ZOOLOGY INTERIM HEAD
Dr. Damian Shea has agreed to serve as interim head of Zoology effective Monday, September 18, 2006. Dr. Shea will continue to also lead the Undergraduate Biological Sciences Program. One of his responsibilities as head of the Office of Biological Sciences is to develop a long-range, strategic plan to enhance the Biological Sciences Program at NC State.

I also want to thank Drs. Barthalmus and Gilliam for their service to the department and college.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Shea to this interim position!

ENVIRONMENTAL AND MOLECULAR TOXICOLOGY
Dr. Gerald A. LeBlanc has agreed to serve as interim head of the Department of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology effective Monday, September 18, 2006.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. LeBlanc to this interim position!

PROGRAM NEWS – NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
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.

The department of 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences held their first joint retreat for faculty and staff on Monday, September 18.

The NC Association of Program Assistants, Associates and Technicians held their state meeting in Kill Devil Hills September 18-20, 2006.

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

Director, Marketing Search
The interview process for this position is now in progress.

Award Winners
Congratulations to the following individuals who were honored at the NC Association of County Agricultural Agents State Meeting this summer.
Distinguished Service Award
Kathy Bunton
Mac Gibbs
Kathryn Holmes

Achievement Award
Eileen Coite
Tyrone Fisher
Tommy Grandy

Young Agent Scholarship
Eve Honeycutt

Service To Agriculture
Deborah Johnson, Executive Director, NC Pork Council

Congratulations to the following individuals who were honored at the NC Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences State Meeting this summer.

New Professional
Yvonne J. Mullen

Food Safety
Margaret P. Allsbrook

Mary W. Wells Diversity
Susan M. Morgan (team)
Maria Veselinovich
Pat Burgess (non-members)

NEWSLETTERS
Candy E. Underwood

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
Carolyn G. Shepherd (team)
Vickie Moore, Bobby Reed,
Darrell Hamilton, Max Yates, Teresa Spencer
Yadkin Valley Bank, Alan Cockerham
Brad Lovin, Marty Gambill, Mike Burgess
Scott Eggers (non-members),
Sarah Kirby (member)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Geissler G. Baker
Cheryl A. Beck
Marsha M. Smith

Florence Hall
Carmen J. Long (team)
Judy West, Marilyn Wells (members)
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE HONORED AT THE NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION STATE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

SECRETARY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Technology Utilization and Implementation
Tracy Brown
Mary Elizabeth Wilson
Wendy Garner
Michele Hamm
Regina Gardner
Julie Campbell

State Winner – Michele Hamm

SECRETARY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Special Leadership
Vicki Pettit
Carolyn Bagley
Belinda Belch
Karen Robertson
Annie Freeman
Joyce Holcomb
Linda Lemons
Susanne Winebarger

State Winner – Susanne Winebarger

Sue Mills Lighthouse Award – Carol Horne
NCCESA Professional Improvement Scholarship – Jamie Davis Moss
NCCESA Executive Board Award – Susan Brame

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

TAILGATE 2006 A SUCCESS!
The CALS Alumni and Friends Society would like to thank the Departments, Administration, Faculty and Staff, Students, Volunteers and our Alumni and Friends who made Tailgate 2006 a tremendous success. Over 1500 people enjoyed Tailgate this year, and the new venue, the
Exposition Center, was a big hit. The displays from the Departments, Student Clubs and Vendors were entertaining and informative for our alumni and friends, and showcased the impact the College is making across the state and nation. The Tailgate Silent Auction raised $7600 for the CALS Alumni and Friends Scholarship Endowment.

CALS Alumni and Friends Society

On Friday, September 8, the College and the CALS Alumni and Friends Society honored our 2006 CALS alumni award winners. Dr. David A. Thompson and Mr. Robert Kendall Hill are recipients of the 2006-2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The two were honored for their outstanding career achievements and for their commitment to the land-grant principle of service to community, state and nation.

The CALS Alumni and Friends Society also named Outstanding Alumni Award winners from several departments and the Outstanding Faculty/Staff award winner:

Dr. Barbara Blakistone  
M.S. 1976, Ph.D. 1982, Food Science  
Director of Technical and Regulatory Affairs, National Fisheries Institute  
Wormleysburg, Pa.

Dr. Rebecca Bullard-Dillard  
B.S. 1990, Biochemistry  
Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Biology, Claflin University  
Orangeburg, S.C.

Dr. John W. Ezzell, Jr.  
M.S. 1973, Ph.D. 1976, Microbiology  
Senior Scientist, Diagnostic Systems Division, US Army Medical Research Institute  
Sharpsburg, Md.

Mr. James T. Hill, Jr.  
B.S. 1959, Agricultural Economics, Animal Industry  
President and Co-Owner, Tull Hill Farms, Inc.  
Kinston, N.C.

Mr. Vernon Leroy Jackson  
B.S. 1953, Agronomy  
Retired, Plant Food Association of NC  
Raleigh, N.C.

Mr. Robert B. Kornegay  
A.A. 1982, Agriculture Institute  
Marketing and Member Relations Manager, Tri-County EMC  
Co-Owner, Kornegay Farms  
Mount Olive, N.C.

Mr. Zack F. Ladd  
B.S. 1958, Agricultural Education  
Retired, North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company  
Yadkinville, N.C.

Mr. William S. Lamm
B.S. 1953, Agronomy, M.Ed. 1969 Adult Education
Retired, North Carolina Cooperative Extension
Goldsboro, N.C.

Mr. Windell L. Talley
B.S. 1963, Poultry Science
Owner, Talley Farms
Stanfield, N.C.

Mr. Elijah J. Tyson
B.S. 1958, Agricultural Engineering
Retired, Duke Power (now Duke Energy)
Denver, N.C.

Mr. Larry B. Wooten
B.S. 1973, Animal Science
President, North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company
Raleigh, N.C.

Mrs. Erica Balmer Hanchey (Outstanding Young Alumni Award winner)
M.S. 2001, Food Science
Product Development Manager, H-E-B Grocery Co.
San Antonio, Texas

Mrs. Amanda Pugh Patnaud (Outstanding Young Alumni Award winner)
B.S. 1998, Microbiology
Compliance Engineer, Wyeth Vaccines
Morrisville, N.C.

Mrs. Marcy L. Bullock (Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award winner)
BA 1985, Sociology and Communication, UC-San Diego
MS 1987, Counseling, San Diego State University
Director, Career Services, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Cary, North Carolina

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

CALS Faculty/Staff Retiree Luncheon
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.

Comprehensive Gift Planning Web Site
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 are now 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 gif tlegacy.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
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, please send Julia Brooks (julia_atwell@ncsu.edu) a quick e-mail letting her know so that she can add them to our retiree list.

Advancement Advantage Guide to Services on-line
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

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

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

JC Raulston Arboretum's 30th Anniversary Symposium
The JC Raulston Arboretum's 30th Anniversary Symposium was a great success, with more than 180 people attending. In conjunction with the Symposium weekend, the Garden Conservancy's Raleigh Open Days garden tours were held September 23-24. There were more than 500 people who toured the six private area gardens and visited the Arboretum. The proceeds will be split with the Garden Conservancy and the JCRA.

PROGRAM NEWS -- NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Dole Initiative in Kannapolis
A team from the College is working on the building design for the North Carolina Research Campus Lab. The target date for completing the design phase is this fall, with anticipated groundbreaking for mid to late October.

The list of equipment for the core lab is completed and a copy can be obtained by contacting our office at 515-2717.

The Associate Dean will be working with a group of faculty to finalize the disciplines and positions that will be the highest priorities for the initiative. The recruitment for Extension positions will occur this fall once the Memorandum of Agreement is signed. Faculty searches will begin after the first of the year.

NC Agricultural and Life Sciences Research Foundation Steering Committee
The NC Agricultural and Life Sciences Research Foundation Steering Committee will meet on September 28 to continue their work toward the development of the mission, goals, and operational documents of the future foundation. The current timeline projects that the founding board of the future foundation will convene in spring 2007.
NC Angus Association Endowment for Excellence Signed at Angus Field Day
On September 30, Roger Crickenberger will preside over the signing of the NC Angus Association Endowment for Excellence and will be held at the Vandemark Angus Farm in Rocky Mount. This agreement governs a fund created by the NC Angus Association (NCAA) in the NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc. that will be utilized to fund education, research, or other activities deemed appropriate by the NCAA Board of Directors.

Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center: Waste Management Programs Coordinator
On September 7, 2006 a memorandum was distributed to the Experiment Station Directors, the Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center (APWMC) membership, and the Center’s Advisory Board outlining changes relative to Center operations. The APWMC will transition from a membership-based center to an interdepartmental group of faculty and staff working in waste management. To this end, Associate Dean Steve Leath appointed Dr. Mike Williams as Waste Management Programs Coordinator effective September 25, 2006. The appointments of two of the Center staff will be adjusted to enable them to assist Dr. Williams in his new role. The remaining Center staff will continue to work in roles similar to their past roles.

Significantly increased resources will be directed toward animal and poultry waste management research. The Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering will receive a new Assistant Professor-level position devoted to animal and poultry waste management research. About $400,000 will go to upfit the Waste Management Research and Development building for waste management and air quality research.

We are confident that this new model will capitalize on past accomplishments of the APWMC in the revitalization of the already excellent and productive programs in the best interests of North Carolina and animal and poultry production everywhere.

ASSISTANT DEAN FOR DIVERSITY – DR. BRENDA ALSTON-MILLS
- A reminder that I have met with almost all of the incoming African-American students and also some of the Native American students. If issues arise during academic advisement, many of them will come in to see me for verification. If there is any question, please feel free to contact me a 919.513.0489.
- We are currently working on a CALS Diversity WEB site and will include current or upcoming events. If your unit has a program that they would like included, please contact either Alan Schueler or me for more information.
- As EPA positions become available, I would be happy to provide departments with sites or sources for minority faculty.
- I would like to schedule visits with each department in CALS. Please let me know when I might have 10 minutes at one of your faculty meetings to discuss activities related to diversity and to get input from your faculty.
### October Commodity Meetings

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