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ANR Retiree Newsletter

Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT GOMES

Budget Update

There is no doubt that ANR will face many challenges in the next few years as the University deals with deep budget cuts and the state's unprecedented deficit. Last fall, Associate Vice President Vaux and I were able to protect AES programs from the full brunt of an across-the-board 10 percent cut to UC research by cutting administration and liquidating reserves.



Now we are dealing with a 5 percent cut to Cooperative Extension's budget. This was part of a \$74.2 million mid-year cut to UC teaching, research and public service programs announced by the Governor in December.

However, the outlook for 2003-04 and 2004-05 is ominous, with a state deficit estimated at between \$26 billion and \$35 billion. Every state-funded program is at risk as the Governor and Legislature look to close the budget gap. UC is no exception.

The Governor's 2003-04 budget includes \$299 million in new cuts for the University. If approved by the Legislature, this would mean an overall reduction of \$533.3 million for UC compared to July 1, 2001. Student and professional school fees, which were increased by The Regents in December, would be raised again in 2003-04 if the cuts remain. Several programs, including K-12 educational outreach and teacher professional development, face cuts of 50 percent or more.

Our programs also face additional cuts. The Governor's budget proposal would cut Cooperative Extension's budget another 25 percent and UC state-funded research by another 10 percent. For UCCE, this would mean a 30 percent (\$14 million plus) cumulative cut. If the research cut is applied across-the-board, AES would take a 20 percent (\$19 million) cumulative cut.

Obviously, these cuts would have devastating effects on our ability to deliver the high quality research and Cooperative Extension programs that California agriculture, the natural resources and environmental communities, health care and nutrition providers, and families rely on. Our top priority is to work with clientele to have these proposed cuts reduced. Please take a moment to read the ANR budget fact sheet in this issue.

Things change from day to day, but one thing is certain. While the short term will be painful, we will weather this budget crisis, just as we have in the past. In the weeks and months to come we will keep you informed as more information on the budget situation is available. I welcome your comments, thoughts and suggestions. Please e-mail me at wr.gomes@ucop.edu.

ANR Town-Hall Conference Call

Tuesday, February 25, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Participants should dial 1-888-464-1371

Passcode: ANR

Leader's name: VP Reg Gomes

*(To mute background noise from your phone, press *6. To speak, unmute by pressing *6 again.)*

Vice President Gomes has scheduled a town-hall conference call with retirees to discuss proposed state budget cuts and get feedback. All interested retirees are invited to participate in this 30-minute town-hall conference call to ask questions and make comments.

UC Awarded \$1.8 Million for Specialty Crops

The "Buy California" program of the California Department of Food and Agriculture has awarded UC \$1.8 million in grants for specialty crops research. Research focus areas include agricultural enhancement of environmental quality, biological control of pests, management systems for ecologically-based agriculture, including organic production, and new crops and products. The research projects, which will be conducted between now and March 2005, are centered on sustainable agriculture and reduced-input and reduced-risk farming. In addition, the Buy California Initiative awarded over \$1 million in competitive grants to the campuses.

ANR Retiree/Enrichment Fund

Thanks to the generosity of many of you, the ANR Retiree/Enrichment Fund is growing. This fund will soon allow us to support some important projects and I look forward to reporting on those to you.

4-H Youth Development "Programs of Excellence 2001"

National 4-H Headquarters has identified 5 California 4-H Youth Development programs among the "4-H Programs of Excellence 2001." These shining examples of innovative 4-H programming include: **Animal Ambassadors** (use of domestic and wild animals to help youngsters develop an interest in science); **YES** (teenagers in the Youth Experiences in Science project teach hands-on science to 1st through 3rd graders); **Seeds for Larger Service** (a NASA-mentored project to create science experiments for U.S. space flights); **Teens as Teachers** (teenagers train in team-building, science processes, rocket science and teaching methods and then plan lessons and teach fifth graders); and **4-H Computer Corps** (teens serve as Web masters of the California 4-H Youth Development Program Web site and assist local clubs to develop their own sites). "Programs of Excellence" are an excellent source of program inspirations for 4-H youth development program staff throughout the nation.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NATION
Steve Nation, Executive Director - ANR Gov. & Ext. Relations

Recently, Vice President Gomes released a fact sheet that describes the consequences of the proposed 2003-04 budget cuts of 30% to Cooperative Extension and 20% to UC research programs, and what this will mean for all Californians.

So that all members of the ANR family have the same information, the fact sheet is included with this newsletter and is also available on-line at <http://ucanr.org/internal/internalstories/stakeholders.shtml>. As you have opportunities to talk with colleagues, clientele, decision makers and the public, we hope you will refer to these talking points.

In the coming months the Legislature will be making difficult budget decisions in order to close the \$26-35 billion shortfall. We are prepared to shoulder our share, but need to make every effort to inform our stakeholders and decision makers of the dire consequences to UCCE and UC research programs they value if such drastic budget cuts are approved in Sacramento.

Please feel free to contact me by telephone at (510) 987-0036, or by e-mail at steve.nation@ucop.edu, if you have questions about the budget or suggestions to share.

COMING EVENTS

2003 ANR Statewide Retiree Reunion in Napa, CA

October 8-10, 2003 *Reunion Co-Chairpersons*

Vic Brown, Herb Weisheit and Evelyn Wunderlich

Plans for the 2003 ANR Statewide Retiree Reunion are well underway. All ANR retirees are invited to gather at the Embassy Suites in Napa. Dean Donaldson and Diane Wallace are planning an interesting program, including a visit to COPIA and dinner at V. Sattui Winery.



We hope you will join us for what we are sure will be a stimulating few days, both intellectually and socially. Invitations will be mailed in June. Please call Cindy Barber at (510) 987-9139 or e-mail cynthia.barber@ucop.edu for more information.

UCCE Home Economists Reunion

Santa Cruz is the place to be!

The 11th reunion of the Cooperative Extension Home Economists Retirees, their spouses and friends will be held at the lovely new UCSC Inn and Conference Center in downtown Santa Cruz from October 14-16, 2003. An exciting program, including interesting field trips, is planned for attendees. Committee members Audrey Riley, Ann Wise, Jeane Johnson, and Olivia Thebus will send program details soon. Meanwhile, save the October 2003 dates and plan to come!

LEAVING A LEGACY — THE KENDRICK STORY

Planned gifts allow one to meet personal financial planning needs and goals while supporting a charitable organization of choice. The various planned giving plans available provide

different benefits. They may offer an immediate tax deduction, a life income, avoidance of capital gains taxes, or estate tax benefits. The most common form of planned giving is by means of a bequest. A bequest is a provision in a Will in which a portion of the estate is directed to a specific beneficiary. This is the tool that the late James Kendrick, former vice president - Agriculture and Natural Resources, and his wife, Evelyn, decided to use for the purpose of making a gift to the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Years ago, Jim and Evelyn decided to make a gift to ANR. They made a provision in their Will to name ANR as a beneficiary of a portion of their estate, for use where the need is greatest. In a recent conversation, Evelyn explained that when they arrived at this decision Jim said, "UC has been very, very good to us and to many. I would like to give something back." She went on to say, "Jim had a love affair with the University which endured inevitable trials and tribulations. His devotion to UC began at an early and impressionable age, when his own father was a plant pathologist at UC Davis." That devotion grew during his undergraduate years at UC Berkeley and later as a plant pathologist at UC Riverside. Throughout his distinguished career he remained passionate about his work and about UC.

Following Jim's death in 1989, it was important to Evelyn that she continue to honor his desire to make a provision in their Will for ANR. Not only had ANR been a very important part of their life together, but it remains important to all Californians and, indeed, the nation. In making this gift, the Kendricks have enhanced the legacy of Jim's extraordinary career at the University of California, and will make a lasting impact on the important work accomplished by ANR.

SOME RETIREES KEEP GIVING AND GIVING, AND...

by Jack Chambers

Some Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources retirees continue to contribute to their communities or career fields years after they have retired. This is about two retirees who have continued research, teaching and/or community service for over a decade after leaving Cooperative Extension.

Ron Tyler, who retired in 1991 as County Director of Santa Cruz County, still lives in Santa Cruz and enjoys traveling, golfing and growing in the art of photography. However, Ron has had his hand in a number of significant agriculturally-related projects. For example, he has been a pivotal member of a group of local citizens who have worked hard over the last eighteen years to make a dream come true. After careful planning, enduring the rigors of land acquisition and the building project, a museum (dedicated to the history of agriculture in the county), is nearly completed on the Watsonville fairgrounds.

Two different USAID (U.S. Agency of International Development) Russian ventures in which Ron was asked to participate turned out to be unique experiences. In a former Soviet Union



“secret” city, authorities wanted Ron to help their microbiologists and soils analysts (who had evidently dedicated their laboratory time in the past to “other” endeavors) to form an agricultural college and extension service. It did not take too long for Ron to recognize the enormous difficulties present to hinder that kind of project. Needless to say, it was an enlightening, though brief, experience for Ron.

The other visit to Russia for USAID was much more productive. Ron and Dottie actually lived on a farm near the town of Voronizh, located about 350 miles southeast of Moscow. Ron was successful in helping area farmers address local pomology issues, such as those associated with apple production, harvesting and post-harvest techniques.

For a time after retiring, Ron remained as Acting County Director. He was active in the Master Gardener program as well. Now he is Vice President of Agri-Culture, a non-profit educational organization. One focus agriculture class, which meets monthly, is designed to educate community leaders and others about agriculture. A history course on agriculture highlights the ethnic makeup of area farmers and farm workers.

The Agri-Culture Board also administers a farm worker-housing fund. Ron said “Moneys sent to the Farm Bureau and Red Cross to assist with recovery from the 1989 earthquake are used as start-up loans to help groups get initial work done to get financing for projects. The most recent success was the complete rehabilitation of the San Andreas Labor Camp, from run-down condition to nice family housing for farm labor.” All of these efforts seem to say that Ron Tyler will remain deeply involved in some facet of agriculture for a long time to come.



Bill Isom and his wife, Joyce, live in Riverside where they have spent much of their lives. Before retiring in 1988, Bill worked at the UC Riverside campus as an Agronomy Specialist with program responsibilities for cereal, forage crops, weed sciences, and dry edible legumes.

Bill wanted to keep his hand in his research area without doing what he had been doing all along as a Specialist. He owns some property in southwest Utah within a mile of the western boundary of Zion National Park. Bill’s brother, Clinton, had been growing a few pistachio nut trees in that area and they seemed to be doing pretty well, despite the fact that the annual rainfall is only about twelve inches and there are no other sources of water. Bill found out pistachio trees are native to Iran and most of that country’s climate and soil are similar to that of his property.

He decided to do a “test plot” on 20 of his 120 acres of deep red soil, some of which is volcanic in origin. His brother helped him plant Kerman variety pistachio seedlings which Bill said were probably developed at UC Davis. Nurseries now routinely graft male and female buds onto wild rootstocks like those that are native to Iran. After beginning with seeds placed in sandy “hot beds” moistened enough to get them started, he let the plants grow until they showed a top growth of about two or three inches. He found with just that much of a tiny tree

above the ground the taproots would be up to a foot and a half in length.

The next step was to “poke a small metal rod into the soil to make a hole for the seedling, then backfill the holes with sand and a cup of water.” The trees, which Bill said “are tougher than a boiled owl,” grew rapidly over eight years without irrigation and even grew a couple of feet when two of those years each produced only about an inch of rain. Bill said, “I had one tree that I planted ten or twelve years ago and it was out where I ran over it with the tractor and the disc. It was just out of place, the poor thing just kept resisting and growing back. So this last year I decided to prune it up and make a shade tree out of it. It was twelve or fifteen feet tall already.” Part of Bill’s success story is the trees are planted on thirty-foot centers, weeds are discouraged by cultivation and pests are kept from causing too much tree damage. “After the successes with pistachio tree establishment, I have found that the same system will work with almonds. The only problem with almonds is that rodents and deer (prefer almonds, and) I’ll have to cope with those problems,” added Bill.

One expert told Bill he was doing everything wrong. And yet, the results of his work are remarkable, and it’s clear that Bill is an outstanding product of his own making and of UCCE.



THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FAMILY New Retiree Guestbook

We are pleased to announce the arrival of the new **Retiree Guestbook** which may be found at <http://ucanr.org/devserv/>. Use the guestbook to share your news or read about the activities of your friends and colleagues. *(For the full text of the messages shared below, visit the guestbook.)*

CE Family News

Blair Bailey is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery and is caring for his wife, **Phyllis**, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer. **Skip and Jane Bolton** experienced their first Elderhostel at the Lemon Creek Lodge at Slocan Lane, B.C., and revisited the Heritage Inn in Nelson. **Robin Burr Brisco** can be found on the tennis court most mornings. The remainder of her day is spent producing vests, jackets and purses, designing Japanese gardens and home offices. **James Cothorn** enjoyed a spring trip to France with his wife, **Pat**. During the summer he worked in the development of the Merced County General Plan - a hot issue with the advent of UC Merced. He enjoyed the opportunity to work with UCCE colleagues, particularly with **Bill van Riet**, who is also working on the project. Fifty years of judging 4-H and Open Class county and state fair exhibits in Oregon brought **Anne Girod Foster** some well-deserved recognition. She is now retired after more than 20 years of teaching at Portland Community College. An early snow chased **Jan Harwood** from her new cottage on Little Traverse Lake, Michigan, back to California. Her cottage will

be available for rent by next summer! Now 82 years of age and retired since 1986, **Jerry Lester** has kept busy visiting daughters and grandchildren, traveling and serving on several advisory councils. **Jewell Meyer** is consulting Cal Trans in Imperial County regarding freeway expansion. He and his wife, **Dolores**, have been traveling extensively. **Pete and Flo Passof** sailed down the Intracoastal Waterway, from Narragansett Bay to West Palm Beach. Their trip included visits of several historic ports, including Baltimore, Norfolk, Charleston, Savannah and St. Augustine. From Merced, **Ann Petersen** writes that grading for the new UC Merced is now underway. She is active in her church and recently visited family in Oklahoma and Las Vegas. Fifteen family members helped **Fisk and Barbara Phelps** celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. **George Rendell** has been serving as bag man and part-time driver for **Sandy** as she serves her year's term as Foreperson of the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury. In September **Bill and Laura Sailsbery** made their first visit to the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Their travels also took them to central and western Montana and the Couer d'Alene in Idaho. **Robert H. Schmidt**, who has been an assistant and associate professor in Utah State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, is currently in the Department of Environment and Society where students keep him energized. **Don and Virginia Toenjes** are very busy managing all aspects of their 71-acre almond orchard. During the off-season they are able to travel the world. After retiring in 1974, **Jack Underhill** consulted overseas for 13 years. Now he and his wife, **Helen** (4-H Home Advisor, 1946-48), keep busy with church, family, traveling and alumni activities. Jack is an alternate member of the California Asparagus Commission and secretary of a group of retired San Joaquin County agriculturists. **Tim Wallace** co-founded the Claremont Canyon Conservancy, averages 6-8 trips abroad annually, and spends a lot of time at his island retreat in Puget Sound. **Craig Weakley** is currently Vice President of Agriculture for Small Planet Foods (a subsidiary of General Mills) which produces and markets organic fruit and vegetable products. Craig lives in Anacortes, Washington with his wife, **Claudia**. **Bill Weitkamp**, recent recipient of the 2002 Agriculturalist of the Year Award by the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau, says that he shares this award with all the men and women who have worked alongside him in UCCE for years. **Norma and Peter Wightman** spent 6 weeks down under visiting family and friends, snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef, hiking in the Grampians and viewing snoozing Koalas on Kangaroo Island.



AWARDS

Kenneth R. Farrell, vice president emeritus, received a USDA *Plow Group Honor Award* for his recent work in Armenia. **Tom Schultz**, Tulare County CE dairy farm advisor emeritus, received the 2002 *Friends of Ag Extension Award*. **Bill Weitkamp** was selected as the 2002 *Agriculturalist of the Year* by the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Hagan, UC Davis professor emeritus of water science, died on July 3, 2002.

Chester Hemstreet, Jr., former UCCE county director in Lake County, passed away on August 9, 2002.

Alice Pagter, former word processing specialist, passed away on December 12, 2002.

Charles Rick, UC Davis plant geneticist, died in May, 2002.

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ANR REPORT UPDATE

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NEW DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WEB SITE

We are pleased to announce that ANR Development Services has a new Web site, located at <http://ucanr.org/devserv/>. You may use this site to learn about upcoming events, view the ANR Retiree Newsletter, stay in touch with friends and colleagues by using the Retiree Guestbook, locate friends in the Retiree Directory, learn about giving to ANR, and link to other ANR Web pages.

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