Last week I attended the National Recreation and Park Association Congress in Tampa, Florida. This is my own discipline organization. Several faculty members from ISU made excellent presentations at this meeting.

One delightful surprise was learning that Therapeutic Recreation graduate, Amanda McGowen (BS 97, MS 98), was to receive the Young Professional Award from the National Therapeutic Recreation Society. Amanda works for the public park and recreation department in Henderson, Nevada and is doing an excellent job developing community based recreation programs for individuals with disabilities. Before she received her award, I had a chance to speak with her and her parents. Amanda is an excellent ambassador for ISU by how well she performs her responsibilities and through her affinity for ISU. She is proud to be a graduate of our University.

Although a significant number of our graduates accept employment in the Illinois workforce, it is good to learn that they are competitive and rise to the top wherever they accept employment. Your work in meeting national accreditation standards for many of our programs helps ensure that our students are well prepared to work successfully anywhere.

China 2003

The University has changed how the annual trip to China will be operated. Previously, each college took a turn at sponsoring the trip and supported subsidies for college faculty members to take the trip. In the future, the Office of International Studies and Programs will conduct the trip and colleges will be invited to participate.

This year the theme of the trip will be “Chinese Language, Culture, and Society”. The trip will include the following cities—Beijing, Xi’an, Chongqing (Yangtze River Cruise), Shanghai, and Hong Kong. Dr. T. Y. Wang, Professor in the Department of Politics and Government and Director for the Unit of East Asian Studies will lead the pre-trip seminars and the trip. Detailed information about the trip can be found at the following web address: http://www.internationalstudies.ilstu.edu/areastudy/chinaTourProposal.shtml

CAST can subsidize a few faculty members to participate in the trip. Your application for the trip is due Monday, November 11 in the Office of International Studies and Programs. To obtain CAST funding, you need to submit a memo to my attention requesting subsidy and outlining how this trip would contribute to your scholarship and/or teaching. CAST will subsidize approved applicants until we each the limit of our available funding.

More later.........      JRR

CAST OFFICE

Dr. J. Robert Rossman was installed as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration at its annual meeting in Tampa, Florida, on October 17, 2002. He was elected by the membership to serve this three-year term. The Academy was formed to advance knowledge related to the administration of recreation and parks; to encourage scholarly efforts by both practitioners and educators that would enhance the practice of park and recreation administration; to promote broader public understanding of the importance of parks and recreation to the public good; and to conduct research, publish scholarly papers, and sponsor seminars related to the advancement of park and recreation administration. Membership in the Academy is limited to 125 practicing professionals, of whom no more than 25 percent may be educators.

Dean Rossman also received the Garrett G. Eppley, Distinguished Alumni Award, from the Department of Recreation and Park Administration at Indiana University. He was presented with the award at the annual alumni breakfast held in conjunction with the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress in Tampa, Florida, October 14-19, 2002.

CAST RESEARCH OFFICE

CAST Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher 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. Mr. Md. Shafiqul Azam completed his exemplary thesis under the supervision of Dr. Paul Brauchle, Department of Technology. Dr. James Kalmbach and Dr. Rodney Custer also served on his thesis committee.
CAST RESEARCH OFFICE, continued…

The thesis, entitled “A study of supervisor and employee perceptions of work attitudes in information age manufacturing industries,” 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, Mr. Azam is employed as a web programmer at Progressive Impressions International, Bloomington, Illinois. He will receive a monetary award and a plaque for his own keeping which will acknowledge this award. His name will also be inscribed upon a permanent plaque recognizing this award that is on display in the office of the Dean. Mr. Azam and his thesis chairperson will be invited to attend the CAST Spring Faculty Meeting next April.

OPEN FORUM WITH
PROVOST BOWMAN AND
ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT
McGINNIS

“CONDUCTING RESEARCH
AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY”

Wednesday, October 30th
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Turner 104A

Pre-tenure faculty are especially invited
to attend, though all CAST faculty
members are welcome!

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE


Drs. Billy Lim and Winn P. Mahatanankoon presented a total of three papers at the 7th Asia-Pacific Decision Science Institute International Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, July, 2002. Dr. Lim presented the papers, “Web Services: The Next Dimension in e-Business Computing,” and “xCalendar: A XML Schema for Exchanging Calendaring and Scheduling Information.” The latter paper was co-authored with Rajiv Hiremagalur, a former ACS graduate student. Dr. Mahatanankoon presented the paper, “Personal Web Usage in the Workplace: A Comparative Study between the U.S.A. and Thailand”. The paper was co-authored by Dr. Magid Igbaria and Dr. Murugun Anandarajan. Dr. Lim also chaired a session on eBusiness: XML at the conference.

AGRICULTURE

Ag Career Day was held October 9 and was well attended by students and employers. Twenty-four companies and organizations discussed career opportunities with approximately 250 students.

Robert Rhykerd, Douglas Kingman, Kerry Tudor and Byron Wiegand presented, “Illinois State Agriculture Student Contest: Crop Production and Marketing,” at the Posters on Review session during the Teaching and Learning Symposium held at the Bone Student Center on October 24.

Gary Bachman attended the 5th Annual Trugreen Companies Faculty Fall Retreat in Tampa, Florida, held October 11-13, 2002. The retreat is a gathering of ornamental horticulture faculty from across the country. Faculty meet with a leader in the turf and landscape industry with the goal of establishing student recruiting ties for Trugreen, both internship and career. The retreat was held at the Florida Botanical Gardens and the host hotel was the Clearwater Hilton.

The Illinois State University Horticulture Club is working with Don Schmidt, horticulturist for the Department of Biological Sciences, in preparing for the Annual Arboretum Plant Sale this spring. They have been collecting and stratifying seed for the sale.

Pat O’Rourke was elected chair of the Illinois State University Library Committee. He will serve a one year term.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES

Dr. Chris Schreck has been appointed editor-elect of the Journal of Crime and Justice, the official journal of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association. His term begins January 2003 and runs through December 2006. The journal office will be housed in the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dr. Schreck is presently one of the journal's deputy editors.

Dr. Donna Vandiver recently presented a paper entitled, "Offender and Victim Characteristics of Registered Female Sex Offenders in Texas: A Proposed Typology of Female Sex Offenders," at the 21st Annual Conference of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers held in Montreal, Canada. Using a typology of six groups of female sex offenders, her research examined 471 offenders, the largest sample that has appeared in the literature.

Dr. Sesha Kethineni gave a presentation on "Racism and Hate Crimes in Our Community” for the YWCA Week without Violence in McLean county on October 18.

Dr. Bev Smith was the invited discussant for a panel on Juvenile and Criminal Studies at the October 2002 Conference on Illinois History held in Springfield. Dr. Smith also attended the conference, "Becoming American in Rural Illinois: Irish Immigration and Culture," held at the McLean County Museum of History.
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Dr. Sharon Pate represented the Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences at the 2002 AAFCS Leadership Conference, September 27-29, held at the AAFCS Headquarters in Alexandria, VA. The Leadership Conference was held for current and incoming state organization affiliate, section, and division leaders. At this Leadership Conference for Affiliate Officers, sessions were spent with the AAFCS Board on determining the core ideology, core purpose, strategic thinking and planning to guide the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences' future role in the 21st century.


Scott Brouette, Pam Morbitzer, Barb Gallick and Lisa Lee, all head teachers in the Child Care Center, participated in the first annual Indiana Project Group meeting on Saturday, October 12 in Carmel, Indiana. The teachers displayed and discussed 5 different projects that had been completed by the preschool children at the Child Care Center. They also led breakout sessions in the afternoon on topics dealing with using the Project Approach as part of the classroom curriculum. Barb has worked for the last year with the organizers of the event, serving in an advisory capacity.

HEALTH SCIENCES

At the October 17, 2002 meeting of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Prairie Section, three of our Environmental Health students (Larken Akins, Charles Pruett, and Natalie Grimaldi) gave brief reports on the 2002 American Industrial Hygiene Exposition and Conference in San Diego. These students had received stipends to attend this event. In addition, three other professional members and Dr. George Byrns contributed their insights about the conference.

Dr. Gary Erisman attended the October ASSE meeting held at Lincoln, Illinois. The speaker was Jim Barnes, CIH, President, Occupational Environmental Health Solutions, Inc., who spoke on molds and their threat to indoor air quality.

Dr. Rod Simmons taught a 5-day course, "Risk Management and Process Safety," sponsored by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research in Kuwait City, September 28-October 2. The 31 students were engineers (process, operations, maintenance, design and safety) employed by the national oil company and its operating divisions (Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait National Petroleum Company, Kuwait Petrochemical Company). Dr Simmons also delivered a keynote address at a meeting of the Kuwait Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, entitled "Advancing Your Career in Safety Through Certification: Ensuring Quality in the Global Market". Additionally, Dr. Simmons delivered a seminar in the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department at Kuwait University, entitled, "Safety Through Design".

KINESIOLOGY AND RECREATION

Student members of LIFE (Leaders in Fitness Education) Club went on a field trip with Dr. David Thomas to visit prospective internship/employment sites in Peoria on Thursday, October 17. The trip included visits to the RiverPlex fitness complex, the Peoria Chiefs' training facility, and Methodist Hospital's Cardiovascular Rehabilitation program. Those students who participated were Deanne Manning, Lindsay Klinefelter, Sara Verbal, Joe Santilli, Beth Ann Young, Nate Henry, Amanda Wilkins, Don Snider, Nicole Foran, Sammy Lumpp, and Karen Bowers.

Amy Hurd gave two presentations at the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress in Tampa, Florida, October 14-19, 2002. The first was part of the Leisure Research Symposium, entitled, "An Analysis of Perceived Competencies of CEOs in Public Parks and Recreation Agencies". The second was an educational session entitled, "The Preparation of CEOs: Competencies and Experiences".

Dr. Sandra Klitzing also attended the National Recreation and Park Association Congress, where she presented at the Leisure Research Symposium. Her session was entitled, "Women who are homeless: Leisure and affiliation." Dr. Klitzing also attended the National Therapeutic Recreation Society Awards Luncheon, where Amanda McGowen, KNRon alumna, received the Young Professional Award.

TECHNOLOGY

Rodney L. Custer recently attended a meeting of the National Academy of Engineering's national advisory committee for engineering education in Irvine, California. The primary mission of the committee is to influence and make recommendations on the future of engineering education in the U.S., including possible K-12 level initiatives.

Richard Boser chaired the fall meeting of the National Association of Home Builders Student Advisory Board meeting in Anchorage, AK. The advisory board establishes policy and organizes events to provide students in building-related fields such as construction management, engineering, architecture, and real estate an opportunity to learn more about residential building through membership in the industry's largest trade association.
TECHNOLOGY, continued…

Dr. Hank Campbell, Director of Technology Transfer and Corporate Services, received notice of a grant to ISU and the Technology department to support the continuation of the Illinois Manufacturing Extension Center (IMEC) Central Regional Field Office within Turner Hall. The purpose of the extension office is to deliver helpful services to improve the vitality and productivity of Illinois manufacturing industries. This one-year grant extension of $96,041 runs from October 1, 2002 until September 30, 2003.

Dr. Campbell also accompanied 28 students from the Construction Management sequence on a full day field trip to Cambridge Homes Carillon Lakes development in Crest Hill, IL on September 26, 2002. The event was sponsored by the Residential Construction Employers Council of the Chicagoland area and is intended to provide students with a complete overview of the residential development process from initial site work (utilities, roads, etc.) through home construction, sales, and closeout.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday  October 28  Deadline for submitting URG proposals to the CAST Research Office

Wednesday  October 30  Open Forum with Provost Bowman and Associate Vice President McGinnis, “Conducting Research at Illinois State University”
  Turner 104A  1:00-2:00 p.m.

Friday  November 1  Drawing for $50 gift certificate from pool of fully completed profiles found in the new ISU Research/Creativity Profile Database

Monday  December 9  CAST Holiday Luncheon
  Old Main Room, BSC
  11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday  December 11  Retirement Reception for Arlene Ashley
  Founder’s Suite, BSC
  3:00-5:00 p.m.

Saturday  December 14  Commencement
  CAST ceremony, at 9:00 a.m.
  Redbird Arena