

Extension This Month – December 2004

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.

Happy Holidays from the Office of the Dean and Director
Kelvin Debbie John Julie Dina Kim Janet

NATIONAL NEWS UPDATES

As you know, the federal budget situation was highly constrained this year, and the agriculture appropriations bill faced many challenges, including a reduced 302(b) allocation and increased costs for the WIC program. Against this backdrop, we are pleased to report that the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) was one of a few federal agencies (outside DOD and DHS) to receive an increase in funding between F.Y. 2004 and F.Y. 2005. The CSREES budget grew by \$48.7 million this year, which translates into a 4.4% increase for the agency. (The increase would have been 5.2% but for the 0.8% across-the-board cut made to all domestic spending programs in H.R.4818.) The following table shows the CSREES increases broken down by the agency's major funding categories:

Research and Education Activities	+\$37,715,000
Extension Activities	+\$6,506,000
Integrated Activities	+\$4,517,000

In regard to Extension line items, How did we fare in restoring cuts from the FY 2004 Ag appropriations bill? EFNEP, Water Quality, Food Safety and Pesticide Impact received restored funding; Pest Management and Renewable Resources Extension Act, received partial restoration.

- Excerpts from the BRT Report from Washington – November 29, 2004

STATE NEWS UPDATES

OSU Extension Dean/Director Search Update

Provost **Sabah Randhawa** has commenced preliminary work for a national search for a new Dean and Director of OSU Extension Service. He will name a search committee chair and invite other search committee members this week. The committee will commence their work in January, and the search is expected to take six to nine months.

Thank You

Thanks to all of you who generously donated to the Extension Professional Development Fund. During Extension Conference we received, \$1,913 in new pledges along with \$3,672 in continuing pledges for a total of \$5,585 donations to support the professional development activities of Extension's faculty and staff. Thank you again! For those of you still interested in donating, send your donations to the OSU Foundation, PO Box, 1438, Corvallis, OR 97339 – identifying them for the OSU Extension Professional Development Fund.

Extension Computing & Technology Unit Update

Nathan Power will be leaving the ECTU support team to take a six month Professional Developmental position as IT Manager for our server support team. This is a great opportunity for Nathan and we are happy that he can have this chance to further his skills. For the duration of the six months which we will be without Nathan, Tim Bateman will be backfilling for Nathan. Tim comes to us from one of our other CN support teams and will be taking the technical lead role for our team. We welcome Tim to our team and hope you will all welcome him to Extension. We are beginning a two week phase in period to transition Nathan and Tim into their temporary positions. Everything should be finalized by December 28th.

PROGRAM NEWS UPDATES

“Internationalizing Extension” is Goal of ESP Global Relations group

A recent meeting of the Epsilon Sigma Phi Global Relations Committee reconfirmed the group’s goal of giving a more international scope to the work of OSU Extension faculty and staff.

Committee chair **Ken Kingsley** said the Committee is continuing to move on current projects while developing some new ones. The current projects include:

- developing a cooperative project with a university in Mexico to enhance Mexican language skills and cultural understanding among Extension professionals and community leaders in Oregon;
- developing grant proposals for projects in Russia involving youth and horticulture (home and commercial);
- getting the Committee’s “international experience database” online for greater access by Extension faculty in Oregon and by international development groups around the world;
- producing a 5-year plan for the Committee, which was approved at their recent meeting;
- working with the OSU Alumni Office to identify OSU alumni in countries targeted for international projects; and
- working with OSU’s Office of International Research and Development to identify cooperative activities.

Activities being explored include: working with current students from targeted countries to expand understanding of cultural and other issues that could enhance the ability of Extension faculty to do their jobs; and a variety of activities that would allow faculty and staff to share what they learned from their international work experiences.

Faculty and staff interested in the Committee’s work can get on the group’s listserv by emailing Kingsley at ken.kingsley@oregonstate.edu

THIS 'N THAT

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 15-17, 2004 -	Extension Staff Chair/Department Head Leadership meeting
January 25-27, 2005	Northwest Agricultural Show, Portland Convention Center
February 10, 2005	New Hire Orientation
May 19, 2005	New Hire Orientation
July 13-15, 2005	Western Region Mid Managers Conference
July 17-21, 2005 Buffalo NY	NACAA Annual Mtg/Professional Improvement 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.

Mary Arnold, 4-H Youth Development, received the 2004 Excellence in Evaluation Training Award from the American Evaluation Association.

RETIREE NEWS

OSU recently reissued new OSU ID cards to all faculty and staff. The new cards replace the old ID numbers which were your social security number with a new randomly selected ID number. The new OSU ID cards are also available for emeritus. To obtain a new ID card, visit the ID Center at the Memorial Union Room 215.

PERSONNEL

New Hires

Maria Falcon, Marion County – Education Program Assistant – 11/8/04

Mary Mucia, Linn County – Secretary – 11/8/04

Jose Regalado – Wasco County – Education Program Assistant – 11/15/04

Angelica Sandoval, Marion County – Education Program Assistant – 11/22/04

Emily Cosci, Marion County – Watershed Education Coordinator – 11/22/04

Susan Hunt, Josephine County – Education Program Assistant – 11/1/04

New Assignment

Holly Pederson, FCD Instructor, Food & Nutrition Satellite Office

Recruitment Updates

#018-991 Extension Faculty, Sea Grant Seafood Technology/Fisheries

Clatsop County – Seafood laboratory (Astoria)

Committee Chair: Ed Kolbe

Candidate Selected: Michael Thompson Start Date: January, 2005

Status: Pending New Hire paperwork

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

Committee Chair: Anne Manlove

Candidate Selected:

Status: Close date November 15, 2004

**#018-998 – 4-H Youth Development (0.75 FTE)
Jefferson County (Madras)**

Committee Chair: Jim Rutledge

Candidate Selected: Rebecca Mills

Status: Pending new hire paperwork

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

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood

Candidate Selected:

Status: Re-Announce #018-999 Close date January 14, 2005

**#018-1003 – Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Forestry Educator-After School
Programs (0.5 FTE)**

Polk County, Dallas, OR

Committee Chair: John Burt

Candidate Selected: Committee has made a recommendation

Status: Pending PAA approval

**#018-1005 – Extension Faculty, Sea Grant Fisheries and Seafood (1.0 FTE)
Lincoln County, Newport**

Committee Chair: Paul Heikkila

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interviews scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd

**#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: Extended close date December 15, 2004

**#018-1007 - Extension Faculty, Operations Manager (1.0 FTE)
Lane County (Eugene)**

Committee Chair: Charlotte Riersgard

Candidate Selected:

Status: Close Date December 10, 2004

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

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood

Candidate Selected:

Status: Close date December 20, 2004

**#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: Close date December 10, 2004

WITHIN EXTENSION

You're Invited!

Please join us on December 10, to honor **Arlene Boileau**, Warm Springs 4-H program on her retirement from Extension after 18 years of service. The celebration begins at 5pm at the Agency Longhouse, Washut Services. Dinner will be at 6pm. RSVP to OSU Extension – Warm Springs at 541-553-3238

ON THE HOME FRONT

Get Well

Teresa Hogue, Deschutes County, is home recuperating from surgery.

Mary Mann, Extension Fiscal Unit, is home recuperating from surgery.

Deaths

Fred Obermiller, Ag Resource & Economics faculty member, died Wednesday, December 1. A celebration of life will be held on campus **Friday, January 14, 2005** from 2-5 pm in the Memorial Union Lounge. A program will be around 3:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

The family has also asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the OSU Foundation for the Fred Obermiller scholarship fund. Those wishing to post memories of Fred may do so by using the following email link [Obermiller Memory Book Obituary](#) (pdf) or through the AREC Department Web page at <http://arec.oregonstate.edu>

Bill Farrell, Professor Emeritus and former Grant County Extension Agent (40 years) passed away November 13 in Beaverton. The family has requested contributions be sent to the Grant County 4-H Program, c/o OSU Extension Service, 201 S. Humbolt, Suite 190, Canyon City, OR 97820

Our Sympathy goes to

Jordan Maley, Gilliam County, on the death of his father-in-law.

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 by the 25th of each month.