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Gov. Davis’ proposed new state budget would fund two of the three augmentations Regents requested for Division programs in 2001-02.

The governor’s spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1 provides one-time allocations of $3 million for Pierce’s disease/invasive species research and $3 million to support staffing and infrastructure for environmental field sites, including Natural Reserve System sites. Half of each allocation is to be used to assist graduate student researchers. They had asked for permanent funding, but the governor’s plan recommends one-time allocations. The $1 million permanent augmentation for Cooperative Extension, as well as a one-time allocation of $100,000 to begin planning for a Central Coast Research and Extension Center, did not make it into the governor’s plan.

“The uncertainty of the economy has prompted the governor to budget very carefully, especially for recurring funds,” said Vice President Gomes. “We are hopeful that the economy will allow a second look at these important items as the year progresses.”

Under the governor’s plan, UC’s state-funded operating budget would rise 6.3 percent in 2001-02. This would fund the enrollment of 5,700 more students, maintain affordable fees for students and their families, boost employee salaries and maintain high-quality teaching, research and public service programs.

“This is a budget that will allow the University of California to continue admitting all qualified students and providing them an education of the highest quality, while also focusing on the economic and social needs of California,” said President Atkinson. “We are grateful.

Two augmentations for Division programs would be funded under state budget proposal for 2001-02

Registration confirmations
Registration confirmations will be sent during the first week of February, according to “Odyssey 2001” organizers.

Division mourns the death of Carol L. Gomes

Carol and Reg primarily in connection to their years here in California, I would like to offer some remarks about Carol’s role at Illinois—a role for which she should be remembered,” said UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl in his eulogy. In 1988, as provost at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign he appointed Reg Gomes dean of the College of Agriculture.

Berdahl described Mrs. Gomes’ impact on the University of Illinois as “widely and deeply felt.”

“Not detail was too small for her, no event too unim

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To the governor for his strong and consistent commitment to higher education.

The plan provides the second phase of funding for the California Institutes for Science and Innovation and for a UC initiative to strengthen undergraduate education. It also expands support for graduate programs, provides new state support for summer instruction at three campuses—UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC Santa Barbara—and funds an expansion of student retention services.

There is funding in the proposal for an average 2 percent employee salary increase, along with funding for merit increases for eligible employees.

The budget would provide an additional $10 million to improve compensation for staff positions where pay levels currently lag the market. (Actual distribution of salary increases varies by compensation program and is subject to collective bargaining requirements.)

It also provides an additional 1 percent increase for faculty, to keep their salaries competitive with those of UC’s comparison institutions across the country.

Davis’ spending plan, released Jan. 10, will now be considered by the Legislature and revised by the governor in May, when new revenue forecasts become available.

Final action on the budget generally occurs in June.

For highlights of the UC budget, visit http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/uwnews/

Names in the news

Anthony “Tony” E. Hall of the UC Riverside department of botany and plant sciences, has received the Chair’s Award for Scientific Excellence from the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development. BIFAD is an advisory group to the U.S. Agency for International Development. Hall has worked with U.S. and African scientists since 1974 to develop improved varieties of blackeye peas (known as cowpeas in most areas of the world) for the Sahelian region of West Africa, an area plagued by drought, hunger and poverty. He also has collaborated with other UCR faculty to provide U.S. growers with better cultivars. The varieties he has helped to develop produce grain and flower earlier, have resistance to numerous diseases, and show increased tolerance to cold and heat. (UCR “Kudos”)

Three DANR members are among the 10 UC Davis faculty members selected as Chancellor’s Fellows. They are M. Michael Sanderson, associate professor of evolution and ecology; Scott Rozelle, associate professor of agricultural and resource economics and Andrew Waterhouse, associate professor of viticulture and enology. The Chancellor’s Fellows Program honors achievements of outstanding faculty members early in their careers. Each receives a one-time award of $25,000.

Odyssey 2001’ speakers (from p. 1)

Here are brief profiles of the other scheduled speakers.

Owner/operator of J.K. Thille Farm, Dorcas Thille is a member of the UC Agricultural Issues Center Advisory Board, the Calavo Avocado Marketing Cooperative and the Saticy Lemon Cooperative. She was on the Hansen Trust’s advisory board from 1993 to 2000. She is also a member of the UC President’s Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources and is president of a local water commission board.

Hat Creek Valley rancher Pam Giacomini and her husband, Henry, manage a commercial cattle operation across three counties in Northern California. As the California Farm Bureau’s Northern Region field representative, she works on a variety of natural resource issues, including CALFED, public lands grazing and watershed management. She has a journalism degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she is in a master’s degree program in agriculture. She is an alumna of the California Agricultural Leadership Program.

Dr. Elias Lopez is the deputy director of research and evaluation for the California Children and Families Commission, directing statewide research under way as part of Proposition 10 funding to counties. A UC Davis graduate in agricultural economics, he previously worked as a demographer for the state.

As deputy chief administrative officer for San Diego County, Bob Copper mans departments that deal with land use, environmental health protection, transportation and infrastructure. As a key member of the county’s executive team, he works closely with the board of supervisors and the chief administrative officer to implement new management practices that stress customer service, accountability and teamwork. He has worked as a journalist and taught ornithology at Pasadena City College for 10 years. He attended UC Riverside.

Also on the speakers roster are evaluation expert Michael Quinn Patton and American Farmland Trust president Ralph Grossi. Their profiles were published in the last ANR Report.
NRS receives Packard grant for oak ecosystems study

The Natural Reserve System (NRS) has received a $263,600 grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to develop the framework for a long-term research, monitoring and training program to restore and manage California’s threatened coastal oak ecosystems.

More than 3 million acres of California’s oak woodland and grassland ecosystems have now been identified as being at risk. These ecosystems are in decline biologically and are also being lost to residential and agricultural development. Studies have shown that even on undeveloped lands, many oak species are failing to reproduce. In fact, in many areas of coastal California, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find blue oaks and valley oaks that are less than 75 years old.

This grant from the Packard Foundation will support an extensive nine-month planning effort by leading UC environmental field scientists and staffs at the UC Berkeley, Davis, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz campuses. An interdisciplinary team of experts will assess the current state of scientific knowledge of California foothill woodland and grassland ecosystems. They will also identify suitable sites—both NRS reserves and non-UC sites—where research, monitoring and training programs can be conducted over the next 10 years. Strong relationships will be developed with partner organizations and individuals to create and analyze mechanisms for applying the results of the research, disseminating data and eliciting user feedback. In addition, parallel social science research will be performed to inform policy designs and management strategies for these ecosystems.

The funding comes from the Packard Foundation’s Conserving California Landscapes Initiative.

“The award demonstrates the foundation’s understanding that preserving open space is only the beginning of saving the biological diversity of oak woodlands, and that informed stewardship and scientifically sound management and monitoring are also needed,” said UC Santa Barbara environmental scientist Frank Davis, the project’s principal investigator.

In addition to Davis, core participants include, from UC Santa Barbara, Claudia Tyler and Jim Reichman, director, National Institute of Ecological Analysis and Synthesis; from UC Berkeley, Carla D’Antonio and Mark Stromberg; from UC Santa Cruz, Daniel Press and John Thompson; from UC Davis, Susan Harrison and Kevin Rice; from the Nature Conservancy of California, Sanjay Muttulingam; from the UC Office of the President, Alexander Glazer, director of the Natural Reserve System.

The grant will be administered by the Marine Science Institute at UC Santa Barbara.

ANR hosts hands-on seminar series for news media

The Agricultural Biotechnology Seminar for News Media was part of a continuing series of events aimed at bringing UC experts together with media representatives for their mutual benefit. In the past, media training for advisors and specialists featured reporters and assignment editors as speakers; another year advisors and specialists sat down for an informal lunch with TV and newspaper staff. In 2001, a hands-on seminar for the news media will again focus on a single hot topic. Advisors or specialists interested in suggesting a topic for the 2001 seminar or becoming involved in the program may contact Jeannette Warnert, 559/241-7514, jwarnert@uckac.edu—J.W.
Henry J. Vaux Sr., professor emeritus of forestry at UC Berkeley and former chair of the state’s Board of Forestry, died on Dec. 22 in Berkeley after a brief illness. He was 88.

A celebration of his life will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Men’s Faculty Club at UCB.

“Henry James Vaux was one of the most innovative people in the forest policy arena,” said Rick Standiford, UCB associate dean for forestry, College of Natural Resources. “He was one of the giants in forestry in California.”

Vaux joined the UCB faculty in 1948 on completing a PhD in agricultural economics at the campus. Appointed professor in agricultural economics after completing a year as an associate professor, Vaux was named professor in 1955, he guided the college through a period of rapid growth for the next 10 years. He retired in 1978, but continued to be active in research and teaching.

Vaux was best known for his contributions to the field of forest economics and forest policy. His research in forestry formed the basis for the development of modern forest practices and his leadership was pivotal to the evolution of forest policy in California. Over his 45-year career as a forestry economist, Vaux emphasized the need for forestry practitioners to be accountable to the public and for forest management decisions to be based on strong scientific and professional principles.

With legislators and policy makers seeking his advice, Vaux played a significant role in the development of California’s forestry laws during the 1960s and 70s. These laws included a forest practices act, which created for the state a public trust responsibility to protect environmental attributes, such as soil and water on forested lands. A forest tax reform act eliminated tax incentives to harvest timber prematurely, and a forest improvement act created a fiscal partnership between the state and private forest landowners aimed at improving forest management on private land.

In 1976, then-Gov. Jerry Brown appointed Vaux chair of the state Board of Forestry. He subsequently was appointed for a second term, serving until 1983.

Among the many honors he received were the Gifford Pinchot Medal from the American Foresters, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Forestry Association and the Berkeley Citation from UCB upon his retirement. He was a fellow of the California Academy of Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1999, the College of Natural Resources established the Henry Vaux Forestry Education Center at Blodgett Forest near Auburn. Last fall, CNR announced the establishment of the Henry Vaux Distinguished Professorship in Forest Policy.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Henry Vaux Distinguished Professorship, c/o the College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley, CA 94720-3100.

John Hoyt, who served as Kern County director/farm advisor for 20 years, passed away on Jan. 6 at age 83. His memorial service took place in Cambria on Jan. 14.

Prior to his move to Kern County, he was the agronomy advisor in Fresno County. He retired in 1975.

Hodge Black, his successor as CD, said: “I thought the world of John. He was my mentor. He was a very effective leader who had the ability to inspire staff to do their best.” Hoyt was a cotton/soils advisor in Fresno County and a pioneer in mechanization of harvesting, Black said.

Dale C. Cannon died on Nov. 8 in Lake County. He was 74. Cannon retired in 1987 after 35 years of service with UCCE. As the county’s livestock and 4-H advisor, he organized 4-H, worked with local cattle ranchers and growers and helped bring wild rice and sheep to the area, said Rod Shippey, former Mendocino County farm advisor. Before moving to Lake County in 1965, Cannon worked as a 4-H youth advisor in San Luis Obispo County.

“Dale was a dedicated individual who was supportive of staff in the Lake County CE office... and worked closely with many agricultural agencies and groups,” said San Benito County CE Director Pat Johns. She recalled that he spent “countless hours” with the Junior Livestock Committee and the county fair. He also worked with Shippey on collaborative youth development projects at the Hopland Research and Extension Center, she said.

“He truly enjoyed working with people and they enjoyed him as well,” Johns added. “Dale had a great sense of humor.”

“Dale was very comfortable to work with,” Shippey said. “He energized people.”
New UC newsletter presents current ‘life skills’ information

By Jeannette Warnert

Research-based information on nutrition, childcare, parenting, money management and other life skills is now in a new ANR newsletter.

The quarterly LifeSkills newsletter, provided free in either paper or electronic form, is designed for professionals who work with low-income families and, in particular, those who work with families making the transition from welfare to work.

“When people enter the workforce, they must acquire a wide variety of new skills to make the transition successful,” said Margaret Johns, UC Cooperative Extension nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor in Kern County who created the newsletter. “They need job skills, but also must now face the challenges of finding childcare, quickly cooking nutritious meals and maintaining involvement in their children’s education.”

LifeSkills gives people who work in government and charitable social services offices access to the latest scientifically sound information on life skills topics in a clear, easy-to-read format, enabling them to better serve their clientele.

Each issue of the four-page newsletter contains four or five articles from UC scientists or researchers, from universities or agencies in other parts of the country and a single-page camera-ready low-literacy handout in English and Spanish that can be duplicated and distributed directly to families.

The newsletter is a project of the “Gateway to a Better Life” workgroup.

“Gateway to a Better Life” is a curriculum offered by UC Cooperative Extension to agencies and educational institutions that are teaching basic life skills to people entering the workforce.

Nancy Feldman, UCCE nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor in Stanislaus County, is the newsletter editor. A different two-person team drawn from the “Gateway to a Better Life” workgroup compiles each LifeSkills issue.

To receive LifeSkills in PDF format by email, send a request to connie.costello@ucr.edu.

The current and back issues of the newsletter are available online at http://www.danrpeoplelinks.ucr.edu/nb3/nb3.html.

Hopland issues call for proposals

Hopland Research and Extension Center seeks research project proposals for the period June 1, 2001, through May 31, 2002.

Proposals are due at Hopland on March 15.

The center celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Hopland REC encompasses more than 5,300 acres of oak woodland, grassland and chaparral rangeland in southeastern Mendocino County. It presently supports a diverse mix of projects in subjects that include animal science, range management, wildlife ecology, entomology and epidemiology, pest management, viticulture, and natural resources management.

New projects utilizing the center’s laboratory, greenhouse, resident sheep flock of 800 breeding ewes, 2-acre cabernet vineyard, or irrigated pasture suitable for wine grape vineyard development are specifically encouraged.

The center expects to award in excess of 4,000 hours of center-provided labor to support approved projects during this coming cycle.

For additional information and proposal forms, visit http://danrrec.ucdavis.edu/hopland/home_page.html or contact Superintendent Robert Timm (707/744-1424; rmtimm@ucdavis.edu).

New poster service from CS

Online with large-format printing

By Ann Senuta

Do you have a workshop, conference or poster session coming up?

For the next six months you can get high-quality, large-format posters printed at no charge from ANR Communication Services.

The unit’s new Hewlett-Packard DesignJet 5000 printer is capable of producing prints that are 3' x 4', 4' x 4', or custom sizes. To use the service, upload your Microsoft PowerPoint or Publisher files onto the Communication Services website, or physically send your files on a 100 MB zip disk or CDRW (CD Read-Write only).

Only camera-ready files with no design or layout work left to do will be printed. In approximately one week’s time (assuming no problems occur with your files), your poster will be returned to you.

This pilot program will be available at no cost until June 30.

For instructions on how to access this service, visit the Communication Services website (http://anrcs.ucdavis.edu).

If you have further questions, contact Chet Fukushima, Communication Services’ principal photographer, at 530/757-8992.

A formal review period is under way during which people can comment on proposed revisions to Academic Personnel Section 375 for academic coordinator titles. The proposed policies will apply to current academic coordinators.

The policy draft is available online at http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/acdpers/apm/rev-375.html.

Comments should be sent to Elizabeth Gomez, coordinator, Academic Personnel Office, by March 1.
Following are profiles of three new Cooperative Extension advisors in the North Coast and Mountain Region. The profiles are excerpted from press releases prepared by senior public information representative John Stumbos.

El Dorado, Amador

Lynn Wunderlich has been appointed the pomology, horticulture and specialty crops farm advisor for El Dorado and Amador counties.

The region is famous for its small-farm, direct-marketed apples, pears, cherries, plums, peaches and walnuts, as well as mandarins, berries, pumpkins and vegetables.

“Lynn is an enthusiastic, knowledgeable professional with a breadth of work experience that farmers in the area will benefit from in many ways,” said Kim Rodrigues, director of the North Coast and Mountain Region. “In addition to supporting the value-added marketing niche the area is known for, she’ll also be helping farmers adopt new methods of pest control, enhance irrigation efficiency and address other production challenges.”

A native of Appleton, Wis., Wunderlich earned a bachelor’s degree in bacteriology in 1985 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she worked in the plant pathology department assisting in apple scab research. Since her arrival in California in 1986, she has worked in a wide range of crops, including sugar beets, grapes, strawberries, artichokes, apples and avocados. She gained experience implementing the codling moth degree-day model for apples while researching codling moth mating disruption techniques on the Central Coast.

Wunderlich earned a master’s degree in the Plant Protection and Pest Management Program at UC Davis in 1997.

She has worked for the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, as well as UCCE offices in Ventura and, most recently, Monterey counties. While in Monterey, she served as the Central Coast Vegetable IPM Project coordinator.

“Being appointed a UC Cooperative Extension farm advisor is the culmination of a life-long career goal for me,” Wunderlich said. “I look forward to working with the growers here and providing a link to the University’s campus-based specialists to help sustain their unique small-farm operations.”

She can be contacted at 530/621-5505 or at lwunderlich@ucdavis.edu.

Humboldt, Del Norte

Humboldt County native Yana Valachovic has been selected as the new forest advisor for the North Coast’s redwood region.

Valachovic will address the needs and concerns of landowners in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Her program will emphasize watershed management, silviculture, conservation biology, water quality and non-timber forest products.

“There’s a real need for the University of California to maintain a strong research and extension program in forest management and ecology in this part of the state,” said Regional Director Kim Rodrigues, UC’s former forester for the area.

“Yana is very well-qualified with her solid educational background and breadth of work experience in forest practices.”

Valachovic earned a master’s degree in forest ecology from Oregon State University and a bachelor’s degree, also in forest ecology, from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. She worked as a faculty research assistant for Oregon State University’s department of forest science and has been a consulting botanist and mycologist to the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Most recently Valachovic was the certification director for the Institute for Sustainable Forestry, a nonprofit forestry organization located in the Mendocino County community of Piercy.

Valachovic has also been involved in local watershed assessments and sediment reduction activities. “As a local landowner, I understand what it means to address these concerns,” she said.

“I’m excited to now have the opportunity to serve as the link between landowners and researchers. I am interested in developing or assisting in collaborative research, education and landowner assistance programs for all sizes of ownerships.”

Contact her at 707/445-7351 or yvala@ucdavis.edu.

Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino

David Lewis, a principal designer of a monitoring system that is helping North Coast rangeland landowners meet tough water quality guidelines, has been hired as a regional watershed management advisor. His territory includes Sonoma, Marin and Mendocino counties, with an initial emphasis on the Russian River watershed.

“This is the first time in California that Cooperative Extension has hired an advisor specifically to take an issue-oriented approach,” said Regional Director Kim Rodrigues. “However, natural resources issues must be addressed on a watershed scale and the Russian River, with its abundance of water-related issues—wildland conversion, endangered species, sedimentation—is a necessary place to start.”

Lewis and other UC scientists developed a water quality monitoring system that helps land managers pinpoint potential nonpoint source pollution problems, such as gully erosion, and to devise methods of mitigating them. The “Sediment TMDL Inventory and Monitoring Worksheet” is now an integral part of UC’s Ranch Water Quality Planning Short Course offered to help ranchers and other land users get in compliance with state and federal law.

Lewis first became familiar with extension work as a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger, West Africa. From 1989 to 1991 he worked with rural African farmers on soil conservation and water harvesting efforts to increase grain production in dryland farming systems.

He earned a bachelor’s degree (1989) in geology from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and worked as a staff geologist for an environmental con-
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“Water quality and quantity are vital to all communities,” he says. “This new watershed management advisor position is an exciting opportunity for the University to take a more active role integrating resource conservation with resource use efficiency. We can implement new techniques that will help landowners and managers address water quality concerns in a cost-effective manner.”

To reach Lewis, call 707/565-2621 or email him at djl@ucdavis.edu.

JPC conference scheduled

The next Joint Policy Council conference, “Harvesting Technology for Agricultural Resource Management,” will be held Thursday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the SoCal Edison AgTAC facility, 4175 South Laspina Street in Tulare.

The event will consist of three sessions of panel presentations followed by discussion with audience. Registration starts at 8 a.m.

Session 1: Information gathering technologies; Session 2: Data management technologies; Session 3: Preparing human resources for technology transfer to agriculture. For more information or to register, contact JPC Coordinator John Gutierrez (510/987-9869; john.gutierrez@ucop.edu).

Carol Gomes (from p. 1)

portant for her to attend as together she and Reg traveled everywhere in Illinois. She attended nearly every district agriculture and home economics alumni meeting across the state; she assisted Reg in extending the college’s good will across the state, nation and throughout the world through Illinois’ extensive program in international agriculture. She also helped garner support for an expanded UI World Heritage M museum and its new building on campus.

And together the Gomeses began the tradition of opening up their home to students and alumni alike, often hosting meetings of the college alumni association, Berdahl said.

A member of the UI President’s Council, M rs. Gomes was honored by the university with the Loyalty Award and recognized as an Honorary Alumna.

In his remarks, brother-in-law Norm Gomes recalled that she became an ardent football and basketball fan, who wore orange and blue to all Illinois football and basketball games.

Berdahl said that she also “had the most extensive collection of Illini lapel pins imaginable.”

Throughout her life, M rs. Gomes gave freely of herself to a wide range of community activities. In California she served as a member of the University of California, Berkeley Section Club and on the board of directors of the Phase 2 Homeowners Association-Hiller Highlands and the Highlands Country Club.

“It is fitting,” Norm Gomes observed, “that this memorial is being held at this club, which brought her so much pleasure and enjoyment.” He noted that she loved watching the sunset from the Oakland hills.

M rs. Gomes was considerate of others—and adventurous, he said. He recalled that when her husband was a visiting professor in Japan, she turned down a limousine that was at the family’s disposal, electing instead to explore the country with their children by bus and train.

Kathi Campbell, a California friend, remembered M rs. Gomes fondly as “one of the nicest ‘naughty’ women” she had ever known, “full of fun, someone who could find humor in anything.” Generous and a fine cook, M rs. Gomes was willing to bring meals to anyone in need, she said. They both enjoyed playing bridge, she added, with M rs. Gomes becoming a member of the American Contract Bridge League.

M rs. Gomes was born in Walla Walla, Washington, and grew up in Lafayette, Indiana. She was a secretary at Purdue University when she met Reg Gomes, who was then completing a doctoral degree there. They married in 1964 on her 19th birthday, the beginning of their 36-year partnership.

They raised two children. As he took on increasingly demanding faculty and administrative positions at Ohio State University, the University of Illinois and, finally, the University of California, she served in many university capacities. She also was elected president of the Brookside PTA in Worthington, Ohio, and became a Girl Scouts leader. Later, she belonged to the PEO Sorority. During his tenure as dean of the UI College of Agriculture (1988 to 1995), she became known, as Berdahl noted, as a dedicated and effective ambassador of the college.

When Gomes took on his present position at UC, their partnership continued as she assisted him in hosting Regents, members and supporters of UC, clientele, agricultural and natural resource leaders and federal, state and local officials. She also traveled with him to national and international meetings associated with his academic and administrative responsibilities.

M rs. Gomes is survived by her husband; son, John Charles Gomes; daughter, Regina Carol Gomes; mother, Elizabeth J. Pilotte; and sister, Judith M. Gerlach Miller.

Memorial donations can be sent to the Reg and Carol Gomes Graduate Fellowship, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801.
ANR associate editors needed

By Ann Senuta

Nominations are being accepted now for ANR associate editor positions in five subject areas.

Associate editors are advisors, specialists, and faculty nominated by the Communications Advisory Board and appointed by Associate Vice President Henry Vaux Jr. to manage the technical peer-review process for ANR educational materials. Associate editors serve three-year terms.

Associate editors make significant contributions to the quality of ANR educational materials. Although their primary responsibility is to oversee peer review of manuscripts and scripts in their subject area and then decide on programmatic acceptance of the materials, their position encompasses much more. They arrange for periodic review of publications, slide sets and videos; they encourage authors to write new and revise older publications; and they serve as a link between ANR Communication Services and the Division’s programs. With their efforts, the associate editors provide a significant impact on Extension and outreach programs statewide.

The five associate editors whose terms end on July 1, are Ann Brosnahan, human and community development/youth development/marijuana; Mary Louise Flint, pest management; Joe Grant, pomology, viticulture, and subtropical horticulture; Lee Jackson, agronomy and range sciences; and Wayne Schrader, vegetable crops. These existing associate editors are welcome to reapply.

To nominate yourself or a colleague as associate editor in one of the above subject areas, please provide the following information by March 1 to Susan Laughlin, chair of the Communications Advisory Board: candidate’s name, address, phone number, email address, areas of expertise and workshop or continuing conference memberships. Laughlin’s email address is sglauhlin@ucdavis.edu or you can reach her at UCCE Regional Office, Central Coast and South Region, UC Riverside 92521.

If you have questions about the responsibilities or workload of ANR associate editors, contact Ann Senuta, ANR Communication Services production operations manager (530/754-5114 or aesenuta@ucdavis.edu).

Deadline nears for meeting reimbursements

Cooperative Extension specialists and advisors wishing to apply for Professional Society Meetings Reimbursement funds for meetings being held between April and June 2001 must have their requests (form M-F-117) to Mary Lu M C Giure no later than Wednesday, Feb. 7. The grant is for $450.

The form can be obtained from Mary Lu McGuire (510/987-0067; marylu.mcguire@ucop.edu). The completed form can be faxed to her at 510/832-8612. The form can also be obtained by logging onto the DANR website (http://danr.ucop.edu/files/mf117.htm).

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FEBRUARY

Gordon Conf. on Agricultural Sciences
Feb. 11-15; Ventura; (http://www.grc.uri.edu/grc_home.htm) or Bruce Hammock (bdh hammock@ucdavis.edu)

GIS Workshop for Planners and Decision-Makers
Feb 14; San Luis Obispo (805/781-5938; jkeese@co.slo.ca.us; wd tietje@ucdavis.edu)

Odyssey 2001 (ANR Statewide Conf.)
Feb. 22-23; Riverside; http://danr.ucop.edu/swcon/

MARCH

Oak Conservation Workgroup Meeting
M arch 15-16; Forest Products Lab, Richmond; http://www.impsec.org/email-tools/procmail-security.html or Bill Tietje (wdtietje@ucdavis.edu)

Pomology Extension Continuing Conf.
M arch 22-23; Santa Rosa; Rick Buchner (530/527-3101; rp buchner@ucdavis.edu) or Chuck Engels (916/875-6913; caingels@ucdavis.edu)

Partnerships for Sustaining Calif. Ag: Profit, Environment and Community
M arch 27-28; Woodland; www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/agpartners/

APRIL

Intermittent Streams Workshop
April 11-12; San Luis Obispo; Bill Tietje (805/781-5938; wdtietje@ucdavis.edu) or Royce Larsen (805/237-3101; rlarsen@ucdavis.edu)

Natural Resources Coordinating Conf.
April 24-25; Newport Beach; Field Tour April 25, Camp Pendleton; Joni Rippee (rippee@nature.berkeley.edu)

Calif. Communities Continuing Conf.
April 25-26; Davis; Dave Campbell (530/754-4328; dave.c.campbell@ucdavis.edu)

OCTOBER

Oaks in California’s Changing Landscape
Oct. 22-25; San Diego; http://danr.ucop.edu/lharp/symposium.html or Joni Rippee (510/642-0095)

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