



Spotlight on . . . Technology Education



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As the Technology Education Program prepares for another successful year, we would like to showcase some of the highlights from the 2006-2007 school year. First, Dr. Edward Livingston joined the technology education faculty as an assistant professor; second, the program graduated its largest class of teachers since the 1970s; and third, the Technology Education Collegiate Association earned six awards during competitive events at Midwest and international levels: two first, two second, two third, and one fourth; and the program completed its third year with the National Center for Engineering and Technology Education, which is a National Science Foundation Center for Learning and Teaching. The “State of the Program” is strong. The technology teacher education

pre-service teachers are securing teaching positions at the 6-12 grade levels, high-quality graduate students are seeking and attending ISU, professional publications are being written by faculty, and grant funds are being secured on state and national levels.

The curriculum in the program continues to evolve with the help of the established advisory board. Over the past two years, Engineering Design and Medical, Agricultural, and Bio-Related Technologies have been added to the curriculum as two required courses, as well as trigonometry and physics. Technology education pre-service teachers are also now required to take Advanced CAD and Computer Networking Technology. Without moving or adding walls, the facilities for technology education have also been upgraded with refinished cabinetry, new bookshelves, and new tools for student use. The Illinois Technology Student Association, Illinois University Council for Career and Technical Education, three Illinois Mathematics and Science Partnership programs, and the National Center for

Engineering and Technology Education are being headed and co-headed by technology education faculty. There are plans in the work to add collegiate divisions of SkillsUSA and Epsilon Pi Tau in the program/department. Lastly, a new Master’s Degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), and Leadership is being developed.

We would love to hear from our ISU alumni who are teaching technology



Technology Education students design and build a bridge with enough legos to make the span when supported by a table-top, but not enough to build a solid free-standing structure. This forced them into designing a suspension type of support.. They were allowed to use fish line and masking tape, of reasonably unlimited amounts, and AutoCAD for drawings, calculations, and documentation.

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Sesquicentennial

Homecoming 2007

October 8-14, 2007

Come to the Alumni Tailgate Tent on Saturday, October 14th on the U-High Football Practice field.

Technology in the News

Strand Selected Distinguished Alum 2007

Douglas Strand has been selected as the 2007 Technology Distinguished Alumnus. Doug graduated with a BS in Industrial Technology from Illinois State University in 1990. He has held a variety of management positions in the food processing industry. He began his career at Oscar Meyer Foods Corporation in Madison, Wisconsin as a Maintenance Team Leader and progressed to Corporate Director of Engineering at Lopez Food, Incorporated in Oklahoma City. In July 2006, Douglas Strand started Strand Management and Consulting Services, in Yukon, Oklahoma. As founder and President of Strand Management and Consulting Services, he is responsible for the development and advancement of Engineering and Management Consulting Services for foodservice and private label food producers, as well as project assistance and resolution of issues within client facilities. Congratulations, Douglas Strand!



Richard Boser Named Technology Chair

After a national search, Dr. Richard Boser was named Chair of the Department of Technology effective July 1, 2007. Rick earned his Ph.D. in Industrial Education from Texas A&M University in December 1991 and his MS in Industrial Education in 1989 also from Texas A&M. His B.Ed. in Secondary Education was earned at the University of Alberta. Since 1995, Rick has been the Construction Management Sequence Coordinator. In this capacity, he led the sequence to ACCE Accreditation. Since 2001, he has also acted as Assistant Chairperson of the Department of Technology. Congratulations Dr. Boser!



Paul Brauchle Retires

Paul Brauchle retired this summer after 20 years of service to the Department of Technology and Illinois State University. During his tenure with the Department of Technology, Paul served as Associate Director of CeMaST, Technology IRB Representative, and Graduate Coordinator. He earned his BS and MS from Southern Mississippi University, his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1979.



New Employee Spotlight



Adam Burke has joined the Department of Technology as an Instructor in the Graphic Communications Sequence. Adam graduated from Illinois State University with his BS in Industrial Technology in December 2005, and received his MS in Technology from Illinois State University in August 2007. His thesis project was entitled "Identification and Validation of Key Customer Competencies Required in Web-To-Print Markets: A Delphi Study". Welcome Adam!

SME Sargent Americanism Award

On July 13, 2007, Dr. Ken Stier was presented with a Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation Sargent Americanism Award by Ms. Sherril West, Past President (2004-2006) and current Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation Board Member. The award is named after Mr. Albert M. Sargent who was a founder of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Organization and served as its President from 1946-47.

The Sargent Americanism Award is designed to recognize faculty who have developed significant and innovative course work that creates a better understanding of business skills related to Manufacturing among the students in colleges and universities in North America. Dr. Stier was selected for this award for his work in developing and teaching the new Supply Chain Logistics course which was taught for the first time in the Fall 2006 semester.



Deb Gentry - Dean, College of Applied Science and Technology, Ken Stier - Technology, and Sherril West - Board Member, SME Education Foundation Board Member

Philip D. Age Passed Away

Philip D. Age, a former Graphics Arts instructor, passed away on June 2, 2007. Before starting his graphics arts teaching career, he worked for the Disney organization in the creative entertainment field at Disneyland California. He received his doctorate degree at Illinois State University in Curriculum and Instruction in 1994. He taught in the Industrial Technology Department from 1992 until 1996.

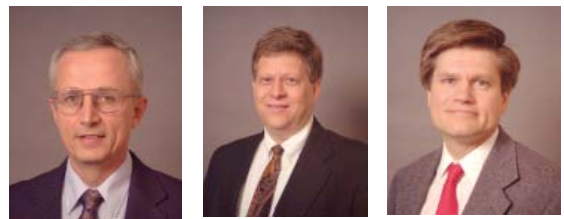
TEC Faculty Awarded CTLT 2007 Teaching-Learning Development Grants

Dr. Mohamed El-Gafy was awarded a grant for his project, "Teaching Blueprint Reading Using a Computerized Interactive Visualization Model". This project combines image-based and language-based visualization theories into a flexible method of communication to help students adapt their communication methods to explain the requirements of a set of blueprints.

Dr. Borinara Park was awarded a grant for his project, "Virtual Reality (VR) Learning Environment for Green Building Technology". Dr. Park will use Virtual Reality to develop a small-scale green building learning environment prototype to complement existing teaching/learning environments.

Faculty Milestones

Three faculty and staff members of the Department of Technology have reached milestones with Illinois State University. Ken Stier, Sequence Coordinator Integrated Manufacturing Systems has been with Illinois State since 1981, Ryan Brown, CAD and Computer Rendering and Animation Professor since 1987, and Jim Evens, Technology Computer Lab Manager since 1987. Congratulations Ken, Ryan and Jim!



IMS Students Donate Nesting Boxes

The TEC 392 Capstone Manufacturing Class designed and manufactured a variety of bird nesting and bat roost boxes. The class was divided into groups, each to produce a different type of nesting/roost box. After completion of these boxes they were donated to the Sugar Grove Nature Center, a non-profit organization that operates and manages over 750 acres of natural area. The nesting and roosting structures will be an asset to their wildlife management project. The donation allowed the Sugar Grove Nature Center to incorporate nesting and roosting boxes into the habitat plan.



Kestrel Team

Epsilon Pi Tau Initiates New Members

Epsilon Pi Tau, the National Honorary Society for Technologists, initiated four new members on April 26, 2007. The initiates were (L-R on bottom row) Dan Wixted, Valerie Allen, Peter Goss, and Jeffrey Sellers. The Initiation Team were as follows (L-R back row): Dr. Hank Campbell, Professor Emeritus Technology, David Devier - EPT Regional Director, Kim Travers - Heartland Community College, Paul Brauchle, Ed Livingston, and Richard Boser. Ed Livingston was installed as Trustee for Epsilon Pi Tau.



Technology Around the World - Summer 2007

Germany

Klaus Schmidt, Industrial Computer Systems Professor, went to Germany in June 2007 with three students: Lauren Kucer, Matea Simovic, and Tim Gueldener. The trip was sponsored by FranMar Chemicals, a local company. FranMar produces environmentally friendly cleaners and similar products. The group was headquartered in Bad Konig, near Frankfurt, Germany



Lauren Kucer, Matea Simovic, Klaus Schmidt, and Tim Gueldener near the German Alps

and visited various companies and organizations while there. For example, they went to the city of Leipzig to meet the American Consulate there. The American Consulate (ambassador) has an office for American Commercial Services, which is an entity that helps American-based companies to get started doing business in Germany and Europe. The group also went to Linz, Austria to meet with the current distributor of FranMar Chemicals for Austria, Italy, and Germany.

Malaysia and India

Anu Gokhale presented a refereed paper “Sustainable Development through Women Participation in Science and Technology” at the LITCON 2007 Conference held in Penang, Malaysia on July 25-27, 2007. Anu also spoke about “Ethics in Leadership” at the opening ceremony of the Youth Leadership Summit held in Mumbai, India from August 10-12. At the Youth Leadership Summit, she also chaired a ninety minute panel discussion on “Careers in IT”.

China and Korea

Bo Park presented “Interactive and Sociable Virtual Environment for Green Building Technology Education” in May 2007 at the ECO Summit 2007 in Beijing, China. In June, he presented “Role of Engineers in the Sustainable Society” at Pukyung National University in Busan, South Korea and “Globalization of Korean Students” at Daelim College, Anyang, South Korea.



African Students

Klaus Schmidt also taught Project Management principles to two groups of international students for the ISU-MDI (Management Development International) over the summer. The first group of seven students came from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Gambia, and Sierra Leone. The second group of sixteen French speaking students came from The Congo, Cameroun, Mauretania, Rwanda, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, and Haiti. Klaus taught the second group of students in entirely in French.



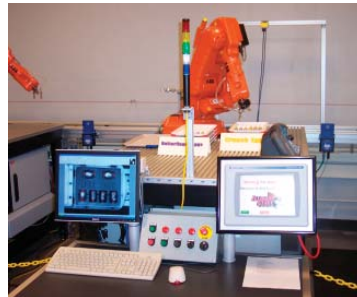
Caterpillar IML Lab Dedication

After two years of planning and designing, the Caterpillar Integrated Manufacturing Laboratory was officially dedicated on Tuesday, April 16, 2007. The lab has ten four foot ABB robots, one six foot ABB robot, and two conveyor belts connecting the robots. The large robot cut the Dedication Ribbon following instructions from ISU President Al Bowman, CAST Dean Jeff Wood and Mr. Steve Luthy of Caterpillar, Inc. After the ribbon cutting ceremony and luncheon, students from TEC 234 and TEC 345 assisted visitors with the robot demonstrations they designed in their classes. The robots filled personalized boxes of chocolates, played checkers and tic tac toe, as well as drew Reggie Redbird on notecards. Over 800 boxes of chocolates were given away during the Open House demonstrations.

For additional information on the Caterpillar IML Lab, robotics courses, and the Integrated Manufacturing Program, please contact Kevin Devine at (309) 438-5801 or email him at kldevin@ilstu.edu or contact David Kennell at (309) 438-3557 or email him at drkenne@ilstu.edu.



Curtis Thomas (TEC '91) of ABB Automation brought to campus a flat bed truck with several robots for product information and demonstrations



Caterpillar IML Lab Workstation

Caterpillar IML Lab Dedication



Jeff Wood, Dean CAST



Steve Luthy, Caterpillar, Inc.



Al Bowman, ISU President

The Value of Internships



I decided to do an internship for the same reason most other college students do: To get some practical, real-world experience and skills in my chosen field. My internship was also going to fulfill a graduation requirement. I also wanted my internship to be an inside glimpse into the company, the industry, and the particular occupation. I wanted it help me discover if the career I was considering was right or wrong for me. After starting my internship this last summer with Holder Construction as an Office Project Engineer, I quickly found my expectations of an internship to be exceeded. Not only did I quickly figure out that I loved commercial construction, but I loved my job. I was given responsibilities that I did not expect to be given. I was managing subcontractors, running subcontractor meetings, tracking material, reviewing billing, sending RFIs (Request For Information) out to the architects and engineers assigned to the project, I reviewed and processed submittals, I reviewed bids, wrote contracts, and I went out on the site as much as I wanted to watch the project quickly come together. I learned a lot about the type of people that work for Holder Construction and the type of culture they promote. I was so amazed and loved my experience that I did not want to leave the project at the end of the summer. With more and more people doing internships, employers are coming to expect to see them listed on résumé's of potential employees. Internships often turn into job offers. A job offer is just what I received on my last day. This is all the more reason to do an internship and to take the job very seriously -- it is the first impression you make on who may be your future employer. Cultivate contacts and get experience while interning. Build productive relationships with supervisors and colleagues. Your future could depend on it!

Valerie Allen, Senior, Construction Management Student

Technology Awards Banquet

The Department of Technology's Awards Banquet was held in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center on April 26, 2007. This year's Outstanding Young Alumnus and guest speaker, Ms. Elizabeth (Martin) Ivancsits is a Manufacturing Manager with Bodine Electric Company. Ms. Ivancsits spoke about her experiences in Quality Management and in coordinating the transfer of a US manufacturing plant to China. Her grandfather helped build Turner Hall, her father and brother received degrees from the Industrial Technology Department, and her mother from the English Department. Eighteen scholarship awards were presented to 16 students during the Banquet. The total value of this year's scholarships to technology students is \$19,750.



Charles Porter Scholarship for Leadership

is awarded annually to a Department of Technology student who demonstrates leadership potential in the technology field



Nicholas Schroder feels earning a scholarship will motivate him to keep working hard at school and exemplifies what teaching and coaching are all about. Nicholas has volunteered for the Rock Island Grand Prix and volunteered as a baseball coach.

William McKnight, Jr. Technology Education Scholarships

is presented annually to Technology Education students with a "B" or better average and demonstrated leadership awarded annually to a Department of Technology student who demonstrates leadership ability in school and community organizations



Shane Chandler is from Tremont, Illinois. He is the current president of the Technology Education Student Association and is scheduled to student teach in the Spring 2008 semester. Shane is also a student in the Professional Development School.

Kyle Thomas (no picture) has always wanted to be a teacher. Kyle, an Eagle Scout, is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster of his boy scout troop. For the past two years, he has been the coach for the JROTC Drill Team at Lincoln Way East.

Technology Education Scholarship

is awarded for to an upper level Technology Education student with demonstrated financial need

Joellen Glass wants to educate students in the importance of technology in their lives and give them the challenge to solve real world problems.



The Everett N. Israel/TFA Scholarship

is awarded to a Technology Education upperclassmen



Daniel Ledergerber feels the one-on-one interaction between teacher and student is invaluable to both the student and the teacher. For several years, Daniel has volunteered to help build a float honoring his town's veterans for the Walnut Independence Day parade.

The Joe E. Talkington Scholarship

is awarded to a community college graduate transfer student with a strong academic record in a field of industrial technology



Calvin Ebey is a non-traditional student in the Industrial Computer Systems area. After earning his bachelor's degree, Cal plans to earn his master's degree and teach at a junior college or university the subjects presented in the ICS sequence.

The Industrial Technology Scholarship

is awarded to an incoming freshman with a strong academic record in a field of industrial technology

Gretchen Blythe will begin her studies in Graphic Communications in the fall semester. Gretchen has volunteered for the Family Violence Coordinating Council and also helped lead her church's mission trip to New Orleans to aid Hurricane Katrina victims.



The Jeld-Wen Scholarship

is awarded to incoming freshmen and/or transfer students from the East Central Illinois or Chicagoland area who are enrolled as full-time students in the Department of Technology Integrated Manufacturing Systems Sequence



Daniel Lindsey enjoys creating, building, and assembling projects. Daniel has volunteered at the Salt and Light soup kitchen, Empty Tomb Food Bank, and the Champaign County Humane Shelter. He has participated in two mission trips to Roatan, Honduras and Harlan, Kentucky where he built retaining

walls, bridges, and repaired homes.

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Scholarship

is awarded annually to a full-time upperclassman majoring in Integrated Manufacturing Systems and who is a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Student Organization



Timothy Januszyk firmly believes the Integrated Manufacturing Systems major is a unique experience. He enjoys the hands-on experience with the ABB robots, PLCs and advanced modeling software.

The Philip E. Ghantous Memorial Scholarship

was established to provide financial assistance to a junior or senior Department of Technology student with an interest in renewable energy sources



Brian Keith enjoys architectural drawing, surveying, and working with construction materials. He has volunteered with a number of projects and helped hurricane victims rebuild their houses and clean up debris during his summer and spring breaks.

The Robert C. Monninger Scholarship

is awarded to a full-time Construction Management student studying mechanical and electrical aspects of construction

Brian Keith plans to pursue a career in project management utilizing his interest in architectural drawing and surveying.



The Wayne Zook Scholarship

is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated leadership abilities, and successful experience in the construction industry



Joshua Mohr plans to pursue a management position with a growing company that will allow him to take a leadership role in shaping emerging construction trends. He has also volunteered for the Special Olympics.

The Central Illinois Builders' Industry Advancement Foundation Scholarship

is presented annually to an upper level Construction Management student who is a member of the Association of General Contractors Organization Student Chapter



Joshua Mohr comes from an ISU family. Joshua has been interested in construction since he started working for a construction firm in high school. Josh is active in the CMSA organization, the College Republicans and the Redbird Wrestling club.

The Nathan Ruch Scholarship

is awarded to a construction management upperclassman who best exemplifies professional leadership attributes within the department, university, community, and construction industry.

Jonathan Ribskis has been a CMSA officer. Last year, he was a member of the ISU's National Association of Home Builders Competition Team in Orlando, Florida.



The Combined Central Illinois Construction Industry Fund Scholarship

is awarded to a Central Illinois Construction Management student who is interested in commercial construction

Valerie Allen has always loved construction. When she was seven years old she went with her contractor father to his construction work sites and helped him with small jobs.



The Mechanical Contractors Association of America Scholarship

is awarded to a Central Illinois Construction Management student who is interested in commercial construction



Joseph Murray is an active member of CMSA, President of the Mechanical Electrical Student Association and a member of the Mechanical Competition Team. He interned with AMS Mechanical over the summer.

Jeffrey has been active in CMSA and MESA. He was a member of the 2006 Mechanical Competition Team. Jeffrey graduated in May 2007. He is currently employed at BMW Construction.



The Charles "Ed" Francis Scholarship

is presented to a first-year, transfer or continuing full-time student in the Construction Management Sequence



Todd Rossier is an active member of CMSA and is a squad leader in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. In addition, Todd was a group leader of a work camp repairing home for the needy.

2008 Department of Technology Scholarship Applications are due April 1, 2008. Scholarship Applications are available from the Technology office or on-line at: www.tec.ilstu.edu

Other Awards and Scholarships

The following Department of Technology students have been awarded outside scholarships for their scholastic ability, leadership qualities, and service to the Department and community.

The Residential Construction
Employers Council of Chicago
Valerie Allen

Illinois Ready Mix
Concrete Association
Ryan Hollister

Mechanical Contractors Association
of Chicago Scholarship
Tiakka Johnson
Eric Livingston

Technology Students Graduate with Honors

This year, eleven Technology students graduated with some type of honors designation. These students must maintain a high University and department GPA, complete in-course honors study in the student's technical area and in-course honors study outside the Department of Technology, and successfully complete of a minimum of 3 credit hours of Honors Independent study. Students must initiate Independent Honors Study, Undergraduate Research Participation, and arrange for the guidance of a faculty member. These projects require an intensive study in an area of special interest to the student in an area of Technology

Summa Cum Laude **3.90 - 4.00 GPA**
William Merchantz Technology Education

Magna Cum Laude **3.80 - 3.89 GPA**
Raymond Alvarado Industrial Computer Systems
Ryan Bounds Technology Education
Seth Braker Construction Management
Daniel Currier Technology Education
Gregory Lindemann Technology Education
Jonathan Ribskis Construction Management

Cum Laude 3.65 - 3.79 GPA

Susan Russell Technology Education
Jacob Saunoris Integrated Manufacturing Systems
Jeffrey Williams Construction Management
Brett Wilson Industrial Computer Systems

Honor Program Scholar **3.3 GPA**
Jonathan Ribskis Construction Management
Scott Blons Construction Management

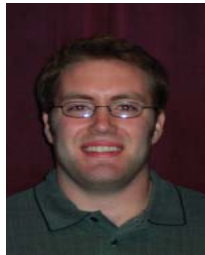
Departmental Honors **3.3 GPA**
Jonathan Ribskis Construction Management
Scott Blons Construction Management

Awards of Excellence

The Award of Excellence is given to an outstanding upper-level student who has completed 100 credit hours and has demonstrated superior performance for the last 45 hours. Criteria for this award include demonstrated leadership, including service to the Department of Technology as an undergraduate teaching assistant or committee work, community service, completion of an internship or special project, and exemplary participation in professional organizations. A Committee screened nominations submitted by the faculty. This year's Award of Excellence recipients are pictured below.



William Merchantz
Franzie L. Loepf
Technology Education
Leadership Award



Brett Wilson
Industrial Computer
Systems
Award



Alex Ford
Integrated
Manufacturing
Award



Daniel Jones
Graphic
Communications
Award



Stuart Weiss
Construction
Management
Award

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

Awarded annually to a Technology Graduate student or students who have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following areas: academics, research, programming and/or social events for graduate students.



Adam Burke worked for the Graphic Communications sequence as a graduate assistant. He assisted the TAGA Student Organization with their screen printing jobs for various student organizations on campus. He earned his BS in Technology from Illinois State University. In May 2007, he successfully defended his thesis, "Identification and Validation of Key Customer Competencies Required in Web-To-Print Markets: A Delphi Study" and graduated with an MS in Technology, Project Management Sequence. He has accepted an instructor position in the Graphic Communications Sequence beginning in the Fall 2007 semester.



Richard Samuels, an International Student from Jamaica, worked in the Department of Technology as a graduate assistant and graduate teaching assistant. In the Spring 2007 semester, he taught two sections of TEC 116. He was always willing to help his students. In May 2007, Richard successfully defended his thesis, "Perceptions of Construction Industry Employers On Essential Technical Job Skills for the Successful Employment of Technical High School Graduates in the Jamaican Construction Industry" and graduated with the MS in Technology, Project Management Sequence.

Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher Award

Given annually to a Technology Graduate Student Researcher for demonstrating high standards of excellence in scholarship and research



Nida Kazim, was a Project Management Graduate Assistant prior to accepting an internship opportunity at a local company. She has been chosen as the 2007 Technology Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher for her thesis, "Perceptions and Experiences that Influence a Pakistani Woman's Decision to Pursue a Teaching Career in Computer-Related Technology".

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July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Listed below are the donors and friends who, through their generous contributions, have enabled the Department of Technology to make the 2006-2007 school year our best ever. Thanks and

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Technology Career Day 2008

The 18th Annual Technology Career Day is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2008. Students apply for jobs and internships, and schedule interviews using ISU's e-Recruiting System. If you or your company are interested in participating in the 2008 Technology Career Day, please contact Elizabeth Gerrard at elgerra@ilstu.edu or (309) 438-2103.

Construction Management Career Day 2007

The Construction Management Career Day is scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2007. Students apply for jobs, internships, and schedule interviews using ISU's e-Recruiting System. If you or your company are interested in participating in the 2007 Construction Management Career Day, please contact Keith Rahn at karahn@ilstu.edu or (309) 438-2633.

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