A Letter from Chairperson Randy Winter

Greetings from Illinois State University and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. I am serving as the Department Chairperson with a 2-year interim appointment. I have been a faculty member at Illinois State University since 1981 and served as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture for 11 years.

I want to share some department and university highlights.

We are thrilled to be back in Turner Hall after a year's absence during building renovation. Turner Hall received a much-needed facelift and improvements to the life-safety systems. We invite you to drop by whenever you are in the area to visit the department and see the improvements.

We are a “high demand” department with strong enrollments in all programs within the department. We have nearly 600 undergraduate and graduate students. Like the university as a whole, we continue to become more selective in admissions as a result of this high demand. Quality indicators such as ACT scores, high school GPAs and high school rank of admitted students have been increasing and mirror the higher values displayed by the university.

We are currently conducting a national search for a faculty member in the area of consumer economics. On-campus interviews will be scheduled in early 2011 with the goal of welcoming a new colleague in August 2011.
The Department has received some very generous gifts from alumni and former faculty members that have dramatically increased the number and value of scholarships available for our students. A listing of Fall 2010 scholarship recipients is included in this newsletter. We made 41 different scholarship awards with total funding in excess of $70,000. I want to thank all of our donors for their support.

We are exploring several options for additional international experiences for our students. These options include programs in France, Spain and England for our Interior and Environmental Design and Apparel Merchandising and Design students; France and Italy for Food, Nutrition and Dietetics; and Poland and China for Human Development/Family Resources.

Like all public universities in Illinois, state support as a percentage of the total budget is declining at Illinois State University as a result of the state’s economic situation. State appropriations now represent less than 24% of the university’s budget. The direct result of this declining state support is that students and their families are faced with higher costs such that the estimated cost of attendance for new freshmen is over $24,000 per year. In this economic environment, external gifts and scholarships take on added importance. We welcome your support—a form for making a contribution to the department can be found later in this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and find items of interest. Please stay in touch. We enjoy hearing from our alumni.

Sincerely,

Sequence Spotlight:
Apparel, Merchandising, & Design

The Apparel, Merchandising, and Design (AMD) sequence prepares students for employment in the forecasting, product development, promotion, distribution, wholesale, and retail sectors of the global textile and apparel industries. Students study the flow of apparel through trend analysis, design and product development, production, marketing, and retail.

Tricia Widner Johnson began working at ISU in 2004 after earning a Ph.D. at Oregon State University and an MA and BS at Colorado State University. She serves as the Apparel Merchandising and Design sequence coordinator, advisor for the Apparel Merchandising and Design Association Registered Student Organization, and co-director of the Lois Jett Historical Costume Collection. Current teaching assignments include Fashion Trend and Industry Analysis, Clothing and Behavior, Fashion History II, and Fashion Promotion. Her research interests are in appearance management, compulsive clothing buying, and fast fashion. Dr. Johnson has published research in Clothing and Textiles Research Journal, International Journal of Consumer Studies, Journal of Fashion Marketing and Management, and Research Journal of Textile and Apparel. Dr. Johnson and her husband have three sons age 8, 4, and 4 months.
Yoon Jin Ma began teaching at Illinois State University as an assistant professor of Apparel, Merchandising, and Design within the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2006. She completed both her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Textiles and Clothing from Yonsei University in South Korea, and earned her Ph.D. degree in Textiles and Clothing with a minor degree in Statistics at Iowa State University. Dr. Ma teaches courses in Advanced Textiles, Merchandising Planning and Control, and Economics of Fashion for undergraduate students, and Statistics and Introduction to Research Methodology for FCS graduate students. Her research interests include social responsibility in apparel consumption, manufacturing, and retailing; services marketing; consumer behavior; and scale development. She is also an active member of International Textiles and Apparel Association (ITAA) and American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

Hae Jin Gam has more than five years of experience working in the men's wear design industry. She received her B.A at Seoul Women's University, Seoul, Korea and received her M.S. at Chung-Ang University, Seoul, Korea. Hae Jin received her Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. She joined the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences as an Assistant Professor in Fashion Design in 2007. Since her arrival to ISU, Dr. Gam has taught eight courses: FCS 103: Management for Consumers; FCS 228: Apparel Design; FCS 321: Flat Pattern Design; FCS 324: Draping and Design; FCS 365: Collection Development; FCS 366: CAD for Apparel Design; FCS 393: Travel Study for Fashion; and FCS 398: Professional Practice. Her research interests include sustainability in the apparel and textile industry, apparel product development, and consumers' eco-friendly purchasing behavior. She is a member of Educators for Socially Responsible Apparel Business (ESRAB) and International Textile and Apparel Association (ITAA).

Ui-Jeen Yu joined the faculty of Family and Consumer Science in 2009. Dr. Yu is an assistant professor for the Apparel, Merchandising, and Design program. She completed her B.H.E. degree in Fashion Design from Sungkyunkwan University in South Korea and achieved both her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Textiles and Clothing with a minor degree in Statistics at Iowa State University. She has taught courses in advanced merchandising, basic and advanced levels of textiles, social and psychological aspects of clothing, and cultural diversity in dress. Her research interests include fashion merchandising, supply chain systems, multi-channel retailing, online apparel shopping, body image, advertising effectiveness of media images, and rural retailing and community development.

Elisabeth Reed graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a master’s degree in fashion design and from the University of Cincinnati with an undergraduate degree in Architecture. After several years working as a graphic and freelance designer, Elisabeth joined the faculty at ISU in 2008. Ms. Reed currently teaches Apparel Product Development, Apparel Product Analysis, Textiles, Fashion Trend & Industry Analysis and Cultural Diversity in Dress. Elisabeth is passionate about the growing need for sustainability in design and incorporates these concepts into many of her courses. She has also organized several industry study tours for the students to Chicago, Los Angeles and, most recently, to Minneapolis, where 29 design and merchandising students got a behind-the-scenes look at the corporate headquarters of Target.
Jennifer Banning joined the faculty of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2007. In 1997 she earned B.S. degrees from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in apparel design and family and consumer sciences education. She earned her Ph.D. in 2005 from Louisiana State University where she specialized in fashion history in the School of Human Ecology. Throughout her teaching career, Dr. Banning has taught apparel courses in construction, manufacturing, history, and textiles. In addition to teaching Fashion History I (FCS 361) at ISU, she serves as the program coordinator and instructor in the Family and Consumer Science Education program. She is the co-director of the Lois Jett Historic Costume Collection and faculty advisor for the ISU Student Chapter of the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Banning’s research interests include recycled commodity bags and feed sacks, fashion history, and exploring how to improve student learning in the classroom.

Lois Jett Historic Costume Collection

The Apparel, Merchandising, & Design sequence is home to the Lois Jett Historic Costume Collection. The collection was started by faculty member Lois Jett and contains over 2,000 clothing and accessory artifacts of men, women, and children dated 1870 to the present time. The collection houses a 1930s vest and dress that belonged to Dr. and Mrs. Bone as well as the 1950 wedding suits of George and Martha Means.

The department is currently adopting a museum software database to manage the collection. Artifacts are displayed in Turner Hall and classes use the garments for artifact analysis.

Apparel, Merchandising, & Design Association

The Apparel, Merchandising, & Design Association student organization is very busy throughout the school year volunteering at community fashion shows, helping with charitable clothing drives, and taking regional field trips to industry sites. One of the organization’s biggest projects is coordinating an annual fashion show. The student run show features original designs by junior and senior AMD students. Students also model the clothing and create the set.

This year’s fashion show theme is “Amplify: Expressing and creating identity through global fashion.” It will take place on April 22, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom in the Bone Student Center. Tickets will be available for a small charge during the spring semester. This year’s student director is Laura Bowman. If you are interested in modeling for this year’s show, please contact Cassie Peterson (clpeter@ilstu.edu). If you are interested in joining the student organization, please contact Kara Smoltich (kasmolt@ilstu.edu).
AMD Students Compete Nationally

Toni and Robin Christie Educate & Entertain

On October 4, Toni and Robin Christie from the ChildSpace Early Childhood Institute in Wellington, New Zealand presented “New Zealand Early Childhood Care & Education: Exploring culture, environmental design & services.” The event was sponsored by Illinois State University’s College of Applied Science and Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences, and the ISU Child Care Center. Here are some student reactions to the presentation:

Cara Linehan: FCS 101
“As an interior design major, I did not think that a presentation regarding early childhood learning would pertain to me. But after attending, I realized how much the two relate. Everything the Christies designed was created to inspire children to grow and learn. I learned the importance of building, designing, and creating for a purpose and to be creative with materials available.”

Katelyn Schwankl: FCS 250
“Their ability to incorporate culture is amazing. I think it can help a child feel like they belong and help form their personal identities.”

Sarah O’Neal: FCS 307
“Being able to incorporate the culture and history into the play area was something I had not considered before. It is a way of teaching the children and reminding them of their heritage.”

Sara Hunt-Bollhorst was awarded the Paris American Academy Award. Theresa Jaegle was awarded the 2008 PatternWorks International Award for Best Solution to a Patternmaking Problem. Emily Parks won second place in the C2C®/CITDA 2010 design competition by the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC).

To see more student designs, please visit http://fcs.illinoisstate.edu/apparel_merchandising/student.shtml
Jumpstart Program

Jumpstart, an AmeriCorps program, is a national non-profit organization based at 66 universities around the country. Illinois State University has been home to the Jumpstart program for six years. Kate Kapper coordinates the ISU Jumpstart program. Jumpstart’s mission is that every child enters school prepared to succeed. It has been shown that kindergarten teachers can predict with 90% accuracy whether a child will graduate high school based on their pre-school preparation. This year Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Event raised $900 and students read to 300 children.

The Jumpstart program trains 50 ISU students to implement the Jumpstart curriculum in three low-income preschools in the surrounding area. Students volunteer 300 hours of service each year and serve approximately 110 children. After students complete their hours of service, they receive an educational award from AmeriCorps. If you would like more information about the Jumpstart program or would like to get involved, please email Kate Kapper at jumpstart@ilstu.edu. Students can apply to the Jumpstart program by visiting JumpStart.org

Alumni Day Guests

Connie Mueller has a BS from the University of Illinois and a Master’s Degree from Illinois State University. She has been an instructor in the Food/Nutrition-Dietetics program at ISU and recently retired as the Director of Food and Nutrition Services for Bloomington District 87 Schools. She received the 2004 Award of Excellence for Outstanding Management, Leadership, and Innovation from the School Nutrition Services Practice Group of the American Dietetics Association and the 2005 Award of Excellence in Management Practice from American Dietetics Association Foundation.

Kimberly Smoot graduated with a Family and Consumer Science Teacher Education Degree. After several years teaching high school, she started her own photography business called Kimberly Smoot Photography. She has applied her knowledge of children and families in her business by photographing children’s development and family relationships in authentic, natural settings. She also specializes in portraits of babies, children, families and pets. Kimberly’s work has been widely displayed and has helped raise funds for many local charities.

CAST Hall of Fame Honoree

CAST Hall of Fame Honoree Charlotte Talkington graduated with a BS in Home Economics from ISU in 1961. Her teaching career began at Roanoke-Benson High School. In 1968 she joined the Home Economics faculty at ISU as a supervisor of 76 student teachers. During her tenure, she continued to supervise student teachers, taught undergraduate classes and directed curriculum projects which offered the opportunity to work with teachers throughout the state. During this time she was president of two professional state organizations and vice-chair of a national organization. In 1985 she received the ISU Alumni Achievement Award. She retired as a full professor in 1994. Charlotte has established The Charlotte Talkington Professional Development Fund the The Charlotte E. Talkington Scholarship in Family and Consumer Sciences Education Fund. This scholarship provides financial assistance for a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher education student.
FCS Department Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to the following scholarship award recipients!

Barbara M. Clauser Scholarship – Kayla Worker, a junior from Rochester, IL.
Mary (Schedler) Crane Family & Consumer Sciences Scholarship – Jennifer Kay Imhoff, a senior from Roanoke, IL.
Dora L. Munson Scholarship – Amanda Perez, a senior from Elmhurst, IL.
Dora L. Munson Scholarship – Samantha Boyles, a freshman from Cary, IL.
Dora L. Munson Scholarship – Natalie Kaminski, a senior from Des Plaines, IL.
Charlotte E. Talkington Scholarship – Natalie Kaminski, a senior from Des Plaines, IL.
Mae Warren Feeney Scholarship – Alexis Aghayere, a senior from Aurora, IL.
Karen S. Morton Human Development & Family Relations Scholarship – Carrie Marie Lund, a senior from Elburn, IL.
Sommer Scholarship – Stephanie Henry, a senior from Westville, IL.
Sommer Scholarship – Kiasha Henry, a junior from Bloomington, IL.
Lois R. Jett Scholarship – Shannon Beck, a senior from Urbana, IL.
Susan R. Hoblit Interior and Environmental Design Scholarship – Sydney Eisenmann, a senior from Savoy, IL.
Rambo & Runyon Scholarship – Emily Triner, a senior from Coal City, IL.
FCS Male & Minority Scholarship – Nathan Schober, a senior from Glenarm, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Emily Parks, a senior from Bloomington, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Claire Baltz, a freshman from Buffalo Grove, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Megan Barton, a junior from Cornell, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Emily Brinkmann, a senior from Metamora, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Tess Buchberger, a senior from Palatine, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Sara Hines, a senior from Bloomington, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Michelle Pierson, a sophomore from Westmont, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Brooke Stanton, a junior from Grayslake, IL.
Hattie C. Lundgren Scholarship – Erin Tebrugge, a sophomore from Springfield, IL.
John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Stacie Bryant, a sophomore from Havana, IL.
John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Sydney Eisenmann, a senior from Savoy, IL.
John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Avalon Forsythe, a senior from Normal, IL.
John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Rebecca Gerecke, a graduate student from Liberty, IL.
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John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Jennifer Niendorf, a junior from Frankfort, IL.
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John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Kevin Pietro, a graduate student from Arlington Heights, IL.
John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Sara Stark, a senior from Normal, IL.
John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Megan Togliatti, a senior from Braidwood, IL.
John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Emily Triner, a senior from Coal City, IL.
John A., Mabel E., & Jacqueline Q. Karch Scholarship – Tim Turner, a senior from Urbana, IL.

Keep up the good work!
Over $70,000 awarded.
Thanks to all of our donors and scholarship sponsors.
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