NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD
Effective October 1, 2006, Dr. Robert Evans will serve as Department Head of Biological and Agricultural Engineering. Dr. Evans has been serving as Departmental Extension Leader since 1997 and joined the BAE faculty rank in 1976 as Graduate Research Assistant; Graduate Teaching Assistant in 1978; Extension Specialist in 1983; Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in 1992; Assistant Professor and Departmental Extension Leader in 1997; Associate Professor 1998 and Professor in 2003. We feel fortunate to have identified Dr. Evans for this position.

Please join us in welcoming Robert in his new role in the college this fall!

DEPARTMENTAL NAME CHANGES
Effective immediately, the UNC-General Administration has approved our request to rename the Department of Botany. Our official name will be the Department of Plant Biology. The requested name change reflects both the contemporary trend in defining the broader discipline of plant biology as well as the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of the botany departmental programs.

Effective August 1, 2006, both the Departments of 4-H Youth Development and Family Consumer Sciences will merge. Dr. Marshall Stewart will assume leadership as Department Head and State Program Leader for the new department of 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Sandy Zaslow will be named Associate Director, Youth and Family Programs and will report directly to Dr. Jon Ort. After Dr. Zaslow’s retirement this fall, this Associate Director title will be added to the Department Head and State Program Leader of the 4-H Youth Development and Consumer Sciences Department.

Please note these two departmental name changes.

CONFlict OF INTEREST FORM
Please remind all EPA employees that they must fill out a Conflict of Interest Form online. This must be done every year. The website is:

http://www.ncsu.edu/sparcs/coi/

TELEPHONE COVERAGE IN DEPARTMENTS/UNITS
Please remember that the main departmental/unit phone lines should be answered by a real person during the workday (8 am to 5 pm), or provide an option to press “0” and get a real
person. We have had some complaints that main office phones are just rolling to voice mail with no option to speak to a real person.

**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

1. **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. Tailgate will open at 8:00 a.m. with kickoff set for 12:00 noon. Information to follow online at [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni). To register online, go to [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/calswebsite/alumni/reg_form_06.cfm](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/calswebsite/alumni/reg_form_06.cfm)

Exhibitor information packet can be found at the following link: [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/Exhibitors Info Packet.pdf](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/Exhibitors Info Packet.pdf)

If you are a CALS alumnus, you are invited to complete the CALS Alumni & Friends Survey. The survey can be found at the following link: [http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=2821](http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=2821)

2. **4-H Scholarship and Awards Luncheon** was held July 19. Fifty-nine Named 4-H Scholars or 4-H Extension Retirees Scholars were awarded scholarships valued at $54,900 and 37 youth were declared State Gold Medalists for their Cumulative Records. These scholars and medalists are the most outstanding youth in the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program in 2006 and represent programs that are supported by the subject matter specialists in departments across the college.

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

4. To 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/](http://cals.giftlegacy.com/)

You may also 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](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/givenow) for safe, convenient online giving!

5. 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](mailto:julia_atwell@ncsu.edu)) a quick e-mail letting her know so that she can add them to our list.

6. 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 link below:

[http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm)
The CALS Donor Recognition Gala is scheduled for November 5, 2006 at the Sheraton Imperial - more information to follow.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**Fall Academic Programs Faculty Meeting** -- Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006 -- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon in Room 2215 Williams Hall

New faculty should attend the **University New Faculty Workshop**: Aug. 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 based on interest and available times. See [http://www.ncsu.edu/fctl/nfo/](http://www.ncsu.edu/fctl/nfo/)

CALS will host the Advising Brown Bag Seminars throughout the year

**AGENDA**
- 10:30 a.m. Registration
- 10:45 a.m. Introductions of New Faculty
- Academic Program Enrollment and Budget Updates
- Recognition of Teaching and Advising Award Recipients
- Pack Promise Student Program
- Career Services Updates
- Pre-Health Advising Center
- Q&A
- 12:00 noon Adjourn to CALS Welcome Week on the Brickyard

**WOLFPACK WELCOME WEEK - College Connections**

Tuesday, August 22, 2006
(Brickyard behind Polk Hall and Grassy Area)

12:00 p.m. CALS students “Storm the Halls” and escort new students to the Brickyard

12:30 – 3:00 BBQ sandwich lunch and CALS T-shirt distribution

CALS College Connection Activities:

- Music and Entertainment
- Meet CALS Leaders at their Club Booths
- CALS Very Own NCSU Ice Cream

3:00 – 5:00 Selected CALS Departmental Welcome Programs:

- Biological Sciences -- 2215 Williams Hall, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Zoology -- Lobby David Clark Laboratory, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Crop Science -- TBA
- Poultry Science -- TBA
- Agriculture Institute -- D.S. Weaver Labs, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Invitations extended by Departments to their majors - please contact Dr. Barbara Kirby if you want your information distributed to your majors via the WWW CALS' mailing August 7, 2006.
CALS -- ALS 103
CALS -- ALS 103 Club Fair -- Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at Talley Students Center from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Club Fair will be hosted by ALS 103 and AgriLife Council for CALS freshmen. First Year College students are also invited. Club advisers/presidents should contact Julie_Holder@ncsu.edu if they plan to participate. A six-foot table will be provided. In addition to Club information, you are encouraged to share Departmental majors and minors information. Set-up time is 3:30 p.m.

NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
Dr. Charles Stuber to lead planning for plant breeding center
NCARS is pleased to announce that Dr. Charles Stuber has been hired to develop and lead a center at the University that focuses on planning for a plant breeding center. Dr. Stuber will begin work in July and immediately engage faculty, related Center Directors and Heads to make the center a reality. With more plant breeders than any other US university, we are in a strong position to develop such a center.

Dr. Stuber’s research career (spanning more than 40 years) with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, and as a Professor of Genetics at North Carolina State University, focused on the inheritance and manipulation of quantitatively inherited traits in plants, with a major emphasis on enhancing the efficiency of improving complex traits, such as grain yield in corn. He is recognized as a pioneer in the development and evaluation of methods for using molecular markers for identifying and mapping major genes responsible for the expression of economically important traits of plants. Much of the recent emphasis on the application of marker technology for the improvement and manipulation of quantitative traits in both plants and animals was stimulated by his original research in this area. This research was a major factor for his induction into the USDA-Agricultural Research Service Science Hall of Fame in 1999.

Dr. Stuber was elected Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America, and has also served as president of these two professional societies. He was the recipient of the Crop Science Research Award and the DeKalb Genetics Crop Science Distinguished Career Award, both presented by the Crop Science Society of America. Additional awards include the Genetic and Plant Breeding Award presented by the National Council of Commercial Plant Breeders, and the Award of Merit from the University of Nebraska, CASNR Alumni Association. The success of his research program was greatly enhanced by the numerous research grants that he was awarded during his career. We are very pleased to have Dr. Stuber head this center; please join us in welcoming him.

Genome Research Laboratory (GRL)
CALS Research Office will be conducting a full review of the Genome Research Laboratory (GRL) over the next two months. It has been six years since the last systematic review, and much has changed with technology and campus-use of the facility in the meantime. Following the dissemination of a summary report of the successes and status of the GRL from the Managing Director, Bryon Sosinski, in mid-August, Brian Wiegmann and Greg Gibson will convene an all-day summit of CALS faculty and other users of the GRL, and on the basis of the discussion that ensues, may decide to convene an external advisory board as well. All Department Heads are asked to seek input from their faculty as requests for participation are sent out.
CALS BUSINESS OFFICE
Changes in Positions
As some of you might know, Barry Bright and Rhonda Barefoot have left the CALS Business Office for greener pastures at the Vet School and University Budget Office respectively. Please forward all correspondence that you regularly send to them to Michael Walker @ Michael_Walker@ncsu.edu. We are in the process of advertising for both of these positions and will hopefully have them filled shortly. Thank you for your patience until we fill these critical positions.

New Proposal Processor
We want to welcome Roxie Gold to the proposal processing section of the CALS Contracts & Grants office. Roxie comes to us from the Precision Engineering Center in the College of Engineering. Roxie has experience in both proposal processing and post-award grant management.

EPA Legislative Increase
The EPA legislative increase process looks like it will occur in the first or second week of September. This may mean the last week in August for the college. Further instructions concerning WESLI will be forthcoming. We are unsure when exactly the process will start but will keep you informed.

2006-07 State Appropriated Budget
This is to let you know that the books are open again and you can spend conservatively. The directors will be getting you budget information shortly.

SPA Block Grants
At this point we have approximately five Department/Administrative Heads still to meet with concerning the SPA Block Grant process. Once the dust settles from the SPA/LI process we will be sending out updated SPA Block Grant information.

CALS Committee on Contracts and Grants Report
The CALS Committee on Contracts and Grants Report that was sent to the Department Heads in June will be discussed at the August Department Head Meeting. Please come and be prepared to discuss this report.

DIVERSITY
1. If any undergraduate advisors would like for Dr. Brenda Alston-Mills to meet with any of their students because of a specific problem, please give her a call at 513-0489 and she will be happy to do so.

2. Cultural awareness workshops are available to all units. The objectives are to develop awareness of the many faces of diversity; to understand how privilege and power are a part of our everyday lives; and to develop strategies for improving the workplace environment for the benefit of the organization. The workshop is three hours and combines structured presentations with group interactive activities.

3. If any departments are planning to hold separate orientation sessions for incoming students, she will also be happy to attend and participate in your session. Please call her at the above number as well.
4. The next session of Opening Doors will be held September 27-29, 2006 and will be held at Brown Summit. Please announce to your units. The brochure will be out shortly.

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Program News
2007 Extension Conference is scheduled for March 12-14, 2007 at McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Please mark these dates on your calendars. More details will be forwarded soon.

Dr. Jon Ort attends the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) and Policy Board of Directors (PBD) Meeting in Portland, Oregon from July 23-July 27. During this meeting, several national initiatives that will impact Extension and members of the Board on Agriculture Assembly will be discussed, including CREATE-21 and upcoming budget priorities for fiscal year 2008.

Youth participating in this year’s State 4-H Congress focused on “Getting Fit with 4-H.” Congress was held July 17-21 at North Carolina State University and other Raleigh locations. The annual event attracted over 700 4-H club members, adult volunteers and 4-H agents with North Carolina Cooperative Extension. During the five-day event, delegates participated in competition, workshops, assemblies, recreation, fellowship and service to the community. The North Carolina 4-H Development Fund hosted a luncheon for the 4-H Award and Scholarship winners on Wednesday. As part of the awards, two endowment signings were finalized. The Huddleston Family 4-H Electric Scholarship Endowment was given by Wayne Huddleston, his sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Ted Earnhardt to honor their parents. The Endowment supports outstanding 4-H Electric Project members from the Duke Energy, Carolinas Service Territory who are enrolling as freshmen in a state supported institute of higher learning. The Marshall and Jan Stewart Leadership Endowment for FFA and 4-H Youth Development and will recognize an outstanding 4-H agent, 4-H program associate or assistant, or 4-H specialist who has demonstrated excellence as a tenured professional of 10 years or more.

Dr. Ort continues to meet with Department Heads, Extension Administration and County Operations to discuss the upcoming fiscal year, and plans that impact programs and budgets.

Personnel Updates
Director, Personal and Organizational Development Search
This vacancy is posted to the NCSU website. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply for this position.

Director, Marketing Search
This vacancy is posted to the NCSU website. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply for this position.

Personnel Updates - Continued
Assistant/Associate Professor, Extension Program Development
Employment offer on this position has been extended; planned start date is August 2006.

Assistant/Associate Professor, Extension Program Evaluation
Jay Jayaratne will begin work on 8/14/06.
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### FIELD DAYS

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