

## ***Extension This Month – June 2005***

Welcome to ***Extension This Month!*** In an effort to keep the organization well informed, the Executive Team will be sending out a monthly electronic newsletter. Watch for us each month to hear updates and information happening throughout the organization.

### **NATIONAL NEWS UPDATES**

#### **Agriculture Appropriations Bill Passes Full Committee**

The House Committee on Appropriations on May 25 approved the F.Y. 2006 spending bill for the Department of Agriculture, including the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). CSREES's total budget was down \$36.839 million to \$1.119 billion, a 3.2% decline from the F.Y. 2005 enacted level. Here are a few of the CSREES budget highlights:

1. **Formula Funds**. The House Appropriations committee turned back the proposal put forward in the President's Budget Request to eliminate the Hatch, McIntire-Stennis, and Animal Health and Disease formula fund programs. In fact, two of these three programs received nominal increases compared to F.Y. 2005. (Note: The House Committee also increased the Evans-Allen formula fund by \$1,000,000 and the Smith Lever 3(b)-3(c) line item by \$420,000.)
2. **EFNEP and eXtension**. For the second year in a row, the House Committee approved a major increase in the EFNEP program (6.8% on top of a 12.3% increase in F.Y. 2005). The Committee also agreed to start a new funding line for the eXtension initiative and to provide \$1,000,000 for that new line.
3. **NRI and Sec. 406**. House Ag Appropriations Committee agreed to the request in the President's Budget Request to move funding for seven programs funded under the authority of Sec. 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to the National Research Initiative. However, the committee's mark falls \$7.631 million short of providing full funding for the combined NRI + Sec. 406 programs. \$14,634,000 was added to the combined NRI + Sec. 406 line item between the House Subcommittee markup on May 16 and the markup in the full committee.

### **STATE NEWS UPDATES**

#### **From the Dean and Director**

My tenure as interim Extension director is about three-quarters over. The months have really gone by quickly and the end of August is not very far away. It's time to reflect on what's been done, and what still needs to be done.

After my appointment, some major policy changes were put into place. Basically, these involved allocating to OSU colleges with Extension Service programs greater financial and programmatic responsibility. In this sense, the Extension system at OSU is more decentralized than when I started.

This change has advantages, such as moving day-to-day decision making toward the grassroots level, but it presents a formidable challenge: With decentralization, how do we

maintain effective programmatic and financial accountability to Extension as a central entity that is a separate line item in the state budget and in other funding lines (in the federal budget, for example)? As you may recall, I appointed a committee to address this challenge.

I charged the Resources Investment Committee, chaired by Teresa Hogue, with developing new Extension policies and procedures. I'm pleased to report to you that the committee's recommendations have been reviewed extensively by the Extension Executive Team and the Extension Cabinet. The report is ready to be shared with the new OSU Extension Service Deans' Council, made up of deans with Extension programming in their colleges. The Resource Investment Plan is a very important document. It will guide the operation of Extension for years to come.

Another recent development will have an important influence on Extension for years to come. Recently, OSU President Ed Ray appointed Dr. Sabah Randhawa to be OSU's new provost and executive vice president. As some of you know, Dr. Randhawa spent two days with me this spring visiting five county Extension offices. I'm very pleased to report that during his interview for the provost position he included in his presentation a reference to his county visits, showing his appreciation of, and support for, what Extension does. I must admit I was disappointed by the meager participation of Extension faculty and staff in the provost interview process. It's important for us to participate as full members of the University community. I urge you to think about this in the years ahead. I'm in the process of arranging for other members of the University's central administration to visit our county offices.

While I'm offering thoughts on interacting with other parts of the University, I want to encourage county Extension faculty to stop by and see me when you come to campus, and to stop by and visit with your college deans and your department heads. Invite deans and department heads to come to your county, get them involved in your programming, and share your success stories with them. This also is very important.

Finally, I want to report to you on what's going on the Legislative front with regard to our budget.

As most of you know, the deans of the three OSU Statewides (the Extension Service, the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Forest Research Laboratory) began working with the Legislature during the current session as one entity. We've visited many legislators and newspapers together. The results have included excellent conversations with legislators and some editorials that were very positive in their support of funding for the Statewides' missions.

We started the session with a Governor's recommended budget that called for a slight decrease in the Statewides' biennial budgets. On April 4, the House Co-Chair of the Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee released a proposed budget that included a \$2.3 million addback for the Experiment Station, a \$300,000 addback for the Forest Research Laboratory, and no addback for Extension. The Senate Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Committee proposed \$1.3 million for the Experiment Station and no addback for Extension or the Forest Research Laboratory.

A month later, on May 4, both the House and the Senate released revised proposals. The House included a \$1.8 million addback for Extension, with no changes for the Experiment Station and the Forest Research Laboratory. The Senate included a \$500,000 addback for Extension, with no changes for the Experiment Station and the Forest Research Laboratory.

A number of things led to this upswing in proposed state funding for Extension. The most important was the grassroots support Extension has received from its stakeholders, from

people who have benefited from our programs. This support came as letters, emails and testimony at public hearings.

The Statewide deans are continuing to seek more support for our budgets. Within the OSU Extension Service, we should congratulate each other for an important and effective team effort so far and continue to put pressure on the Legislature until the final budget is adopted.

I have three months left in this office. I welcome your suggestions on areas I should focus my attention. Please let me know if you have any suggestions. I continue to be impressed by the impact that this organization has on the state of Oregon. Please continue to do the good work that you are doing. It is making a difference.

-- Kelvin Koong  
Interim Dean and Director

### **Extension Dean & Director Search Update**

Two finalists will interview for the Extension Dean and Director position in June. Scott Reed will interview June 15-17 and Deborah Young will interview June 20-22.

The interviews will span three days in order to provide our candidates an opportunity to visit Portland and the Columbia basin in addition to Corvallis. The Corvallis part of the interview will occur on the first day.

Full candidate CVs and evaluation forms will be made available via the web, as well as in other formats, and the candidate forums will be streamed. Detailed interview schedules and other information will be shared as it becomes available.

## **PROGRAM NEWS**

### **Extension Sea Grant**

The OSU Sea Grant program recently completed a Performance Assessment Team Review. This is an external review, conducted by NOAA and the National Sea Grant Office every five years for each of the Sea Grant Programs.

We are pleased to announce that Oregon Sea Grant received the HIGHEST SCORE that ANY PROGRAM has received since these reviews were initiated by NOAA. Congratulations to **Bob Malouf**, Director of Oregon Sea Grant; **Jay Rasmussen**, the Extension Sea Grant Program Leader and OSG Associate Director; and the Sea Grant staff for what they have accomplished.

### **2005 Promotion & Tenure**

Congratulations to the following Extension faculty.

#### **Promotion to Professor**

**Eric Hansen**, Wood Science & Engineering  
**Patricia Dawson**, 4-H Youth Development, Umatilla County  
**Beverly Hobbs**, 4-H Youth Development

#### **Promotion to Associate Professor & Granted Indefinite Tenure**

**Ulrich Orth**, Management, Marketing & International Business - North Willamette Research & Extension Center

**Jed Colquhoun**, Crop & Soil Science  
**Amy Jo Detweiler**, Horticulture – Deschutes County  
**Don Horneck**, Crop & Soil Science – Umatilla County-Hermiston  
**Lisbeth Meunier-Goddik**, Food Science and Technology

### **Promotion to Senior Instructor**

**Tara Nierenberg**, Forest Science - Extension Sea Grant  
**Cindy Osterlund**, 4-H Youth Development – Gilliam County

### **Promotion to Senior Faculty Research Assistant**

**Mary Staben**, Crop & Soil Science

### **Granted Indefinite Tenure**

**Yanyun Zhao**, Food Science and Technology  
**Bill Jaeger**, Agricultural & Resource Economics

### **THIS 'N THAT**

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 15-17, 2005 –	Dean/Director Interview – Scott Reed
June 20-22, 2005 –	Dean/Director Interview – Deborah Young
July 13-15, 2005	Western Region Mid Managers Conference, Santa Fe, NM
July 17-21, 2005	NACAA Annual Mtg/Professional Improvement Conference- Buffalo NY
September 21-22, 2005	OSU Extension Conference
September 21-22, 2005	AREC Inservice – Value Added Marketing & Production

### **AWARDS**

Congratulations goes to the following faculty, staff, volunteers and clientele who have recently received awards of recognition.

**4-H Wildlife Stewards State team (Mary Arnold, Virginia Bordeau, Nancy Allen, Joan Engeldinger, Jessica Fisher, Robin Galloway, Maureen Hosty, Maggie Livesay, David White, Jody Einerson, Susan Wieske, Sally Yackley)** has won the NAE4HA Regional Communicator Award for Promotional Package and the ANREP National Gold Winner for Video

**Dan Edge**, Fisheries & Wildlife and the **4-H Wildlife Stewards State team (Mary Arnold, Virginia Bordeau, Nancy Allen, Joan Engeldinger, Jessica Fisher, Robin Galloway, Maureen Hosty, Maggie Livesay, David White, Jody Einerson, Susan Wieske, Sally Yackley)** recently received the National Wildlife Society Group Achievement Award.

#### 2005 ANREP Educational Materials Award Winners

**Scott Leavengood**, Washington County – Gold Award –Computer Software/Application, Excel based program for estimating shrink and swell in wood

**Viviane Simon-Brown**, Extension Forestry – Bronze Award – Refereed Journal Article, article addressing consumer responsibilities for natural resources and beyond  
**Maureen Hosty**, 4-H Wildlife Stewards - Gold – Video/DVD/CD, 4-H Wildlife Stewards Habitat Education Site Tool Kit

### **Professional Development Fund Awards**

The following Extension faculty and staff received financial support from the professional development funds during the third quarter of 2005.

### **Professional Development Fund**

**Emily Cosci**, Marion County – Project Learning Tree Coordinators Conference  
**Emily Cosci**, Marion County – EEAW & EEAO Joint Conference  
**Amy Davis**, Wheeler County – NACAA Conference  
**Shelby Filley**, Douglas County – COIN Livestock training  
**Shelby Filley**, Douglas County – NACAA Conference  
**Mike Gamroth**, Animal Science – NACAA Conference  
**Lisbeth Goddik**, Food Sci & Technology – Institute of Food Technologists Annual Mtg  
**Derek Godwin**, Marion County - NACAA Conference  
**Teresa Hogue**, Deschutes County – International Conference on Engaging Communities  
**Sunny Hunt**, Clatsop County – Spanish Conversation class  
**Peggy Katsuda**, Deschutes County – Optimum Health Conference  
**Scott Leavengood**, Washington County – Forest Products Society's Annual Mtg  
**Cory Parsons**, Crook County - NACAA Conference  
**Amy Peters**, Coos County – COIN Livestock training  
**Charlotte Riersgard**, Lane County - Spokane Dietetics Association Mtg  
**Brian Tuck**, Wasco County - NACAA Conference  
**Brain Tuck**, Wasco County – Extension Mid-Managers Conference

### **Gene & Ruth Lear Fund**

**Patricia Collins**, Washington County – Mistake-Free Grammar and Proofreading  
**Julie Howard**, HMSC – Photoshop CS online course  
**Rebecca Mills**, Jefferson County – independent study for conversational Spanish

### **Nels & Esther Anderson Fund**

**Dana Baxter**, Lane County – Registered Dietician Training  
**Lynnette Black**, Clackamas County – Master's Degree  
**Peggy Katsuda**, Deschutes County – Math 101  
**Sara Miller**, Lane County – Master's Degree  
**Mary Staben**, Crop & Soil Sci – Master's Degree

### **NEW HIRES**

**Dessia Shank**, Umatilla County, 4-H Administrative Secretary  
**Carolyn Ashton**, Lane County, 4-H Assistant Professor, May 31, 2005  
**Terry Burr**, Crop & Soil Science Instructor, May 4, 2005

## **RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS & TERMINATIONS**

**Jonathan Friedman**, Klamath County

**Beth Lambert** - Tillamook County

**Carol Rucker**- Linn County

## **RECRUITMENT UPDATES**

### **#018-995 – 4H Youth Program Leader and Department Chair Campus (Corvallis)**

Committee Chair: Anne Manlove

Candidate Selected: Roger Rennekamp

Status: Pending hiring paperwork Start date: July 1, 2005

### **#018-999A – 4-H Youth Development Education (1.0 FTE) Lane County (Eugene)**

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood

Candidate Selected: Carolyn Ashton, Start date May 31, 2005

Status: Completed

### **#018-1006 – Extension Faculty, Family and Community Development (1.0 FTE) Union County - Serves both Union and Baker counties**

Committee Chair: Holly Berry

Candidate Selected:

Status: to be re-announced

### **#018-1008A- Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development & Agriculture (1.0 FTE) Clatsop County (Astoria)**

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interviews June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

### **#018-1009 - Internal Search - Extension Faculty, Staff Chair (.60 FTE) and Extension Program Assignment (.40 FTE)**

#### **Marion County (Salem)**

Committee Chair: Deborah Maddy

Candidate Selected:

Status: Awaiting final OHR approval

### **#018-1011 - Extension Faculty, Field Crops & Watershed Management (1.0 FTE) Malheur County (Ontario)**

Committee Co-Chairs: Dan Sullivan and Lynn Jensen

Candidate Selected: Steve Norberg

Status: Pending finalization of new hire paperwork

### **#018-1012 - Extension Faculty, Family & Community Development (1.0 FTE)**

**Coos County (Serves Coos/Curry Counties)**

Committee Chair: Debra Driscoll

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interview Process

**#018-1013 - Extension Faculty, Field Crops (1.0 FTE)**

**Marion County (Salem)**

Committee Co-Chairs: Bill Young and John Burt

Candidate Selected: Thomas Silberstein, Start date July 1, 2005

Status: Completed

**#018-1014 - Extension Faculty, Livestock/Range and Staff Chair (1.0 FTE)**

**Baker County (serves Baker & Union Counties)**

Committee Chair: James Thompson

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interview Process

**#018-1017 - Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development (1.0FTE)**

**Lincoln County (Newport)**

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood

Candidate Selected:

Status: Pending PAA approval

**#018-1018 - Extension Faculty, Seed Certification (1.0 FTE)**

**OSU Campus**

Committee Chairs: Ron Cook/Julie Hendrix

Candidate Selected:

Status: Pending PAA approval and new hire paperwork

**#018-1020 - Extension Faculty, Family & Community Development (1.0 FTE)**

**Clackamas County**

Committee Chair: Janice Smiley

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interviews June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

**#018-1021 - Extension Faculty, Marine Education Volunteer Coordinator (1.0 FTE)**

**Hatfield Marine Science Center**

Committee Chair: Jon Luke

Candidate Selected:

Status: Pending signed letter of offer and new hire paperwork

**#018-1022 - Extension Faculty, Small Farms (0.50 FTE recurring funding, FTE will increase as grant funds are obtained)**

**Benton County**

Committee Chair: Herb Huddleston

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interviews June 14/15 and June 20/21

**#018-1023 - Internal Search - Extension Faculty Jefferson County Staff Chair and Central**

**Oregon Agriculture Research Center Superintendent (1.0 FTE)**

**Jefferson County**

Committee Chair: Teresa Hogue

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interview Process

**#018-1024 - Extension Faculty, Publishing Manager (0.75FTE -1.0FTE)**

**Extension & Experiment Station Communications (Corvallis, OR)**

Committee Chair: Teresa Welch

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interviews June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

**#018-1025 - Extension Faculty, Horticulturist 75% Tenure Track recurring funds, 25% allocated annually, depending on available funding**

**Coos County (Myrtle Point)**

**(Serves both Coos and Curry Counties)**

Committee Co-Chairs: Bernadine Strick and Amy Peters

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closed May 18, 2005

**#-018-1026 - Extension Faculty, Southwest Oregon Small Farms 1.0 FTE**

**Jackson County (Central Point)**

**Serves Jackson/Josephine/Douglas Counties)**

Committee Chair: James Hermes

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closed May 27, 2005

**#018-1027 - Extension Faculty, Family and Community Development 1.0 FTE**

**Malheur County (Ontario)**

Committee Chair: Holly Berry

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closes June 3, 2005

**#018-1028 – Extension Faculty, Family and Community Development .5 FTE**

**Lincoln County – Newport**

Committee Chair: Janice Gregg

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closes June 7, 2005

**#018-1029 – Extension Faculty, Natural Resource Management and Staff Chair 1.0 FTE**

## **Lincoln County (Newport)**

Committee Chair: Jim Hermes

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closes June 10, 2005

## **WITHIN EXTENSION**

### **Retiree News**

The **2005 September Extension Retiree Outing** at Klamath Falls, is scheduled for Sept. 14-16 (arrive Wednesday evening, depart Friday mid-morning). There is lots to see in the Klamath basin including the arrival of migratory birds. Program activity will be in and around Klamath Falls, the schedule will be finalized and reservation information for the Best Western Olympic Inn will be mailed later. Approximate costs will be \$50 per person or \$100 per couple plus lodging.(includes 2 breakfasts, 1 box lunch and a catered dinner for each attendee).

Please let **Ray McNeilan** know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend and he will send you the registration form. For now, save the dates and we will see your smiling faces in September. Newly retired staff are encouraged to attend and get acquainted with some of the "old timers". For more information, contact **Ray McNeilan**, [jrassocinc@aol.com](mailto:jrassocinc@aol.com) phone: 503-245-3840

## **ON THE HOME FRONT**

**Shirley Chow**, Fiscal Unit, announced that her son William has received an internship with the OSU Nuclear Engineering Department for the summer. William was the successful high school candidate for this prestigious honor. He will be working directly with a professor in research.

### **Births**

**Ron and Deanna Hathaway**, Klamath County are grandparents again! Katherine Anne Grayson, was born on May 2, 2005 in New Hampshire to Tom and Megan (Ron & Deanna's daughter). Katherine weighed in at 7lbs 6oz.

*Do you know of something happening in your office that you'd like to share? Perhaps a birth of a son or daughter or grandchild? Recognitions received? Has someone in your office experienced a loss of a loved one? We'd like to hear from you. Although we are spread across the miles, it's important that we stay connected. Please help us do that.*

Send any information you would like shared with the organization, to Janet Drollinger [janet.drollinger@oregonstate.edu](mailto:janet.drollinger@oregonstate.edu) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.