Announcements:
- Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003 @ 7 p.m., in BRNG 2280**—officer elections will be held, and awards will be distributed
- Nomination forms for officer elections are due on **Friday, Nov. 14, 2003 @ 3:00 p.m. in Jill’s office**
- Members can volunteer for outreach credit at the EOB Scholastic Book Fair on **Dec. 3-4, 2003**
- ISEA scholarships are due on **Jan. 30, 2004**

At the meeting, Dean George Hynd discussed the importance of the School of Education’s strategic plan, and the inclusion of the standards put forth by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The resulting Model for Professional Preparation includes competencies in seven areas for undergraduates, and extends further into six areas of refinement for graduates, all of which ensure that students matriculate from the university with the an accredited degree. Dean Hynd stressed that Purdue University’s School of Education is therefore “uniquely different and uniquely strong,” and that when representatives and evaluators from NCATE visit on March 6-10, 2004, education students should be prepared to answer questions concerning the various phases and goals of the teacher preparation program, as random polls will be conducted. In addition, the dean mentioned that there now exists an opportunity to teach in Guam, and that Indiana is the eighth fastest growing state in terms of its Hispanic population. Therefore, he concluded by saying that education majors should take advantage of all of the international learning and teaching opportunities that now exist.