**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

1. College Advancement is pleased to welcome two new members to our team. Sonia Murphy joined us on August 9 as Director of Gift Planning for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Sonia comes to us from the Salvation Army, where she served as Associate Planned Giving Director for four years. She has experience as a financial advisor and holds a degree from Wake Forest University. Sonia can be reached at sonia_murphy@ncsu.edu or 513-0637.

Ann Norcross joined us on August 10 as Program Assistant V supporting Cooperative Extension Service Foundation related activities. Ann comes to us from the Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, where she served as Administrative Assistant for the Department Head. Ann has been at NC State for over five years. She can be reached at ann_norcross@ncsu.edu or 515-1680.

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. Tailgate will open at 8:00 a.m. with kickoff set for 12:00 noon. Information is online at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni.

CALS Alumni and Friends are invited to complete the CALS Alumni & Friends Survey at the following link:
http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=2821

3. Walkway of Champions… Special Promotion to purchase your Personalized Brick! The CALS Alumni & Friends Society is offering a special promotion at this year’s CALS Tailgate. This promotion will be available for all attendees and now available to you as Faculty/Staff members.

SAVE $$ and buy any two red 4’x8’ bricks for $110! (Regularly $75 each) This is a $40 savings! In addition, you may also purchase the mini-brick replicas of your two 4”x 8” bricks, with a buy-one-mini, get one-mini-free special. (Mini is regularly $15 each).

To order see attached form or contact the CALS Alumni & Friends Society, 515-7222. Email: calsalum@ncsu.edu

4. The CALS Faculty/Staff Retiree Luncheon will be held December 2, 2006 at the McKimmon Center. The keynote speaker for this year's retiree luncheon will be NC State alumnus and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Hugh Shelton.

5. 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/.

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 for safe, convenient online giving!

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

7. 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

8. The CALS Donor Recognition Gala is scheduled for November 5, 2006 at the Sheraton Imperial - more information to follow.

DEPARTMENTAL POST-TENURE REVIEW RULES
Departmental Post-Tenure Review rules, using the new template, are due to Sylvia Blankenship by September 1, 2006.

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 need to be answered by a “real person” during the workday (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), or provide an option to press “0” and get a “real” person. We have had some complaints that main office phones are just rolling over to voice mail with no option to speak to someone.

NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
Celebrate NC Wines! Recognizes North Carolina’s Leading Wineries
Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 8, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. for the second annual Celebrate NC Wines! and will be held again this year at the JC Raulston Arboretum. Participants will enjoy wines from 13 award-winning wineries, as well as choice hors d’oeuvres, live music, and the beauties of the garden in fall. The event will also feature research exhibits and demonstrations by CALS faculty, highlighting their work with this burgeoning industry. Celebrate NC Wines! is a fundraiser to support viticulture and enology research, as well as the Raulston Arboretum. Registration is required. For details, contact autumn_keck@ncsu.edu.
Animal and Poultry Research and Teaching Complex
Construction of the swine nutrition and poultry teaching phases of the Animal and Poultry Research and Teaching Complex should be complete by the middle of September, with the landscaping beginning in early October. The design for the ruminant phase has been completed; however, the bids -- given the current construction environment -- exceeded the funds available, so construction of this phase has been postponed. These modern, state-of-the-art facilities will greatly enhance both swine nutrition manure management research in the Department of Animal Science and undergraduate teaching programs in the Department of Poultry Science. A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the swine nutrition research and poultry teaching facilities is being planned for sometime in late October. Details will be forthcoming.

Dairy Educational Unit
The plans for a new milking parlor for the Dairy Educational Unit (DEU) are under evaluation by the State Department of Insurance. The existing milking parlor building will be converted into a multipurpose facility, which will include a conference room, classroom, and an area to contain memorabilia and historical tributes to the Randleigh Farm Jersey herd, the Kenan family and the Randleigh Farm. Additional renovations to the existing dairy facilities are planned that will transform the DEU into an even more effective research, teaching, and production facility. The Creamery in the Department of Food Science processes the milk produced at the DEU for milk and ice cream.

Tomato Field Day Presented in Spanish
The planning committee for this year's Fresh Market Tomato and Vegetable Field Day implemented steps to make the information available for the Spanish speaking audience. As Hispanic workers, labor contractors, growers and other production/marketing partners expand their roles in the state's commercial tomato production enterprises, the need for presenting tomato research, management and marketing information in Spanish is becoming essential to maintain diversity and knowledge in a growing culture.

Dr. Kelly Ivors, Department of Plant Pathology, took the lead in engaging the translation services of Luz Reyes, technician in the Department of Horticultural Science, to assist with the field day. Hispanic workers at the field day gathered in one group to make efficient use of Luz's translation of the field day presentations. In addition, provisions were made to have the research report handouts translated into Spanish.

Based on the observations and reports from a number of attendees, the Hispanic attendees appreciated the efforts to make the information available to them and engaged actively in questions and discussion of information presented. Subsequent to the field day, several Hispanic growers contacted Kelly for the latest information on crop protection and other management practices.

As the presence of Hispanic managers and workers in agricultural enterprises continues to increase, we encourage program and event planners to make provisions for presenting information in Spanish. It will make for a more effective and equipped workforce.

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
Program News
Our 2007 Extension Conference is scheduled for March 12-14, 2007 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Please mark these dates on your calendars. More details will be forwarded soon.
Dr. Jon Ort and other members of Extension Administration will attend the Joint Meeting of the Program Leadership Network, Association of Southern Region Extension Directors and Association of Extension Administrators meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico from August 25 through September 1. During these meetings, many of the items discussed will affect Cooperative Extension on a regional and national basis.

We anticipate distributing six months of operating dollars to departments before August 31.

During the week of August 14, our 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Science Agent Associations held successful state meetings in Pinehurst and New Bern respectively.

**Personnel Updates**

*Director, Personal and Organizational Development Search*
The interview process for this position is now in progress.

*Director, Marketing Search*
The final list of candidates for this position should be chosen soon, and the interview phase will begin shortly.

*Assistant/Associate Professor, Extension Program Development*
We are pleased to welcome Dr. Lisa Guion to this position.

*Assistant/Associate Professor, Extension Program Evaluation*
We are pleased to welcome Dr. Jay Jayaratne to this position.

*Assistant Professor, Extension Coordinator*
We are pleased to welcome Dr. Mark Kistler to this position.

**Retirement**
Dr. Sandra Zaslow, Associate Director, Youth and Family Programs will retire effective October 2, 2006.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

*NC State’s Agricultural Institute Nets No. 1 Ranking*
The North Carolina State University Agricultural Institute ranks No. 1 in the nation among four-year institutions and two-year institutions that offer two-year associate degree programs in agriculture and related sciences, according to an annual rankings report published in *Community College Week*.

Using data from the U.S. Department of Education, *Community College Week* identified the top 100 associate degree programs among two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the country. The Agricultural Institute, in the N.C. State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, climbed from No. 2 to secure the top spot in this year’s overall ranking of both two-year and four-year institutions.

“We are thrilled to be recognized as a national leader in agricultural technology education,” said Dr. John Cornwell, director of the Agricultural Institute. “Our program is distinctive because it offers a number of diverse majors as well as new courses of study that keep students up to date with rapidly changing technology.”
The Institute offers nine academic programs leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree, ranging from agribusiness management to landscape technology. Its programs are designed to prepare students for careers in agriculture and related industries, with a focus on hands-on technical training. With nearly 400 students, the Institute is the largest programs of its kind in the country.

“Graduates of the Agricultural Institute are in great demand in North Carolina and throughout the nation,” Cornwell said. “Typically, 95 percent are employed in their fields of interest within six months of graduation.”

*Community College Week* bases its rankings on the latest data from the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics, including the number of degrees and other formal awards conferred in academic, vocational and continuing professional education programs in a variety of categories. Degree programs in the category of agriculture and related sciences are: turfgrass management, ornamentals and landscape technology, agribusiness management, livestock and poultry management, field crops technology, pest management and general agriculture.

**FALL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN GOLDSBORO SEPTEMBER 16**
A Fall Festival for families will be held at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems in Goldsboro September 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival, free and open to the public, will feature farm tours and demonstrations, educational exhibits, children’s activities, live music, food and refreshments and a local farmers’ market.

The event is part of the center’s “Seasons of Sustainable Agriculture,” celebrating 10 years of programming at CEFS. Celebration events run May through December. It is also part of a “Week of Sustainable Agriculture,” held in partnership with Carolina Farm Stewardship and Whole Foods. For more information on other activities associated with these celebrations, visit [www.cefs.ncsu.edu](http://www.cefs.ncsu.edu/).

CEFS is located off Hwy. 70 in Goldsboro near the Cherry Farm. It is a research and teaching partnership among N.C. State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, N.C. A&T State University’s School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
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