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From The President

As my 11-year-old son went back to school this week, a common starting point in every conversation around the community the last few days has been "what happened to summer?". Time seems to fly during the months of June, July, and August. Just looking at the top line of this page provides another clue; this is Volume 2, Issue 6 (meaning that it's been 6 months since we met in Salt Lake City).

That said, this issue could be viewed as the back-to-school edition for many in CTTE. In that regard, best wishes for the 2008 / 2009 academic year. We will face new students, and have fresh and exciting opportunities ahead for our programs and this association.

A few mid-August notes . . .

* Thanks to the entire CTTE officer team who have worked all summer long . . . preparing the program for Louisville, handling routine meeting minutes and budgets, etc. This is a very professional, very dedicated team of officers.
* A special note of appreciation for all the committee work that has been accomplished since spring. CTTE yearbook materials, a marketing website, and other projects are "looking good".
* At the start of each term, I typically get requests to reproduce "old" CTTE yearbooks or chapters of yearbooks for use in classes or seminars. If you need permission for such materials, please contact me at: rseymour@bsu.edu
* I am constantly amazed at the number of CTTE members who aren't subscribers of the Council's listserve. I admit that many "lists" simply fill-up your inbox. But, I have not found that to be the case in this professional association. Please ask colleagues if they use the CTTE service, and if not, follow the procedures that Marie Hoepfl has provided on page #2 of this newsletter.
* By now I hope everyone has read their 2008 yearbook, titled "Engineering and Technology Education". I ordered in a few extra copies and gave them to various professionals (both on campus and around the nation). One of those books went to the Provost at Ball State, who is a former chemical engineer . . . I simply wanted him to know more about CTTE and our evolving field.

Again, good luck as you start the "new" term at your school, college, or university.

Richard D. Seymour
2007-10 CTTE President

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Signing Up For The CTTE Listserve

One of the best means to "stay connected" with fellow technology educators is through the Council's listserve. This digital service is housed on the computer system at Appalachian State University, and includes several hundred participants. Conference information, various CTTE announcements and applications, and general discussion appear via "the list".

If you are reading this ONE FIVE newsletter, none of this is new to you. You already know about the listserve and receive routine information and a monthly newsletter.

The CTTE Listserv is an Internet-based forum for sharing ideas, questions, and comments with fellow technology teacher educators and researchers around the world. Messages posted to the listserv will be sent automatically to all subscribers. CTTE members and others interested in technology education are invited to participate.

But there are probably many colleagues (At your school? In your local associations? On various committees?) who aren't registered. That is obvious due to the number of replies we get annually about ". . . . what monthly newsletter?" So your help is needed to increase participation!

To **subscribe** to the CTTE listserv, address a message to:

listserv@list.appstate.edu

In the body of the message, type ONLY:

subscribe CTTE firstname lastname

Please note that "firstname" should be your actual first name, and "lastname" should be your actual last name. You will automatically be subscribed to the listserv, and all future postings on the listserv will be sent to the email address from which you subscribed.

Once subscribed, if you want to **post a message** on the listserv, address it to: CTTE@list.appstate.edu

Please note that this is an un-moderated list, so postings go out to all subscribers. Take care not to "REPLY" to a list message if you only intend for your reply to go to one individual. You will need to delete the list address and type in your intended recipient's email address. If you want to **unsubscribe**, follow the steps above, but this time type: unsubscribe CTTE firstname lastname.

If you experience difficulty you can contact the list manager, Marie Hoepfl, at hoepflmc@appstate.edu.

ITEA Conference @ Louisville

Throughout the summer, ITEA officials have updated the information about the 2009 conference on their website. Please check this link regularly for details about the annual ITEA conference:

http://www.iteaconnect.org/Conference/conferenceguide.htm

If You Are A Faculty Member At Ball State, California University of PA, Or Illinois State . . . You Don't Need To Read This Feature!

How would you like to add this phrase to your program's promotional and recruiting materials . . .?

Selected A "2009 Program-Of -The-Year", by the Council on Technology Teacher Education

Well, It's possible! The Council on Technology Teacher Education sponsors an award designed to recognize the exemplary efforts of these professionals by awarding such schools with an outstanding technology teacher education program award. Please contact CTTE Secretary Phil Reed (Old Dominion University) with questions and, more importantly, forward your program's nomination materials by the December deadline.

Note: Since a school may only receive the CTTE recognition once in a five year cycle, that only rules out three schools: Ball State University, California University of Pennsylvania, and Illinois State University. All other institutions may apply this current year!

To be eligible for the award, the technology teacher education program must:

* Have undergone ITEA/CTTE/NCATE curriculum folio review and become an NCATE approved technology education program.
* Have graduated a minimum of 12 initial certification/licensure teachers during the past year, August, December and May/June. These initial certified graduates can be at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels. A certified letter from the Registrar's/Records Office listing the graduates must be presented to confirm that the students have graduated during the time span and completed programs for technology teaching licensure.
* All technology teacher faculty who teach courses in the professional sequence of the teacher preparation program must be CTTE members during the year of the award
* A minimum of two of the faculty must serve on CTTE committees.

Application Procedures

By December 15th of each academic year, NCATE-approved institutions must forward a letter of application to the CTTE Secretary. The application materials must include the following:

* Documentation that the program is an ITEA/CTTE/NCATE approved Tech Ed program.
* Summary licensure examination scores from recent graduates should be included (e.g., PRAXIS II exams, state assessments, or related evaluations). This data will help define programs that are "outstanding" (e.g. exceed the 80% pass rate required by NCATE).
* A list of twelve or more initial certification/licensure teachers during the past year.
* A listing of all faculty in the technology teacher preparation program, including those faculty who currently serve on a Council committee.
* Highlights of the program faculty, students, department, etc. from the past academic year. This might include news of local events, involvement of TECA students, activities at a state conference, publications of faculty or students, awards from campus or other groups, or related information.