DEPARTMENT HEAD SEARCH – BIOLOGICAL & AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

We will be interviewing three candidates for the Department Head position beginning on May 31 and concluding on June 15. Please visit the following website for the names of the candidates, their CVs and interview schedules:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/index.cfm?showpage=378

Please remember to also fill out the survey form located at the above website. This site will be “live” until midnight on Monday, June 19 and is completely anonymous. We would like to encourage everyone to participate in the interview process.

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Program News
Extension’s Administrative Team Retreat was held on Monday, May 22. During this Retreat, Extension Administrators and others discussed the following issues:

- Overview of Educational Group Trip to Mexico
- Feedback from District Extension Conferences
- The next steps in the Change Management and Marketing Initiative

Personnel Updates
Eleanor Stell has been named Interim Director of Personal and Organizational Development. The Search Committee for this position has met, and the vacancy announcement is being written at the present time. The Search Committee for the Director of Marketing position will be announced soon.

Interviews are currently underway for the following positions in Agricultural and Extension Education:

- Assistant/Associate Professor, Extension Program Development
- Assistant/Associate Professor, Extension Program Evaluation
- Assistant Professor, Extension Coordinator

Other News
The Family and Consumer Sciences Departmental Review was held the week of May 15.
OFFICE OF COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

1. Nickels Referendum passes by 94 percent favorable vote! The Nickels for Know-How Referendum passed in all 100 counties and the Cherokee Reservation on May 25. The overall vote was 94 percent favorable. This is the second highest favorable vote in Nickels history going back to 1951. Many thanks to our County Cooperative Extension Service staff for their assistance in executing the referendum!

2. CALS Tailgate 2006 will be held on Saturday, September 9, at the Exposition Building at the NC State Fairgrounds in conjunction with the NC State vs. Akron football game. Game time is TBD, and Tailgate will begin four hours prior to kick-off. Information to follow online at www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni or by mail in the CALS Alumni & Friends Society Tailgate Newsletter.

3. The CALS Alumni Awards Banquet is Friday, September 8, from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. in the University Club Ballroom.

4. The CALS Faculty/Staff Retiree Luncheon will be held December 2, 2006 at the McKimmon Center.


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

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Alexander Quarles Holladay Medal for Excellence
The Holladay Medal is the highest honor bestowed on a faculty member by the trustees and university. This year, Dr. Kenneth R. Swartzel, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor of Food Science and Biological and Agricultural Engineering was selected as one of the honorees.

Swartzel has served NC State for 30 years. His discoveries coupling kinetic theory and engineering principles have globally revolutionized the processed egg and other food industries.

Swartzel founded CAPPS, a National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center, which after 19 years exists as a multi-site center dedicated to advancing technologies in food and bioprocessing. He served 11 years as department head of NC State’s Department of Food Science and directed the UNC General Administration’s North Carolina Technology Development Initiative. In 2004, he became the founding direction of the National
Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) /Kellogg Food Systems Leadership Institute, and more recently began coordinating bioprocessing programs for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

**Alumni Association Outstanding Research Award**
Dr. Allen Foegeding, Professor of Food Science, is the CALS 2006 recipient of the Alumni Association Outstanding Research Award, which includes a one-time stipend of $3,000 for recognition of significant advances in his field of research. Dr. Foegeding was one of three University-wide recipients this year.

**2006 Field Days Update**
To this point, the college has sponsored or co-sponsored the following field day activities:

- Strawberry—Central Crops Research Station
- Canola—Jimmy Mason Farm—Hertford County (Joint with NC Solar Center)
- CEFS Alternative Swine Dedication—Cherry Farm
- Cole Crops—Cunningham Research Station
- Small Grain—White Hat Seed Farms, Inc.—Hertford County
- Professional Landscape—J.C. Raulston Arboretum/Horticultural Field Laboratory
- Blueberry—Castle Hayne

The planning committees have provided excellent leadership for the field days so far this year. The latest research information, presented in the field, has given participants new ideas and strategies for enhancing efficiencies of their farming operations and adding value to existing enterprises. Farmer and grower participation has been excellent. And in a number of cases, the programs have included special guests who have brought new, and sometimes different, views to the forefront that will be beneficial to our farmers and their operations.

CALS Administration wants to thank the planning committees for their efforts in making field days an important and effective part of the college’s outreach activities. Thanks as well to the campus and field faculty who have made presentations, displayed posters or have conducted demonstrations and to station superintendents and their staffs, as well as private farmers, who have hosted these field days. And finally, we express appreciation to commodity organizations, private businesses and others who have supported these activities financially and otherwise.

**New Student Housing at MHCREC**
To address the continuing needs for temporary summer housing for students at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, NCARS has completed the renovation of a house located adjacent to the Center. The renovated structure includes three bedrooms, kitchen/service area and living area, and it will provide housing for up to six students, visiting scientists or others as need or availability arises. NCARS thanks Greg Hoyt for overseeing and doing much of the renovation, as well as others on the staff at Fletcher. This facility will provide convenient housing for graduate students and others working temporarily at the Center or at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station. Thanks to all who had a part in moving the project ahead.

**Angus Cattle Drive Raises Over $25,000 for Research**
On Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the annual Spring Fever Sale at the Upper Piedmont Research Station, NC Angus Association leadership and NC State officials signed an endowment agreement that will ensure perpetual support for beef cattle research at the station. Funding for
the endowment has been raised through the Angus Cattle Drive, led by campaign committee members Joe Cassady, Joe French, Joe Hampton, and Carm Parkhurst. To date, members of the Angus community have contributed over $25,000 to the endowment.

J. F. Lancaster signed the document as president of the North Carolina Angus Association. Dr. Steven Leath, Associate Dean of NC State’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director of the NC Agricultural Research Service, and Dr. Joe French, Superintendent of Upper Piedmont Research Station, signed on behalf of the College. Howard Isley, Assistant Commissioner of the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, David Gazda, Regional Manager for the American Angus Association, and Milford Jenkins, Director of Development of the American Angus Foundation, were also a part of the program.

Swine Unit Dedication Kicks Off Season of Celebration at CEFS
The dedication of the hoop house swine facility at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) was the first event in the Seasons of Sustainable Agriculture, celebrating ten years of programming at CEFS with a series of educational workshops and events the agribusiness and local communities. The celebration drew over 200 participants, including keynote speaker Fred Kirschenmann, a Distinguished Fellow at the Leopold Institute for Sustainable Agriculture in Iowa, and Ricardo Salvador and Oran Hesterman, program directors with the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Salvador and Hesterman attended as part of a site visit regarding possible continuing support for programming at CEFS. Hesterman spoke at the dedication.

For information about future Seasons of Sustainable Agriculture events at CEFS, go to www.cefs.ncsu.edu.

REMINDER -- DEPARTMENTAL POST-TENURE REVIEW RULES
Departmental Post-Tenure Review Rules (following the template issued by the Provost’s office) are due September 1, 2006, to Sylvia Blankenship.

NEW CALS LOGO
The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has recently adopted a new logo that encompasses Academics, Research and Extension. Below is the new logo and information on its use will be coming in the near future from the Department of Communication Services.

Also, we have recently established a committee (Alan Schueler, Dee Shore and Rhonda Conlon) to review our college website and to come up with some recommendations for a “new look”. If you have any recommendations or changes that you would like to see made, please notify Dee_Shore@ncsu.edu

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS NEWS

Congratulations to our 2005-2006 faculty award winners!!
Those who wish to view the NCSU 2006 Honors Baccalaureate program, speeches and pictures should go to the Honors Baccalaureate web site at:

http://www.ncsu.edu/project/OPDWebSpace/honors/

New Student Orientation (NSO) Information
For information regarding schedules, counselors and procedures, please visit the New Student Orientation website at:

http://www.ncsu.edu/nso/

NSO advising meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on July 17 in Room 2215 Williams Hall. Advisers from all sessions should plan to attend to receive NSO advising materials and information.

Our New Student Orientation Sessions for CALS are:

Session IV: July 17, 18
Session V: July 20, 21
Session VI: July 24, 25

A schedule of sessions by majors may be accessed at:

http://www.ncsu.edu/nso/firstyear/calsmajorsbysession.htm

Please note alphabetical splits for Biological Sciences, Biochemistry and Animal Science.

Please contact Barbara Kirby or Carmen Martin at 919.515.2614 if you have questions.

COMMODITY MEETINGS

| Southeast Greenhouse Conference | June 21-24, 2006 | Convention Center, Greenville, SC |