in a charter, public, private, faith-based, or Department of Defense school or higher education institution located within the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Indian tribe, U.S. territory, or;
- Be a school-based service-learning coordinator, whose primary role is to coordinate service projects in a school or university as described above, or;
- Be youth between the ages of 5-25; and
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
If you are not eligible for this award please YSA’s website (www.YSA.org) to find other grant opportunities.

REVIEW PROCESS
Youth Service America will convene a diverse selection committee to review all grant proposals. The committee will utilize a quantitative scoring method, evaluating each application according to criteria and requirements outlined in the State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Application. Selection of winners is competitive.

AGRICULTURE
Dr. Patrick D. O'Rourke presented a workshop on Use of ProStar in University Agribusiness Management Classes at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University on October 31, 2003. Attendees were impressed. Jay T. Akridge, the Director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business and the EMBA in Food and Agricultural Business, Purdue University said “I was really impressed with the web-interface that allows ProStar to be played by individuals in scattered locations. The game itself is loaded with detail allowing teams to pursue a wide range of strategic options. Combining this realistic core game with the flexibility of the Internet makes this a great training tool.”

The Department of Agriculture hosted the Third Annual C-FAR Day at the University Farm at Lexington on November 13. Faculty members presented overviews of their research activities that have been supported with C-FAR funding. Approximately seventy people attended the event. Special guests included Senator Bill Brady, Senator Dan Rutherford, Representative Dan Brady and Representative Don Moffitt, and President Al Bowman.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
Karen Stephens and Scott Brouette, Child Care Center, attended the annual national conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Brouette also served as Docent for the Power of Documentation Exhibit which had its first unveiling at the conference.

Dr. Mardell Wilson made two presentations at the Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition [FNCE] of the American Dietetic Association in San Antonio, Texas October 25-28. The presentations were entitled: A Review of Evaluation Tolls Used in Supervised Practice with Dr. Kay Wolf from The Ohio State University and Knowledge and Perceptions of Competency-Based Education and Evaluation Among Directors of Coordinated programs in Dietetics with Amy Kelly, MS, RD, Dr. Robert Cullen [ISU] and Dr. Kay Wolf [OSU]. Dr. Wilson also serves as national chair for the Dietetic Educators of Practitioners and presided over several sessions in this role during the FNCE conference.

Dr. Sharon Pate, Dr. Julianne Trautmann and Dr. Connor Walters attended the International Textile and Apparel Conference in Savannah, Georgia where they presented the findings from their CAT Grant – Establishing Professional Competencies for Curricular Coherence in an Apparel Merchandising and Design Program. They also attended and participated in a Career Fair to recruit two new Faculty members for the Apparel, Merchandising and Design Sequence.

Dr. Julianne Trautmann, Sheri Lokken Worthy from Mississippi State University and Kristine L. Lokken, University of Alabama presented Discovering Dress’ Relationships to College Females’ Body Image Dissatisfaction: A Study of Appearance-Management Behaviors at the International Textile and Apparel Conference held in Savannah, Georgia.

HEALTH SCIENCES
Dr. Gary Erisman, Paul Ronczkowski and safety major Hannah Enke attended the Central Illinois Chapter meeting of the American Society of Safety Engineers held at the State Farm Regional Headquarters in Bloomington, 11/11/03.

Dr. Mark A. Temple attended to American School Health Association Annual Meeting October 13 - 18 in El Paso, Texas. Dr. Temple presented two peer-reviewed scholarly presentations: "Not by faith alone: The enduring influence of the Christian Right on school health issues" and "The radical school health professional in the age of school renewal." He also served as a member of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and chaired the Advocacy Committee.

Dr. Mark A. Temple received a grant from Illinois Department of Human Services, Office and Family and Child Health to support implementation and evaluation of Coordinated School health Programs throughout the state.

Dr. Tom Bierma presented "Making CMS Profitable in Smaller Accounts: Capturing the Total Cost of Chemicals" on October 23 at the 7th Annual CMS Conference, in Pontiac, Michigan. The presentation summarized recent research with colleague Frank Waterstraat. The conference was hosted by General Motors.

Dr. Jim Broadbear had the article entitled "Essential elements of lessons designed to promote critical thinking" published in the Journal of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The paper is available on-line at: http://titans.iusb.edu/josotl/VOL_3/NO_3/broadbear.pdf
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Matthew Kuofie presented the paper entitled “Addressing Poverty in Economically Depressed Areas” at the 2003 WANGO Conference, from September 25-28, at the United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. Kuofie also chaired two panel-discussion sessions.

Dr. Matthew Kuofie reviewed technical papers for the 2003 International Business Information Management Conference to be held in Cairo, Egypt, from December 16-18, 2003.

Dr. Matthew Kuofie reviewed technical papers for the 2004 Hawaii International Conference on Computer Sciences to be held in Honolulu, January 15-18. Dr. Kuofie will present a paper and chair a session at the conference.


Dr. Winn (Pruthikrai) Mahatanankoon will be presenting a peer-reviewed research paper, “The Effect of Personal Web Usage in the Workplace on Employees' Productivity,” at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute. The meeting will be held in Washington D.C. from November 22-25, 2003.

Dr. Robert F. Zant has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. The commission is the sole accrediting agency for programs in computer science and information systems. His term will begin in 2004.

Dr. Robert Zant traveled to San Diego November 6-9 to attend the annual ISECON Conference sponsored by the AITPA. Dr. Zant made a presentation on the accreditation of information systems programs and presented a paper "Fundamental Patterns for Logic Design." The paper was selected as the runner-up for the "Best Paper" award.

TECHNOLOGY

The 46th annual Illinois Drafting Educators Association conference was held on November 13 and 14, with Thursday's sessions being hosted by ISU, and Friday's sessions at Heartland Community College. Drs. Chris Merrill, Kevin Devine, and Ryan Brown were in attendance. Dr. Ryan Brown presented "A Pilot Test of a 3D Modeling Contest for High School Students" on Thursday, and "Developing a Database of Computer-based Training Clips" on Friday.

Dr. Michael Daugherty presented research on the "Current status and future of technology teacher education" at the 90th Annual Mississippi Valley Technology Teacher Education Association Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on November 8, 2003. This research was designed to gage the level of support technology teacher educators have for the national standards for technological literacy and the degree to which these standards are affecting change in the university classroom.

Dr. Michael Daugherty served as the keynote speaker at the Technology Educators of Indiana State Conference in Merrillville, IN on November 2, 2003. Dr. Daugherty's message urged the participants to incorporate higher levels of design and engineering-related content into the secondary school offerings in technology education.

Dr. Chris Merrill was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the International Technology Education Association as the new Region 2 Director.

Dr. Chris Merrill delivered two presentations (Materials Science & Technology Education and Technology Day) at the 10th Annual Illinois Technology Education Conference November 7-8 in Peoria, IL.

Representatives from ISU's Technology Education Collegiate Association competed against five other Midwest universities at the Illinois Technology Education Conference in various professional events and were victorious in the Technical Presentation event and runner-up in the Technology Challenge.

TECA students delivered two presentations (Engineering at the High School and Developing Technology Education Activities) at the 10th Annual Illinois Technology Education Conference November 7-8 in Peoria, Illinois.

The Illinois State University Construction Management program was the host school for the Associated Schools of Construction Regional Conference and student competitions held in Downers Grove, Illinois from November 5 – 8, 2003. Dr. Richard Boser, Dr. Hank Campbell, Mark Comerford and six students attended from ISU. In addition to faculty events, about 110 students from 10 construction programs competed on 18 competition teams. Each team competed in one of three divisions: commercial, design-build, or heavy highway construction.

Mark Comerford and Dr. Richard Boser presented a paper entitled Characteristics and Risks Associated with Liquid Siding Coatings at the recent Associated Schools of Construction Regional Conference in Downers Grove, Illinois. The paper summarized the research findings from a sponsored project.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday-Friday Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27-28

Tuesday CAST Holiday Luncheon
December 9 Ballroom, BSC (Note Room Change)
11:30-1:30

Saturday Commencement
December 13 CAST ceremony at 9:00 a.m.
Redbird Arena