STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE BANQUET

CAST student-athletes and faculty members from the College were both well represented at the recent banquet to honor student-athletes who also perform well academically. Fifty-four CAST students from fifteen different majors qualified to attend the banquet. Although there were students from many majors, Exercise Science is the single major with most CAST student-athletes (18).

Student-athletes who were invited to the banquet were allowed to invite a faculty member to attend with them. Thus, there were many CAST faculty members there as well. It is an elegant affair as Red Bird Arena is turned into a stylish venue for this occasion.

Each year, a male and female ISU Scholar--Athlete of the Year is selected. Deborah Birrer, a senior in Athletic Training (KNR), was selected as the female recipient of the award this year. What a wonderful representative for CAST. Deborah is on the swimming and diving team and currently holds the Redbird record in the 200 Freestyle Relay. She is a Presidential Scholar at ISU, has been a Verizon Academic All-American, a Clifford “Pop” Horton Scholarship recipient, and a Missouri Valley Conference Commissioner’s Academic Team member. In addition to these accomplishments, Deborah has given much to the community through service to the Special Olympics, Athletes in Action, the Baby Fold, and Kiwanis Basketball. Congratulations to Deborah. Dr. Todd McLoda (KNR), director of the program in Athletic Training, was Deborah’s faculty guest at the banquet.

ARLENE ASHLEY

Arlene Ashley, Administrative Aide in the College Office, will retire at the end of this year. Arlene has been at ISU for over 31 years, 19 of them in CAST. She is well known to most of you. We will miss her pleasant disposition and storehouse of institutional knowledge that enables our office to operate smoothly. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a reception in her honor on Wednesday December 11, 2002 in the Founders Suite, Bone Student Center, from 3-5 pm.

COLLEGE AWARDS

Over the last two weeks, College outstanding faculty winners in teaching, research, and service were selected. Dr. Sesha Kethineni (CJS) was selected to receive the Outstanding Research Award. Dr. Mark Temple (HSC) was selected to receive the Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Tom Bierma (HSC) was selected to receive the Outstanding Teaching Award. Congratulations to each of these outstanding faculty members and thanks to members of the committees who reviewed applications for these awards. As you know, Dr. Kethineni and Dr. Bierma will each address the College at subsequent meetings of the faculty to share some of their work and successes with us.

UNIVERSITY AWARD

In the last NewsCAST, Dr. Gentry informed you that Mr. Md. Shafiqul Azam (TEC) received the CAST Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award. It is my pleasure to announce that, since then, he has been named the winner of the university-wide James Fisher Thesis Competition. This is the first time a student from CAST has ever won this award. Congratulations to Mr. Azam and also to Dr. Paul Brauchle, his thesis advisor.

More later…………

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CAST RESEARCH OFFICE

CAST OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER AWARD RECIPIENT

CAST Research Committee members are pleased to announce Dr. Sesha Kethineni, Department of Criminal Justice Sciences, has been selected as the recipient of the 2002-2003 CAST Outstanding Researcher Award. In recognition of her exemplary work, she will be awarded $500 and a plaque for her office wall. Additionally, her name will be added to a plaque dedicated to this award that hangs in the reception area of the CAST Dean’s Office. Finally, Dr. Kethineni will present highlights of her research efforts at the CAST Spring Faculty Meeting in April, 2003. Her research has focused on a number of critical issues, including cross-national comparisons of juvenile delinquency, adult female criminality, adult female victimization, and drug abuse. Dr. Kethineni is well-published, with numerous peer-reviewed articles in professional journals and an award winning book entitled Comparative Delinquency: India and the United States. This book received the Distinguished Book Award by the International Division of the American Society of Criminology in 1997. She has received external grants to support her research on several occasions. When you next have an opportunity to greet Sesha, please join members of the CAST Research Committee and the College Dean’s Office in congratulating her on this accomplishment.
ISU RESEARCH/CREATIVITY PROFILE--CAST
DRAWING RESULTS
One of the members of Dean Rossman’s Strategic Planning Advisory Committee selected the winning name for the ISU Research/Creativity Profile drawing within the College. The winning name was that of Dr. Jean Memken, FCS. She is the recipient of a $50 certificate for Borders Bookstore. She will surely enjoy using it!!

Dr. Klaus Schmidt, TEC, has already experienced the benefits of his profile being included in the database. A faculty member from the Curriculum and Instruction Department noted his research interests and a particular publication listed in his profile and has, as a result, contacted him for further information. Who knows where their discussion of common research interests might now lead them?!

If you haven’t already put information relevant to your research interests and accomplishments into the database, please consider taking about 15+ minutes to do so. If you have begun placing your information in the database, but have more to provide, see if you could complete your profile sometime soon. Database users undertaking searches using the keywords function will not be able to find you if you have not entered any keywords. In the case of Klaus described above, the colleague from C & I might not have ventured to contact him had she not been able to see the information he provided about his relevant publication.

URG PROPOSALS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW
Members of the CAST Research Committee (CRC) are currently reviewing 28 University Research Grant (URG) proposals submitted by 34 CAST faculty members. There are 15 proposals under review in the Research Development--New Investigator category, 2 proposals in the Research Development--Senior Investigator category, 2 proposals in the Grant Development--New Investigator category, and 9 proposals in the Grant Development--Senior Investigator category. Approximately $75,000 have been allocated to the College for the FY04 URG program. This amount is subject to change should additional cuts to the University's budget be undertaken. However, under current conditions, it appears about 15 investigators can potentially be funded. Results of the proposal review process are scheduled to be announced in late January or early February.

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. Robert F. Zant, presented a paper, "Using Simulation in IS Curriculum 2001," at the annual Information Systems Education Conference. The conference was held in San Antonio, Texas from October 31 to November 3.

Dr. David C. Wallace will be presenting a paper at the Second International Conference on Electronic Business in Taipei, Taiwan, on December 13, 2002. The title of the paper is "Teaching a Comprehensive Web Based Application within an IS Curriculum".

AGRICULTURE

Robert Rhykerd, Kerry Tudor, Bryon Weigand, Doug Kingman and Dusten Russell have received funding from the Center for the Advancement of Teaching to study, “The Impact of a Student Contest on Knowledge of Crop Production and Marketing.”

A retirement reception will be held for Rodger Gillenwater, Herder/Foreman at the University Farm, recognizing 26 years of service to Illinois State University, on Monday, November 25, 2-4 pm, Turner 104A--all are invited.
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Susan Torntore gave an invited guest lecture entitled, "Cloth is the Center of the World: Three Nigerian Textiles in Context" at the Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on Sunday November 3, 2002.

Dr. Torntore also had a research paper accepted for a break-out session at the IAFCS (Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences) Annual Conference, to be held November 23, 2002, entitled, "In Business with Family: An Italian Model of Fashion Production."

An interpretive exhibition curated by Dr. Torntore in 2001 for The Goldstein Museum of Design at the University of Minnesota was selected for a national tour by Exhibits USA. The exhibition is entitled, "Cloth is the Center of the World: Nigerian Textiles, Global Perspectives."

Dr. Mardell Wilson attended the Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition of the American Dietetic Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 18-22. Dr. Wilson served as the presiding officer for the session entitled, “Teaching with a Case-Based Approach.” Dr. Wilson also represented the Dietetic Educators of Practitioners as Chair-Elect at this year's national conference.

Dr. Jean Memken attended the annual conference of the Housing Education and Research Association where she was honored for her service to the organization. For the last five years, Memken has served as Executive Director for HERA (formerly known as the American Association of Housing Educators). She was presented with a clock and a certificate of appreciation from the membership. This year's meeting was held October 23-26 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

KINESIOLOGY & RECREATION

The Physiological Assessment Laboratories is once again hosting a FREE Cholesterol Screening / Open House on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Physiological Assessment Laboratories located at 309 Horton Fieldhouse. OSF St. Joseph's Center for Healthy Lifestyles will be doing FREE Cholesterol Screenings, the LIFE (Leaders in Fitness Education) Club will be on hand to answer fitness/exercise questions and the FND (Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics) Club will be on hand to answer nutrition questions. There will be free healthy food samples, free body composition assessments available, and a variety of healthful information. All faculty and staff are welcome. For more information, please contact Karen Dennis at 438-3891.

TECHNOLOGY

Richard Boser, Mark Comerford, and Charles Duvel attended the Associated Schools of Construction Regional conference and construction management competition held October 31-November 2, 2002 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mark Comerford and Charles Duvel both presented papers respectively entitled, “Creating Meaningful Contexts for Construction Education” and “Computer Knowledge: Report From a Student Self-Evaluation.” Also attending the conference were five Construction Management students who participated in a two-day construction management competition against eleven other teams from the region. Turner Construction sponsored the competition.

Rodney L. Custer presented a paper on, “Technically Speaking”, recently released by the National Research Council, at the Mississippi Valley Technology Teacher Education conference in St. Louis.

Klaus Schmidt attended the E-Learn 2002 World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, & Higher Education in Montreal, Canada. He presented a refereed paper entitled, "E-Commerce Privacy and Security: Degree of Awareness Among College Students." This project was developed in conjunction with Dr. Maria Canabal, Family & Consumer Sciences.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday Free Cholesterol Screening / Open House
November 19 Physiological Assessment Lab, 309 Horton 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

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

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