ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

HOLD THE DATE: Monday, April 21, 2008 - Undergraduate Teaching Symposium. Please see the CALS Honors website (http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/index.cfm?showpage=911) for the agenda and call for papers. The Undergraduate Teaching Symposium will be held in conjunction with the Undergraduate Research Symposium at the Jane S. McKimmon Center. We also plan to recognize the student teaching poster winners as well as the CALS Outstanding Teachers and Advisers. Invitations will be sent in early March.

Our Spring Visitation Dates are:
- 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

The WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) visitation day was held on February 8. The day was very successful. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a success. CALS had 48 women in attendance and a total attendance of 92 that included their parents. First Lady Mary Easley was the speaker for the event.

The Honors and Park Scholars Visitation day was held February 22 with a total of 146 students and parents in attendance. The visit included tours of research labs as well as CALS and campus information. Thanks to all who helped make this day possible. Despite the weather, this was a very successful day in recruiting top students into to CALS.


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

**Deadline 2:** November 1
Notification Date: January 30 – completed
Deadline 3: December 1
Notification Date: March 15 - completed

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

Of the 2,845 who had applied for entrance into CALS as of February, 2008:

(Note: As of today, February 25th, the admissions decisions that were released to applicants this past Friday, January 22nd, have not been incorporated into this data by University Planning and Analysis. We will update this information in the next edition of the Administrative Briefings. In the meantime, you can access this information by visiting their website and accessing the “Secure Data” link. The link for University Planning and Analysis is: http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/UPA/index.html)

- 1,145 were admitted
- 292 were female (67.3%) and 142 were male (32.7%)
- 365 were from in-state (84.1%) and 69 were from out-of-state (15.9 %)
- Diversity breakdown:
  - White 79.1%
  - American Native 0.8%
  - African American 5.7%
  - Asian 7.5%
  - Hispanic 3.4%
  - Unknown 3.2%
  - International 0.3%

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

Upcoming Dates of Importance
2008 Spring Semester
- 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 from 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
Encourage your students to be on the lookout for our Minute Clinics. Minute Clinics are 8 foot banners advertising career topics. The REACH Team will be stationed at Minute Clinics in the Bostian Hall Breezeway catching students with career tips between classes. Topics include Resumes, Internships, Cover letters, ePortfolios and more. If your students are too busy to stop by the Career Services Office in Patterson Hall, this is an excellent way to get some helpful information on the go! Starting in April, we will have a drawing for an iPod Shuffle and students must stop by in order to become eligible.

ePack is growing! This is our second semester of ePack, our on-line resume and employment database. We have over 1000 resumes in the database and it continues to grow. This is an excellent way for students to connect with future employers. Encourage your students to upload a resume at www.cals.ncsu.edu/epack

Don't forget drop ins! Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons are career drop in hours. If your students have anything on their mind, they can come chat with a career counselor on a first-come, first-serve basis in 107 Patterson Hall.

Internship deadlines are fast approaching. What will students in your department be doing next summer? Visit our web page at www.cals.ncsu.edu/career to view the newest summer internships on our iCenter. Type in "camelplanet" for the ID and password and see what new listings arrived this month.

April 1 is our annual Dining Etiquette workshop sponsored by Kraft Foods. Students will have the opportunity to learn business etiquette over a six-course meal. Peer Counselors will also present a professional fashion show to conclude the event.

Speed Networking is scheduled for April 9. This event is hosted by Career Services, Alumni and Friends Society, and the REACH Team. This event is designed to provide a relaxed environment for students to practice their networking skills with professionals in their fields of interest."

Career Services will host two workshops for students who need help constructing a back-up plan for either medical or veterinary school. Students who need to find alternatives to veterinary school, should attend the workshop on March 12 and students who are looking for alternatives to medical or other pre-professional health programs should attend on March 19. Both workshops are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Agricultural Institute Office
AGI Student Success Workshops
The Agricultural Institute has again teamed up with the University Counseling Center to offer success workshops for AGI students. These workshops are required for AGI students that are participating in the Renewed Commitment Program for the spring 2008 semester. The workshops will focus on topics from hurdles each student faces as they transition to college including study skills, time management skills, alcohol and exam taking skills. The two final workshops are scheduled for March. If you have a student that may benefit from one of these workshops, please have him/her email Alease Hancock at alease_hancock@ncsu.edu
AGI Visitation Day
Last year’s Agricultural Institute visitation day was so successful, we requested to offer two this year. We look forward to meeting potential AGI students! The dates are as follows (please mark your calendars):

- Friday, March 28, 2008
- Friday, April 25, 2008

Agricultural Institute Leadership and Career Experience
The Agricultural Institute Office, along with the Agricultural Institute Club, is offering an exciting educational experience for students during spring break. Approximately 15 AGI students and four faculty/staff will be embarking on what could be the first of many leadership and career experiences. These individuals will be traveling to Florida to explore different aspects of agriculture and agricultural related industries. They have at least two tours planned with AGI Alumni and several additional tours coordinated by various Extension Offices within the state. Once the group returns, they will create a website to display and share what they learned. This website will include excerpts from the students required reports and pictures of the various host farms. Students participating in this experience will receive one hour of free elective credit.

Agricultural Institute Senior Breakfast & Spring Commencement:
Senior Breakfast: Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30am in 2405 Williams Hall
Spring Commencement: Friday, May 9 at 3:00 pm in Stewart Theatre

AGI Leadership Team
The Agricultural Institute Office will hold an information session for those that have been nominated. We look forward to meeting with 14 prospective members. These students will help with our visitation days.

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service
2008 Regional Extension Conferences
We look forward to seeing you at our 2008 Regional Extension Conferences. Registration for these conferences is now closed. These conferences will be held as follows:

- 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

NOAA Grant for Remote Community Alert Systems
The Remote Community Alert Systems Program represents an NOAA/NWS effort to provide for outdoor alerting technologies in remote communities effectively underserved by commercial mobile
service for the purpose of enabling residents of those communities to receive emergency messages. These activities will engage the private sector, academia, and states in opportunities and technologies to further disseminate emergency messages. This program is a contributing element of the Warning, Alert, and Response Network (WARN) Act. NOAA's program is designed to complement other agency contributions to that national effort. The Federal Communications Commission has defined a remote area to consist of a county with a population density of 100 persons per square mile or less, based on the most recently available Census data. Also, commercial mobile service means those services that are required to provide E911 services in accordance with Section 20.18 of the Commission’s rules. Effectively underserved identifies remote communities that do not receive commercial mobile service as demonstrated by coverage maps, technical analyses, field tests, or any other reasonable means. For grant details go to the following web site

www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=16826&flag2006=true&mode=VIEW

NC SART Regional CART Training Available
Register at http://www.sartusa.org/
Registration and lunch are free, but Bill Gentry must know how many to expect at each location.

Trainings will include certifications in:
- ICS - 200, IS – 700
- HazMat Awareness
- CAMET Deployment Exercise

Schedule:
- March 18 - Fayetteville
  Department of Social Services, Classroom "D"
  1225 Ramsey Street
  Access Through Front Entrance
- March 27 - Southern Pines
  Carthage Fire Department
  4396 Hwy. 15/501 in Carthage
- April 3 - Asheville
  AB Tech-Enka Campus
  Haynes Conference Center
  1459 Sand Hill Rd; Candler, NC 28715

Agenda:
- 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. - Welcome / IS 700 Overview
- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - ICS – 200 Overview
- 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - HazMat Awareness / CAMET Deployment Exercise

Sponsored by the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

Roger Crickenberger Returns
We are pleased to announce that Dr. Roger Crickenberger has returned to the Research Office on a part-time basis and is located in 100 Patterson Hall. His duties will include interactions with outside groups, contract and grants issues, and special projects. Join us in welcoming Roger back.
North Carolina Agritourism
The North Carolina Agritourism Networking Association met in Asheboro, NC for a conference and tour. It was very well attended with people coming from all over the state. Topics included website development, legal and insurance issues, interacting in the community and other pertinent issues. The tour went to a local nursery, an alpaca farm and a vineyard in the Randolph County area.

North Carolina Winegrowers Association 2008 Annual Meeting
The North Carolina Winegrowers Association held its annual meeting in Greensboro, NC at the Airport Marriott Hotel, February 1-3, 2008 with nearly 400 registered participants. There was a scientific or technical session each of the three days: two full days on Friday and Saturday, with the Sunday session ending at noon. The well attended day-long Friday session was directed primarily at new entrants into the vinifera grape and/or wine-making business. Sara Spayd, N.C. State University’s Department of Horticultural Science viticulturalist, and Norm Oaches, Director, Mountain Viticulture Program, Appalachian State University provided the overall leadership and academic expertise for the Friday program and representatives from six wineries around the state provided accounts of their real-world experiences to the assemblage. Dr. Spayd’s presentation was entitled, “Understanding Grapevines: Vine Terminology” and Dr. Oches’ presentations were on vineyard and winery business plan development and site selection and achieving the first harvest.

The Saturday session was comprised of a larger number of scientific sessions with Sara Spayd following reports by Kim Myers, Association President, and Debbie Stikeleather, watch person on state and federal affairs, on Association business, providing her usual, insightful “State-of-the-State” presentation that gave an in-depth assessment of the impacts of the Easter 2007 freeze and advice on recovery strategies. Immediately thereafter, Margo Knight Metzer presented the N.C. Grape Council Report.

Following these were: Jack Watson, Washington State University Area Extension Agent (Retired) presenting an informative lecture, “Vineyard Life After a Severe Cold Event;” Bruce Reisch of Cornell University impressed the group with “Hybrid Grapes – What Are They and Why Grow Them;” Ellen Harkness-Butz, Enology Specialist (Retired), Perdue University with “Does the Nose Know? Wine Faults Sensory Exploration;” and Susan Dosier, Director of Public Relations, LKM (Marketing Communications Firm) and “Selling Wine: 10 Terrific Tips for Savvy Marketing. Saturday’s session adjourned for dinner, awards, keynote speaker Susan Dosier, then dancing (Tin Can Alley).

On Sunday morning in concurrent sessions, Wayne Wilcox, Plant Pathologist, Cornell University presented “Grapevine Disease Management and Control in Grapes; Marta Sanchez-Lastowska, Appalachian State University talked about using the Mobile Wine Lab analysis service; John Havlin, Department of Soil Science, N.C. State University gave an excellent presentation on “Grapevine Nutrition,” a research area just beginning in North Carolina; Trevor Pfister, Department of Food Science, N.C. State University, made a presentation covering “Fermentation Issues;” Jack Watson, in his second talk, presented “Vineyard Irrigation Considerations;” and Ellen Harkness Butz made a presentation on “Dealing with Instabilities in Wine.” Following lay presentations on tasting rooms, wine clubs, and sales, the meeting was adjourned.

North Carolina Society of Farm Manager and Rural Appraisers
The winter meeting of the NC Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers was held at the University Club in Raleigh on February 14, 2008. The regulations surrounding the training and certification of appraisers were discussed. Water rights and policies were the focus of the afternoon presentations.
COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT
SAVE THE DATE for upcoming CALS ALUMNI & FRIENDS sponsored events for 2008:

- CALS SpeedNetworking Event – Wednesday, April 9, Talley Student Center (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) A timed event where Alumni network quickly with students.
- CALS Retiree Spring Event – Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the JC Raulston Arboretum 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- AGI Reunion - Saturday, September 27, 2008 (tentative date) – L. R. Harrill Youth Center (NC State vs. S. Florida game) Time TBD
- CALS Alumni Awards Banquet - Friday, October 3, 2008 (tentative date) - Univ. Club (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- CALS Retiree Luncheon - Saturday, December 6, 2008 – McKimmon Center (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

CALS Tailgate 2008!!!
CALS Tailgate 2008 has been scheduled for Saturday, September 6 in Dorton Arena. Time TBD in conjunction with the NC State vs. William and Mary football game. Celebrate the tradition and join over 1500 plus faculty, staff, students, alumni and their families and enjoy this great event! Online registration will be available soon. Early registration is requested as football tickets are limited.

Would you like to help out for this event as a volunteer? Volunteers are needed, so sign up with the CALS Alumni & Friends Society Office. All departments and student clubs are welcome to set up exhibits. The exhibit form will be available online soon. www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni. Tax-deductible Auction items are being accepted now at the CALS Alumni & Friends Society Office. All proceeds of this silent auction go to CALS student scholarships.

For more information on these events, contact julia_brooks@ncsu.edu or call 919-515-7222 or 919-515-6212.

We hope to see you at the largest event in our College!!

CALS Chronicle Enewsletter!
The next edition of the CALS Alumni and Friends Society enewsletter will arrive in April. 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 second edition of The Silver Wolf Newsletter (bi-annual publication) will be published this summer. The Silver Wolf is a hard copy newsletter for CALS Retirees and their spouses. If you have departmental information, retiree information, announcements, events, printed material you would like to insert, resource information, or a "departmental ad" to submit for our next edition, please send to Julia Brooks, julia_brooks@ncsu.edu by May 15.

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

CALS Agri-Life Council's first Masquerade Ball a big hit!
Please see attachment.

CALS PERSONNEL – NEW HIRES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2008

New Campus Employees – Faculty
Ronald J. Gehl, Assistant Professor, Soil Science

New Campus Employees - Staff
Ellen S. Clevenger-Firley, Extension Associate, 4-H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Science
Natalie Vinson, Administrative Support Specialist, 4-H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Science
Jenelle N. Williams, Extension Assistant, 4-H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Science
Mariana T. Ribeiro, Research Assistant, Biochemistry
Jami R. Boylan, Administrative Support Associate, Academic Programs
Linda M. Mackenzie, Research Assistant, Center for Applied Aquatic Ecology
Maria C. Zuleta, Research Specialist, Crop Science
Terry L. Burroughs, Business & Technology Applications Analyst, Dairy Records Processing
Jean M. Carter, Administrative Support Associate, Entomology
Tammy K. Baysden, Program Assistant, Horticultural Science
Anthony J. Beck, Research Technician, Horticultural Science
Jose G. Garzon, Research Technician, Horticultural Science
Mikel K. Shilling, Center for Integrated Pest Management
Randy L. Stancill, Lower Coastal Plain Tobacco Research Station
Jennifer E. Schaff, Research Associate, Metabolomics & Proteomic Lab Center
Brian L. Fetzer, Research Assistant, Plant Biology
Catherine E. LePrevost, Research Associate, Toxicology
Alexia J. Taylor, Research Technician, Toxicology
Angel L. Cortes-Rodriguez, Building Environmental Technician, University Field Laboratories
Abby C. Hucks, Research Technician, University Field Laboratories
Matthew R. Johnson, Research Technician, University Field Laboratories
Robert Adair, Research Assistant, Zoology

New County Employees – Cooperative Extension
Jacquelyne L. Gordon, Associate Extension Agent, Alleghany County
Ingrid E. Bell, County Extension Secretary II, Bladen County
Carol E. Huskey, 4-H Program Associate, Buncombe County
Charlene C. Jones, 4-H Program Associate, Camden County
Precious Byrd, 4-H Program Assistant, Cumberland County
Risa R. Murray, 4-H Program Assistant, Cumberland County
Rachel H. Monteverdi, Assistant Extension Agent, Durham County
Tracy Phillips-Berk, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Gates County
Jamie V. Haddix, Assistant Extension Agent, Granville County
Linda G. Brandon, Extension Agricultural Technician, Guilford County
Stephanie M. Romelczyk, Assistant Extension Agent, Lee County
Daniel A. Simpson, Assistant Extension Agent, Pamlico County
Leslie M. Brown, County Extension Secretary II, Rutherford County

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