NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD -- ENVIRONMENTAL AND MOLECULAR TOXICOLOGY
I am pleased to announce that Dr. Gerald LeBlanc has agreed to become the permanent head of the Department of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology effective January 1, 2008. As you know, Dr. LeBlanc has served as interim head for the past year. Dr. LeBlanc brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as the head of this department.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. LeBlanc to this permanent position as head of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology.

Our administrative team looks forward to working with Jerry in the future!

REMINDER:
Please plan to attend the CALS 2008 Faculty Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

- Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.
- Faculty Seminar: “Reinventing Teaching to Enhance Learning” - What is your teaching style and preference? How does your style influence how you teach and communicate in the classroom, laboratories and communities? - Dr. Kirby Barrick, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Florida
- UNC System and NCSU Kannapolis Project Opportunities, Strategies and Challenges - Dr. Steven Leath, Vice President for Research, UNC System
  Dr. Steven Lommel, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research & Interim Associate Dean for NC Agricultural Research
- Q & A with the Dean & Associate Deans
- Luncheon (box lunches will be provided)
  - Recognition of CALS Faculty Senators
  - CALS Overview by the Dean

The NAAC 2008 conference was a successful event. We had 37 schools with more than 300 participants. Thanks to everyone who helped make this conference great.

We will be holding one more transfer orientation session on January 8 for 2008 Spring Semester transfer students.

Spend a Day at State
Spend a Day at State this past fall was one of the largest semesters we have had. Thanks to everyone who helped make the visits successful for the prospective students. We will begin our Spring SADAS visits on January 16.

Our Spring Visitation Dates are:
February 8 – WISE Visitation
February 22 – Park Scholars and Honors Visitation
February 29 – Group Visitation
March 28 – Ag Institute Visitation
March 31 – Seniors Accepted Visitation
April 11 – Large SADAS Visitation
April 18 – Seniors Accepted Visitation
April 25 – Ag Institute Visitation

CALS New Student Orientation 2008

New Admission Notification Date System
NC State University has adopted an Admission Notification Date system for most freshmen applicants beginning with applications for Summer/Fall 2008 admission. This does not apply to spring semester applicants, international applicants, transfer applicants or applicants to the 2-year Agricultural Institute Program. For all other applicants there will be four application deadlines and four notification dates:

Deadline 1: October 15
Notification Date: December 15 – completed

Of the 2,287 who had applied for entrance into CALS as of December 15th:

- 426 were admitted
- 284 were female (66.7%) and 142 were male (33.3%)
- 358 were from in-state (84.0%) and 68 were from out-of-state (16 %)
- Diversity breakdown:
  - White: 84.0%
  - American Native: 0.2%
  - African American: 4.0%
  - Asian: 5.4%
  - Hispanic: 3.8%
  - Unknown: 2.3%
  - International: 0.2%
**Deadline 2:** November 1  
Notification Date: January 30

**Deadline 3:** December 1  
Notification Date: March 15

**Final Review Deadline:** February 1  
Final Review Notification Date: March 30

A description of the new freshmen notification dates can be found at the following website:  
[http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/uga/notification_dates.htm](http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/uga/notification_dates.htm)

**Upcoming Dates of Importance**

**2008 Spring Semester**
- January 9 – First Day of Classes
- January 15 – Last day to add a course without permission of instructor. MyPack Portal closes for adds at 11:59 p.m. (After this day, adds processed in 1000 Harris Hall)
- January 21 – Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); university closed
- January 23 – Last day to enroll (register) or to add a course. Last day to drop a course, or change from credit to audit with tuition adjustment. Last day for undergraduate students to drop below 12 hours.
- March 3 thru 7 – Spring Break; no classes
- March 10 – Classes resume at 8:05 a.m. Advising begins for 2008 Summer Sessions and Fall Semester registration.
- March 11 – Enrollment (Registration) begins for the 2008 Summer Sessions and Fall Semester.
- March 12 - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 400 level or below. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 400 level or below. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- March 19 - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 500-900 level. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 500-900 level. MyPack Portal closes for Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- March 21 - Spring Holiday; no classes
- March 24 - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- April 21 thru 25 Mon - "Dead Week" - Last week of classes. In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any test or quizzes or assign any additional papers or project during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.
- April 25 - Last day of classes
- April 28 thru May 6 - Final Examinations
- May 9 – Agricultural Institute Commencement
- May 10 - Spring Commencement

**Career Services Office**

Spring is a busy time for students thinking about careers. This semester our office has many events planned to help students find success upon graduation. We will begin drop in hours every Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in 107 Patterson Hall. Encourage students to stop in to ask any career questions they have.
Career Services will have an advisory board meeting on January 11. This meeting will give us a chance to receive feedback from students, outside employers, and NC State faculty.

**Focus on Your Future Workshop**
The next Focus on Your Future workshop will be held on January 26. A “mocktail” hour will follow from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with the professionals that presented at the workshop.

**Kick Start Your Career**
Kick Start Your Career is continuing this semester. Check our web page for topics, dates and times of the workshops.

**CALS REACH Team**
During the fall semester, the CALS REACH Team worked to promote the resources and events offered by Career Services by conducting 50 Minute Clinics, communicating with CALS faculty members, visiting classes and clubs and passing out information at events like Wolfpack Welcome Week, the NCSU Club fair and the CALS Career Expo. Attendance at the Kick Start Your Career Workshop series increased from 60 to 90 students as a result of their marketing efforts!

**Minute Clinics**
This semester, look for more interactive Minute Clinics with games and prizes and the 2nd annual Speed Networking event. This event gives students a chance to network with professionals in a format that is much like speed dating.

**NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

**2008 Regional Extension Conferences**
We are pleased to announce that the 2008 Regional Extension Conferences will be held across the state as shown below. Please note that the Extension Districts shown for each location are the new Extension Districts, which are effective January 1, 2008.

- March 12, 2008 - Southeast and Northeast Districts
  Hilton Greenville, Greenville, NC
- March 14, 2008 - North Central and South Central Districts
  McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education, Raleigh, NC
- March 18, 2008 – West and West Central Districts
  Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC

Details regarding these conferences will be forwarded to you in the coming months. **All Extension Employees** are expected to attend the conference for their Extension District. This would include county extension directors, agents, area agents, 100% county funded employees, 100% grant funded employees, program assistants, program associates, technicians and secretaries. In order to ensure adequate space at each location, specialists and employees on NC State University’s campus should plan to attend the Raleigh location. Specialists and employees on NC A&T State University’s campus should plan to attend the Hickory location.
North Carolina Summit on Youth and Families
On December 4-7, 2007, the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences and North Carolina Cooperative Extension convened the North Carolina Summit on Youth and Families at the Sheraton RTP for 357 youth and family professionals across the state. This event was designed to bring together leaders from education, government, business and local communities to critically examine the current status and future direction of our state’s youth and families as related to Economic Opportunity, Educational Excellence and Health/Well-Being. The keynote speakers featured Dr. Donald Weaver, Assistant Surgeon General and Dr. June Atkinson, Superintendent of Public Instruction. This event highlighted state and national opinion leaders in these areas that are of such critical importance to the future of the state. Plans are underway for the next Youth and Families Summit in late 2008.

NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

2007 National Fusarium Head Blight Forum
The U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative (USWBSI) held its 2007 National Fusarium Head Blight Forum in Kansas City, Missouri December 2-4, 2007. The establishment of the Initiative by the federal government has greatly focused research on management of this very important disease of small grains. Known as scab, this disease can cause serious yield losses and lead to grain contamination with deoxynivalenol (DON) that has significant implications in human and animal health. The USWBSI scientists and stakeholders across the U.S. have made great strides in understanding and controlling head blight. The small grain breeding programs in CALS, including USDA-ARS, receive important competitive funding from this organization. Four CALS and USDA-ARS scientists attended, presented poster presentations and participated in breakout sessions during the meeting: Dr. Paul Murphy; Dr. David Marshall, Dr. Christina Cowger, and Dr. Gina Brown-Guedira. Winston Hagler is on the Initiative’s Steering Committee representing the Experiment Station Directors.

Annual Southeast Vegetable & Fruit Expo
The 22nd Annual Southeast Vegetable & Fruit Expo was held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on December 12-13, 2007. The keynote speaker was Thomas Mack, Dole Foods, and he spoke on several aspects of food safety in the vegetable and fruit industries. This was followed by breakout sessions on food safety and other topics such as vegetable production, marketing issues, specialty crops and organic production. In addition, there was a trade show with the meeting. Our research and extension faculty were a major part of the program and did an excellent job providing information to the audience.

University Field Laboratories (UFL)
Mr. Carl Whisenant was recently appointed Manager of the UFL’s new Feed Mill Educational Unit. Mr. Whisenant, an engineer with many years of relevant experience in the private sector, attended the feed milling course at Kansas State University in anticipation of the feed mill’s completion. Mr. Whisenant will also retain some of his prior responsibilities with the Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center Processing Facility. Please join us in welcoming Carl to his new role as Feed Mill Manager.

Dr. J. Reid Evans will join the University Field Laboratories (UFL) as Assistant Director this month. Dr. Evans will be reassigned from Central Crops Research Station (CCRS) in Clayton, NC where he currently serves as Superintendent. Reid will assist Mac McNeill in managing our increasingly
complex UFL system. The transition will be made over a few months so the research station’s operations will be impacted as little as possible.

Please welcome Dr. Evans to UFL and his new role.

Research Reports and Proposals
David Monks, NCARS, and Tom Melton, NCCES, handle the majority of requests for extension and research proposals to faculty from commodity associations. They work with Brenda Wright, NCARS, and Karla Frizzelle, NCCES, in preparing booklets of the proposals and reports, and in working through the call for proposals. This time of year we are especially busy processing the proposals and reports. In most cases the commodity association sets the deadline for when they need proposals and reports to be considered at their Board of Directors meeting. The fact that many are due at the same time and there are a limited number of people processing the proposals and reports make it very important to submit the proposals and reports promptly. When proposals come in late, this makes it difficult to meet the commodity association’s deadline. If one proposal or report comes in late, then it delays all the other proposals and reports that are to be submitted to that association and sometimes other associations.

Submitting your proposal and report in the proper format is also very important so it does not have to be reformatted. Please help us by following all directions (formatting, etc.) at the following website: (http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/index.cfm?showpage=354) and meeting the deadlines listed in the request for proposals.

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

CALS Agri-Life Council News
The Agri-Life Council is sponsoring a very special event on February 13, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the JC Raulston Arboretum. A Masquerade Ball!

Proceeds go directly to support the Agri-Life Council and the CALS student clubs and organizations it supports. Sponsorships range from $100 - $1,000. Why not treat YOUR Valentine to a fun-filled evening AND show your support for this hard-working and energetic group?

ALSO: Many of the CALS student clubs and organizations are working very hard on their various fundraising activities, and many of the items they are selling make great holiday gifts. You are important to our student clubs and organizations, and we thank you for your support!

For more information regarding the Agri-Life Council’s fundraising efforts, please contact: Anne Porter (919-513-3463; anne_porter@ncsu.edu)

CALS Chronicle Enewsletter!
The next edition of the CALS Alumni and Friends Society enewsletter will arrive in January. Please send your announcements, departmental events, updates and departmental news for the next issue to calsalum@ncsu.edu. If you wish to subscribe to the enewsletter, email calsalum@ncsu.edu.

The Silver Wolf Newsletter
The CALS Alumni & Friends Society will launch the first edition of The Silver Wolf Newsletter in
January, a hard copy newsletter for CALS Retirees and their spouses. If you have information, retiree information, announcements, events, printed material you would like to insert in this newsletter, resource information, or a "departmental ad" to submit to this first edition, please send to Julia Brooks, julia_brooks@ncsu.edu by January 15.

Horticultural Alumni Reception
All Horticultural Alumni, Faculty and Staff are invited to the Horticultural Alumni Reception during the Green N’ Growin' Show in Greensboro, NC on January 18, 2008. CALS Alumni & Friends Society is hosting this reception at the Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro beginning at 6:30 p.m. Contact the CALS Alumni Office for more info, or to register for the reception call us at 919-515-7222; email: calsalum@ncsu.edu or register online at www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni

Health Care Providers Alumni Club
Health Care Professionals Event at the University Club 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on January 19, 2008. Please join us as the NC State Alumni Association and the CALS Alumni & Friends Society invite alumni from the health professions for the inaugural meeting of the Health Care Providers Alumni Club. Refreshments, guest speakers and CME credits will be offered. Contact Scott Troutman at 919-515-7857 for more information.

Biotech and CALS - A Bright Future Event and Reception for E. Norris Tolson ‘62
All alumni, students and faculty are invited to attend the Biotech and CALS - A Bright Future Event and Reception for E. Norris Tolson ‘62, President and CEO of the NC Biotechnology Center. Enjoy industry presentations from E. Norris Tolson, Dean Johnny C. Wynne and others, network with biotech industry alumni and executives, and hear biotech career tips and strategies from the CALS Career Services Office on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at the NC Biotechnology Center, 15 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3547. The reception with heavy hors d’oeuvres will begin at 5:30 p.m. and program from 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. To RSVP please contact the CALS Alumni & Friends Society at 919-515-7222; email: calsalum@ncsu.edu

Employee Retiree List
We need your help! We request that all departments and county offices please continue to send us your updated retiree lists with all contact information available. Once an employee retires, just send Julia Brooks julia_brooks@ncsu.edu a quick e-mail letting her know so that she can add them to our list.

Got gifts-in-kind?
If you have received donations of equipment, materials, supplies or services, please complete the form BA-151 (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ba151.doc) and forward to chris_wessel@ncsu.edu. We will make sure your donors are sent University receipts and acknowledgment letters showing how important their support is to CALS.

Call Chris at 919-515-7678 if you have any questions about non-cash gifts.

CALS Gift Legacy Web Site
To better serve faculty and staff with helpful information, we have created a comprehensive gift planning Web site. We have an increasing number of friends of the College who now are benefiting from life income gifts, gift annuities and other charitable vehicles. Thank you for taking the time to explore the benefits of gift planning at http://cals.giftlegacy.com/.

You may support any area of the College and join or renew your Arboretum membership online using
our secure website. Visit http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/givenow for safe, convenient online giving!

**Advancement Advantage Guide to Services**
College Advancement is pleased to announce the availability of our Advancement Advantage Guide to Services on-line. This information is designed to educate CALS faculty, staff and administrators about the resources available through these divisions. By doing so, we hope to expand access to our services, and increase support of and service to departments and college-wide initiatives. This web site is a work in progress and will be updated on a regular basis. To access this information, just click on the following link http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

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**CALS PERSONNEL – NEW HIRES FOR DECEMBER 2007**

**New Campus Employees – Faculty**
Gary Hansen, Assistant Professor, Animal Science
Jose Bruno-Barceno, Assistant Professor, Microbiology
Peter Ojambo, Assistant Professor, Plant Pathology

**New Campus Employees - Staff**
William Cuthrell, Facilities Maintenance Technician, 4H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Sciences
Dawn DiFranco, Extension Associate, 4H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Sciences
Kyle Matthew Shillinglaw, Extension Assistant, 4H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Sciences
Annette Dunlap, Extension Associate, Department of Extension Administration
Peter Dittmar, Research Assistant, Horticultural Science
Jennifer Williams, Administrative Support Specialist, Plant Pathology
Rachel Agner, Administrative Support Associate, Research Services, Joint Appointment with UNC Greensboro
Paula Cooney, Administrative Support Associate, Research Services, Joint Appointment with UNC Greensboro

**New County Employees – Cooperative Extension**
Sherry Hall, County Extension Secretary II, Bladen County
Wilma Ward, Extension EFNEP Program Assistant, Cleveland County
Dilma Padilla, Extension EFNEP Program Assistant, Duplin County
Sandy Holley, 4-H Program Assistant, Gates County
Brandon Cox, Assistant Extension Agent, Halifax County
James Manget, 4-H Program Associate, Haywood County
Mildred Vaughan, Extension EFNEP Program Assistant, Hertford County
Margaret Nahum, Extension EFNEP Program Assistant, Orange County

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**JANUARY, 2008 COMMODITY MEETINGS**

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