

Kappelman to direct UNT information systems center

DENTON (UNT), Texas — Dr. Leon A. Kappelman, University of North Texas professor of business computer information systems, is the new director of UNT's Information Systems Research Center (ISRC).

One of the world's leading technology management experts, Kappelman has published several books, dozens of articles, and was a founding board member of the Y2K Experts Service (YES Corps), which served as an advisory group to scores of countries for the United Nations and World Bank. Last year, he testified before the U.S. Congress about Y2K and technology related issues.

Today, Kappelman continues to be one of the nation's leading information technology (IT) experts, focusing his attention on the strategic, management, ethical, public policy, legal, quality, and globalization issues surrounding IT. His personal mission states he is "dedicated to helping public and private organizations better manage their knowledge, systems, and technology assets."

The ISRC was created to connect UNT faculty and students with industry and government organizations, as well as to provide those organizations with access to educational and research opportunities. The center gives seminars, conducts research and publishes reports on IT and management related topics. The ISRC is supported by national and international corporations like Andersen Consulting, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Ernst & Young, MBNA, Fidelity Investments, Frito-Lay, JC Penney, and TXU.

Kappelman earned a bachelor's in history at Ohio State University, and after a successful career in industry, both master's and doctoral degrees in information systems from Georgia State University. He came to UNT in 1990 as an assistant professor of information systems. He also serves as the associate director of UNT's Center for Quality and Productivity.

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