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ANR joins eXtension

ANR has joined the national eXtension (pronounced e-extension) project. The project, a joint effort by USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service and most of the land-grant universities, capitalizes on the power of Web technology to support Cooperative Extension content development and delivery. A primary goal for the project is to create a single entry point to the nation's Cooperative Extension programs, materials and resources.

While a "public portal" for users is close to pilot release, the project team has been focused on creating a content development environment so that Cooperative Extension professionals from across the country can work together and share resources. Now that ANR has become a full participant in the eXtension project, ANR academics and staff are welcome to explore the project web environment, join content development groups called "Communities of Practice," and compete for grants to provide leadership for those communities. The next round of these

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Kearney Foundation names new director, new mission

Randy Dahlgren, a professor of Soil Science and Biogeochemistry in the department of land, air and water resources at UCD, has been named director of the Kearney Foundation for Soil Science for 2006-2011. The Foundation's mission for the next five years is "Understanding and Managing Soil-Ecosystem Functions across Spatial and Temporal Scales."

The goal is to investigate how ecosystem properties, processes, functions and services are controlled by soil biophysical and biochemical processes across space and time. Scale issues are at the heart of many environmental problems because different processes may be dominant at different spatial and/or temporal scales. While a system may initially resist changes from a forcing factor, a relatively small change at some point may push the system across a threshold that leads to an abrupt change.

A focal point of the mission is to not only use spatial models to examine processes across multiple scales, but to conduct molecular- to landscape-scale basic and applied research that is relevant to land

management decisions and policies.

A major portion of the research supported by the Kearney mission will center on scale transitions where important ecosystem processes of interest occur and interact as well as analyzing relationships between the scale of management decisions and the scale of assessments and monitoring. By working at appropriate scales for management decisions and monitoring, the economic feasibility and social acceptability of potential management options and related policies can be more readily assessed.

Dahlgren, who succeeds Kate Scow, is currently studying water quality spanning the scale from hill slopes to small headwater catchments in the combined Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds.

The call for research proposals will be posted in July at <http://kearney.ucdavis.edu>. The deadline for submissions will be in September.



Randy Dahlgren



Mellano and Company hosted lunch for President Dynes' tour of northern San Diego County, then Mike Mellano led participants on a tour of the cut flower nursery. See story on [page 2](#).

Dynes tours north San Diego County

Water quality regulations, agriculture-urban interface and the challenges of making a living by farming on high-priced land were recurring themes as President Bob Dynes visited avocado growers, small-scale farmers, tomato growers and nursery operators in northern San Diego County on June 1.

As part of his ongoing tour of California communities to better understand what Californians will need from UC in the next 20 years, Dynes visited the southern region with Vice President Gomes, Associate Vice President Rick Standiford, Governmental and External Relations executive director Steve Nation, UCCE San Diego County director Terry Salmon, and ANR advisors, faculty and specialists.

Dynes began the day in Escondido, where the group met with farm advisor Gary Bender and UCR plant pathologist Greg Douhan, who talked about UC rootstock trials under way at Hidden Valley Ranch to grow avocado replants in root rot-contaminated soils. This is a companion study to a salt-tolerant rootstock trial that will determine suitability of future avocado production practices using saline ground water or reclaimed water for irrigation. Hidden Valley Ranch manager Mike Sanders and assistant ranch manager Chris Ambuule explained changes they have made in farming practices since houses were built on the edge of the orchard. They also discussed the controversy between equine enthusiasts who want trails built through orchards and avocado growers who don't want root rot spread by horses.

On the way to Cupaiuolo Farm, small farm advisor Ramiro Lobo explained to



Dynes sampled cherimoya grown at Cupaiuolo Farm.

Dynes that farms in San Diego differ from those in other parts of the state in that land is so expensive, small-scale farmers in the county often rely on resources other than just the farm income in order to support themselves.

Grower Nino Cupaiuolo, a retired scientific instrument marketer, began attending UCCE workshops 10 years ago to learn how to grow specialty crops on his 6 acres in Vista. Cupaiuolo, president of the Cherimoya Growers Association, discussed his work with UC specialists and advisors in developing specialty crops to help small-scale growers find niche markets. He hosted the first blueberry variety trial in San Diego, collects cherimoya varieties on his travels for UC to study at



Luawanna Hallstrom, right, talks with (from left) Gomes, Dynes and Steve Nation about tomato production.



Patti Wooten Swanson and Terry Salmon discuss with Dynes a poster on local nutrition education programs at lunch.

the South Coast Research and Extension Center, and is now trying to grow lychee and dragon fruit. He grows blueberries, persimmons and cherimoya and markets them directly to local stores.

On the drive to Pardee Nursery in Bonsall, farm advisor Valerie Mellano rode with Dynes and Gomes to talk about poultry industry issues, including how her method of composting chicken manure helped to mitigate odor and fly problems that had agitated neighbors of an egg farm with more than 1 million chickens.

At Pardee Nursery, which grows large landscape plants in containers for housing developments and commercial construction, Bill Widas, vice president-sales, and Lauren Davis, vice president-construction, described their work with farm advisors to recapture tailwater for reuse on the 300-acre nursery. Current law prohibits nurseries growing plants in containers from having wastewater leave their property, so the UC research has not only provided environmental and economic benefits, according to Davis, but has allowed Pardee to comply with strict regulations. Wildlife specialist Terry Salmon and staff research assistant Tracy Ellis described their strategies for the tree farm to thwart rabbits — which chew the drip lines that irrigate the trees in containers — by monitoring their behavior and

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grants is scheduled for late summer or fall.

Bob Sams, director of ANR Communication Services and Information Technology, has been asked by AVP Rick Standiford to serve as ANR's principal contact for the eXtension project and will pass along news and grant information as it becomes available.

"It's beginning to sound a little hackneyed, but the way we get information is changing faster than we thought possible," Sams said. "Super search engines like Google and database-driven collaboration environments and content-management systems like our Collaborative Tools system and the ANR Site Builder are changing how we do almost everything. The bad news is that nobody can do all the technology involved. The good news is that we don't have to!"

To learn more about eXtension or to join a Community of Practice, visit <http://about.extension.org>. ANR employees can also send their questions about eXtension to Sams at rwsams@ucdavis.edu.



Avocado ranch manager Mike Sanders, right, explains how urban encroachment has affected the ranch's growing practices. From left, Rick Standiford, Greg Douhan, Gary Bender, Dynes, Gomes and Sanders.

covering drip lines.

Michael Mellano Sr. joined Dynes on the drive from Pardee to Mellano and Company in Oceanside to discuss his company's relationship with UC since he graduated from UC Riverside in 1958. His nephew Mike Mellano is married to UC farm advisor Valerie Mellano. All three of the Mellanos received their PhDs in plant pathology from UC Riverside and their cut flower nursery has worked with UC researchers over the years to maintain a competitive edge.

Following a lunch with local growers, other members of the agricultural community and UC employees hosted by Mellano and Company in one of their packing sheds, Mike Mellano showed Dynes and the group around the propagation greenhouse and through flower fields. He and Jim Bethke, UCR pest management researcher, talked about UC-developed disease control and IPM methods employed at the nursery. Walking through the cut flower cooler, Mellano showed Dynes how UC research led to quick cooling techniques in postharvest handling and packaging that make the flowers last longer. With nearly 100 percent of its daily production shipped out-of-county, the ability to deliver fresh cut flowers anywhere in the United States and Canada is critical to Mellano and Company's continued success.

Luawanna Hallstrom, general manager/chief operating officer of Harry Singh & Sons, rode with Dynes from Mellano

and Company to a 75-acre tomato field near Oceanside. Hallstrom, a third-generation grower, said her family's farming operation is the largest single producer of vine-ripe tomatoes in the nation, with about 1,000 acres under cultivation in San Diego County. She explained that the bands of alternating blue and yellow tape surrounding the tomato fields were sticky traps, part of an IPM program to monitor insects, not decorative ribbons to welcome their UC visitors. Hallstrom's cousin, Priya Singh, who oversees production and research, showed Dynes rows of new tomato varieties that Harry Singh & Sons is field testing for taste, appearance, harvest and shipping characteristics.

Following the agricultural tour, Dynes traveled to the nearby town of Carlsbad for a reception and visit with UC alumni.

The tour was planned and staffed by Nation; Kay Harrison Taber, deputy to the vice president; and a team from the ANR Office of Governmental and External Relations led by Cheryl Bennett, event planner; Lobsang Wangdu, photographer; Lorrie Mandorlao, news and information assistant; and Pam Kan-Rice, news and information assistant director.

Video clips of the tour can be viewed at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/video/sandiego0606.html>

Dynes plans to visit the San Luis Obispo – Santa Maria area this fall for a tour of ANR projects and local agricultural operations.

Dynes discusses UC's role as a public university

At a lunch at Mellano and Company in Oceanside, Dynes addressed the recent controversy over public disclosure of UC's executive compensation. He told the roughly 50 ANR stakeholders attending, "The University of California and I have been going through a particularly stressful and trying time. Some of that has been deserved insofar that we have to change some of our practices, but some of it has not. We've moved through that ring of fire at this point and I'm back doing what I love to do, which is not fending off attacks but thinking about what the University of California is doing, will be doing in the future and should be doing. And that's what leads me here."

Dynes pointed out differences between UC and other major research universities, noting that UC is a public institution. "The public university has a mission to create new knowledge, to create the next generation of those who are going to create new knowledge, i.e. we teach, but we don't teach the rote stuff," he explained. "We teach students how to be creative, how to be innovative, how to be that next generation of risk-takers."

The most important distinction, according to Dynes, is that as a public institution, UC is responsible for making the new knowledge that it creates benefit society.

"I've seen it this morning," Dynes said. "I've seen the hand-in-hand relationship between growers, who are very creative people, and our people — the UC people who are on the ground in San Diego County — who have as their first charge a responsibility to help you do what you're trying to do. Those of us in UC take that responsibility very seriously.

"And there's an intimate relationship between the University of California and the agricultural community," Dynes added. "I do not give a talk anywhere that doesn't talk about the agricultural program of the University of California and what a huge asset to California agriculture is."

Analytical Lab calls for research proposals

ANR Analytical Laboratory invites CE advisors and specialists to apply to its Research Project Grant program for the upcoming cycle.

This program is designed to provide seed funding (i.e., analyses at no charge) for projects establishing baseline data that may result in extramural funding and for small projects (1-2 years) where extramural funding is unavailable. Higher priority will be given to new academics submitting proposals, to pilot or new projects, and /or to one-year projects for which other funding cannot be obtained.

Typical awards do not exceed \$2,500. Proposals are reviewed by the Laboratory Advisory Committee, using criteria listed in the program's guidelines. Please be sure to read the guidelines carefully. Proposals must be submitted in the current, required format.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **Aug. 1**. E-mail proposals to danranlab@ucdavis.edu.

Forms are available on the lab's Web site (<http://danranlab.ucanr.org>). For more information, call (530) 752-0147.

Vegetable advisor sought

A vegetable and strawberry crops advisor is being sought for Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County. The position will be headquartered in the Santa Barbara County UCCE office in Santa Maria. Deadline for applications is **July 21**.

The full position description for ACCSO-05-01-R will be posted soon at <http://www.ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ccsj>. For more information, contact ccsracadrecruitment@ucdavis.edu or (951) 827-2529.

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Communication Services releases new and improved Collaborative Tools

Communication Services has developed a new version of Collaborative Tools, boasting a completely redesigned interface and improved functionality that allows users to more easily stay connected with one another. New file and image support, built-in text editor and integration with UC ANR Workgroups and the new ANR Portal (<http://my.ucanr.org>) make Collaborative Tools a viable replacement for the campus listserv and a tremendous asset to the Division.

Files can now be attached within discussions or in the File Manager, where all versions of ongoing projects are tracked. JPG and GIF images can be placed directly into discussion messages for quick viewing. There is no need to shrink large images. They are automatically scaled down for Internet browsing and the original file is linked in the message.

No longer will you need an understanding of HTML to create rich and detailed messages for your discussion. The new built-in text editor allows users

to stylize messages, making it easier to emphasize important information, insert bulleted lists and create data tables.

The full integration of Collaborative Tools with ANR Workgroups permits users to effortlessly create new project groups that include all or selected members of the workgroup. Simply create the group, associate it with an ANR Workgroup, and you will be given the option to add any or all of the members to your project group.

Collaborative Tools can be accessed via the ANR portal (<https://my.ucanr.org/>), the launching pad for all of ANR's online systems. Once you log into the portal, you are automatically signed into Collaborative Tools, accessible by following the link on the left side of the page. The portal also lists links to your current groups.

Collaborative Tools is an ongoing project of Communication Services. To make comments about or receive assistance with the system, contact Dave Krause at djkrause@ucdavis.edu or (530) 757-8393.

Names in the news

Moncloa, Hashim-Buckey elected to AAC



Moncloa

Fe Moncloa, 4-H youth and community development advisor for Santa Clara County, and Jennifer Hashim-Buckey, viticulture advisor for Kern County, have been elected to the Academic Assembly

Council. Moncloa will serve as president-elect and Hashim-Buckey will serve on the Rules and Elections Committee.

Moncloa is currently the chair of the Personnel Committee and was responsible for implementing the online submission of the merit and promotion program reviews.



Greer

Chris Greer, rice advisor for Colusa, Yolo, and Glenn counties, will assume the presidency of the Academic Assembly Council on July 1. Greer will succeed Stephen Vasquez, Fresno County viticulture advisor. Moncloa and Hashim-Buckey will also begin their terms at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Hutmacher named director of West Side REC

Bob Hutmacher, UC Davis cotton special-

ist, was been appointed director of the West Side Research and Extension Center, effective June 1.

Hutmacher, who joined ANR in 1997, has been stationed at the Shafter Research and Extension Center. Even prior to joining UC, he conducted research projects at West Side REC as a research plant physiologist with the USDA-ARS Water Management Research Unit in Fresno, where for over 14 years his work focused on plant water stress, crop nutrient management, and irrigation with a focus on microirrigation.

While serving as West Side REC director, Hutmacher will maintain a concurrent specialist and research agronomist appointment in the Plant Science Department at UC Davis.

Grafton-Cardwell named director of Lindcove REC

Beth Grafton-Cardwell has been appointed director of the Lindcove Research and Extension Center, effective June 7.

Grafton-Cardwell was an IPM specialist and research entomologist stationed at the Kearney Agricultural Center. For the past 16 years, she has developed a strong research and extension program that focuses on integrated pest management of San Joaquin Valley citrus pests. She has staffed citrus

research programs at both Lindcove and Kearney RECs.

Her program has included topics such as sampling methods, pheromone trapping, natural enemy releases, GIS mapping of pests, surveys for pesticide resistance and pesticide efficacy trials for a wide variety of citrus pests. She maintains a Web site that reports the latest information on key pests of citrus and provides interactive pages for pest reporting.

While serving as center director, Grafton-Cardwell will maintain a concurrent specialist and research entomologist appointment in the Department of Entomology at UC Riverside.

Craigmill named director of Sierra Foothill REC

Art Craigmill has been named director of the Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center, effective July 1.

Craigmill, who joined UC Davis as an environmental toxicology specialist in 1980, has focused his extension and research programs on human, veterinary and environmental issues with particular reference to chemical residues. He has lived in the Sierra foothills since 1992 and is active in community issues related to wildland fire and land use.

While serving as Center Director, Craigmill will maintain a concurrent specialist appointment in the Department of Environmental Toxicology at UC Davis.



Hashim-Buckey



Grafton-Cardwell

Retirements

Refugio Gonzalez

Refugio "Cuco" Gonzalez, Central Coast and South Region director since 2002, will retire July 1 after 31 years of ANR service.

Gonzalez earned a bachelor's in business management in 1970 at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and, after military service, earned a master's in business administration in 1975 at Cal Poly.

Working as a vocational agriculture teacher at Calexico High School, he invited the UCCE director to a career day for his



students. It was Gonzalez who got a new job, joining UCCE Imperial County as 4-H youth development advisor, a position he held for four years.

He left to become director of the Calexico High School Vocational Education Department, but a year later ANR wooed him back as Imperial County director, a job in which he flourished for 23 years. During his tenure, Gonzalez established collaborative programs with the University of Baja California in Mexicali and the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture. He also helped create the Agricultural Personnel Management Association.

Gonzalez has served ANR in many positions. He sat on committees to select two ANR vice presidents and served on a

national committee to chart the future of the federal Extension System. Gonzalez was appointed by former ANR vice president Ken Farrell to serve as the UC contact with USDA concerning the North American Free Trade Agreement and he served on the ANR Transition Team chaired by VP Gomes.

"Cuco has been a valued leader and academic within ANR. I have benefited tremendously from his knowledge and wisdom," said Rick Standiford, associate vice president. "He is absolutely committed to bringing UC to people to solve their problems in agriculture, natural and human resources."

Gonzalez published numerous peer-reviewed works, including two book chap-

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ters, 11 abstracts and 15 publications. He also published more than 140 newsletter, newspaper and trade magazine articles. Gonzalez, who taught at San Diego State University and Cal Poly Pomona, was the first part-time faculty member at San Diego State to be awarded the Outstanding Teaching Award. He received ANR's Academic Assembly Council Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Administration.

Having received emeritus status from VP Gomes, Gonzalez will have an office with Imperial County CE.

Gonzalez, ordained a deacon in the Catholic Diocese of San Diego, said he will spend more time on parish ministries he has undertaken with his wife, Sandy, revitalize a consulting business he established with his son, and travel for pleasure.

— Jeannette Warnert

James Brenner

James Brenner, Coordinator - Strategic Planning & Organizational Development, will retire June 29 after 32 years of service to ANR.



Brenner began his career with UCCE in 1973 as a 4-H youth program coordinator in San Francisco County, where he pioneered garden-based and outdoor adventure education programs for inner-city youth by working with community organizations.

In 1987, Brenner moved to Sonoma County, where he continued youth development work while beginning meeting facilitation and organizational development work. He shared an ANR Distinguished Service Award for Creative Teamwork with Sonoma County advisors in the development of the Sonoma County Agricultural Marketing Program (SCAMP).

"I am really proud of the work I did in developing the adventure ropes course and related outdoor education programs for inner-city and other youth that normally would not have these types of experiences," Brenner said. "The Fort Miley Ropes Course in San Francisco is still going strong today, as well as the Challenge Sonoma Ropes Course."

Transferring to Sacramento County in 1993, he continued to emphasize outreach to underserved youth and communities,

conducting research assessing risk and protective factors in Southeast Asian immigrant youth.

In 1994, Brenner came to Oakland to help design and guide ANR's strategic planning process. As statewide coordinator for strategic planning and facilitation support, he has helped plan and facilitate several Divisionwide planning and organizational development activities. He also helped redesign the ANR workgroup Core Issue Grants systems.

Brenner earned his BA in biological sciences, State of California Lifetime Standard Teaching Credential and MA in education from San Francisco State University.

VP Gomes has granted Brenner emeritus status.

Lynne Buenz

Lynne Buenz, executive assistant to Associate Vice President Rick Standiford, will retire on July 1 after 17 years with ANR. Buenz began working with ANR in June 1989, after many years with various departments of the federal government, primarily the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Immediately prior to coming to UC, she was employed as executive assistant to the CEO of a nonprofit organization involved primarily with health care.



Her first position in ANR was as executive secretary to AVP Lowell Lewis. Following Lewis' retirement in the early 1990s, she became executive secretary to his successor, Henry Vaux, Jr. As part of the 1999 ANR reorganization, Buenz's position was reclassified and she assumed a role as executive assistant to the AVP.

In retirement, Buenz's first priority will be to complete a move from the Bay Area to a newly constructed home in Nevada City in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Her plans after the move include some travel, pursuit of a long-held interest in creative writing, and volunteering in the community.

Daniel Desmond

Helping the public understand food systems in a personal way has been a career-long goal of Daniel Desmond, who retired this year after 25 years as a 4-H youth development advisor, most recently for El Dorado County.

Desmond joined ANR as a 4-H and dairy farm advisor in Tehama County. He soon learned he enjoyed working with people better than cows, eventually moving to a 4-HYD position in Sonoma County. There, he worked on a strategy to interest city people in nature.



"There is a huge gap in the urban public's understanding of food and fiber systems," he said.

Desmond developed long-term school garden models and evaluated their effectiveness over time. Among the most striking changes he has observed resulting from school garden participation has been the transformation of the school culture. He offers the Louisiana Schnell School in Placerville as an example.

"The kids were pretty much ignorant in terms of the natural landscape. They would walk across the grass, trip over flowerpots, squish worms," Desmond said.

In conjunction with 4-H, the school developed a garden where children dig, plant seeds, water, harvest and sample the food. Lessons on nutrition, biology and math skills are incorporated in the gardening experience.

"Nowadays, when you go to the school, on rainy days kids pick up worms and move them over to the dirt rather than step on them. Kids have built a relationship with the environment," said Desmond, who has emeritus status.

Though Desmond has retired, his passion for farming, gardening and introducing city dwellers to the "culture in agriculture" hasn't subsided. He is creating an agritourism destination at his family farm in Lake County, to "educate and impassion people about agriculture."

— Jeannette Warnert

Constance Garrett Lexion

Constance "Connie" Garrett Lexion retired as Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science Advisor for San Bernardino County in February after a 36-year Cooperative Extension career. Lexion



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joined ANR in February 1970, where she was hired as a 4-H youth assistant in Los Angeles County. She became a 4-H youth advisor in May 1971. She transferred to San Bernardino County in 1976 and served UCCE in several program capacities including 4-H youth advisor, interim county 4-H program leader, and interim home economist. She was formally appointed home economist in September 1992.

Over the course of her career, Lexion conducted research in food safety, diabetes and lead poisoning. She was always one of the first to volunteer for any worthwhile workgroup project, according to Nyles Peterson, UCCE San Bernardino County director. Throughout her career, Lexion provided leadership and involvement in professional organizations such as the American Dietetic and American Home Economics Associations.

At a retirement luncheon hosted by the San Bernardino CE office on Feb. 23, county officials and colleagues, clientele, family and friends joined to honor her special contribution to the land-grant mission. VP Gomes has granted Lexion emeritus status.

Lexion originally planned to retire in March, but moved her retirement to February so she could marry Michael Lexion on March 6. The newlyweds live in San Bernardino and plan to donate time in community and religious service.

Andrez Montiel

Andrez (Andy) Montiel, 4-H youth development advisor for Imperial County, retired on April 7, 2006, after serving UC for more than 32 years. He began his career with ANR as a 4-H youth assistant in 1974 before becoming a 4-H youth advisor in Imperial County in 1979.

During the summer months, when the 18 4-H clubs in the Imperial County are less active, Montiel conducted a 4-H Summer Outreach Program via grants from the Imperial Valley Housing Authority. This program reaches youth residing in low-income projects. Montiel's 4-H Summer Outreach Program helps elimi-



nate barriers that prevent low-income youth from participating in 4-H. In 1991, Montiel received the ANR Affirmative Action Award from the Academic Assembly Council.

He received his bachelor's in Political Science from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona.

In retirement, Montiel is pursuing hunting, fishing and travel. He and his wife, Becky, plan to travel to Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, this summer. Having received emeritus status, Montiel regularly visits the Imperial County CE office, submits newsletter articles, meets with 4-H community leaders and continues to run the 4-H Summer Outreach Program.

Sharon Perry

Sharon Perry, administrative assistant II in Communication Services, retired May 31 after serving UC for 29 years.

Perry's career with UC started in 1962 when she worked at the Registrar's office on the Berkeley campus and then in the Agricultural Extension office until 1970, when she left the University after the birth of her daughter. In 1975, she returned to UC as a clerk in the mailroom at ANR Publications, when it was located at the old Ford auto plant in Richmond. Until her retirement, she worked in the publications department, spending most of her time working in the distribution warehouse with sales and inventory control. Most recently she worked as a customer service representative.

"Sharon has been at the heart of our commitment to customer service in Communication Services and in the units that existed before," said Bob Sams Communication Services director.

"Through multiple directors and supervisors, a couple of budget crises, facilities moves, and technology changes, Sharon has been the calm, knowledgeable, and generous person who helps customers and ANR folks alike. I think it's folks like Sharon who make our service to our broader audiences possible."

During her retirement, Perry plans to spend time with her two young granddaughters, volunteer with an



animal rescue organization, take cooking classes and travel.

Ralph Phillips

Kern County natural resources/range and livestock farm advisor Ralph Phillips will have served ANR for 26 years when he retires June 29.

Phillips earned a bachelor's in animal science and a master's in toxicology at Utah State University. After serving as a milk plant inspector in Vietnam for the U.S. Army, he completed a Ph.D. in ruminant nutrition. He began his career at Oregon State's Eastern Oregon Agricultural Resource Center, conducting studies on beef cattle and sheep nutrition. In 1980, he joined UCCE in Kern County.

He began studying oaks during a drought, but in 1997, conditions for oak tree germination were perfect and Phillips tracked 800 oak seedlings. "We lost 65 percent the first year. After 9 years, only 5 percent were left. This is a natural phenomenon that we need to accept," Phillips said. "Even if only 1 percent survive, we will still have a good population of oaks in Kern County."

In the last 10 years, Phillips has been identifying the source of *Cryptosporidium* in natural waterways. He worked with Kern County Wildlife Services to collect samples from 450 coyotes, 1,200 squirrels, plus a number of skunks and marmots. "We found that it took about 6 cows to shed *Cryptosporidia* equivalent to the amount shed by one California ground squirrel. Coyotes were about the same. But the ratio was about 14 or 15 cows to one skunk and 96 cows to one marmot," Phillips said.

During his career, Phillips contributed to 38 peer-reviewed research reports and wrote 150 articles. In 1993, he was named the Kern County Cattlemen's Association Cattleman of the Year. VP Gomes has granted Phillips emeritus status.

In retirement, Phillips plans to continue working with UC Davis specialist Rob Atwill to determine possible sources of *E. coli* 0157:H7 contamination in food. Phillips also will continue quilting with his wife and woodturning.

— Jeannette Warnert





Robert James Price

Robert (Bob) Price, retired UC Davis seafood technology specialist with the statewide Sea Grant Extension Program, died June 1 at age 64.

Price ended his 30-year career with UC in 2003. Upon his retirement, a story on the California Sea Grant Web site said of Price, "His results-oriented, practical research, training workshops and educational material have earned him nothing less than superstar status within industry and the nation's 31 Sea Grant programs."

He lectured on food safety at UC Davis and conducted Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), quality, sanitation, and low-acid canning food programs in California, nationally and internationally. He authored more than 220 popular and scientific publications. Price's accomplishments include establishing the Seafood Technology Extension Program based at UC Davis and creating the first Web site to address seafood technology interests (<http://seafood.ucdavis.edu>). During his career, Price received numerous awards and commendations. The most notable honors include being elected a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), and receiving the Minnesota IFT Section's Harold Macy Award for outstanding food technology transfer of information.

Prior to coming to work at UC Davis, Price worked for two years at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Washington, DC. He also served two years in the Navy. Price received his BA from the University of Minnesota, and his MS and PhD degrees from Oregon State University, respectively, all in food science, with an emphasis on microbiology.

Price is survived by his wife, Vor; daughters Jann Carlson and Katie Cooley; four grandchildren; sister, Carol Livdahl, and brother, Dave Price.



Evelyn Kendrick

Evelyn Kendrick, the widow of former Vice President Jim Kendrick died May 27.

Born Dec. 22, 1920, Kendrick grew up on a farm just north of Davis. She began driving herself to school at age 13 and learned to drive a tractor as a teenager. She and her late husband, Jim, met while in high school and married when he was a student at UC Berkeley. They lived in Wisconsin, where he completed his PhD. The Kendricks returned to California when Jim joined UC Riverside as a plant pathologist. Kendrick was very supportive of her husband's academic and administrative career and shared his devotion to UC.

Jim Kendrick served UC as Vice President - Agriculture and Natural Resources from 1968 until he retired in 1986. He died in 1989. Together the Kendricks had planned to make a bequest to ANR, however, in 2003 Evelyn decided to make an early estate distribution. She made a gift to ANR by means of a gift annuity. Her gift will establish the James and Evelyn Kendrick Endowment, for use where the need is greatest. Gifts to the endowment should be payable to UC Regents.

Kendrick is survived by son Douglas, daughter Janet, grandchildren Amber and Shane, and great-grandchildren Ian, Alex and Angelo.

Snapshot of VP & AVP activities

Over the past four weeks, VP Gomes engaged in the following meetings:

- 5/17-18 Regents, San Francisco
- 5/22-25 Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources (BANR), Washington, DC
- 5/31 State Board of Food and Agriculture, St. Helena
- 6/1 Dynes tour-San Diego County
- 6/7-8 Dinner speaker at 2006 Human Resources Continuing Conference - "Cultural Competencies-Techniques for Reaching California Communities," San Jose
- 6/14-17 Farm Foundation Ag Roundtable, Wichita, KS

Every Monday

President's Cabinet

Twice monthly

UC VP Cabinet with the President

Every Monday

ANR VP Cabinet

Over the past four weeks, AVP Standiford engaged in the following meetings:

- 5/16 CAES (UCD) Dean and Executive Associate Dean
- 5/17 Regents, San Francisco
- 5/18 Nutrition and Diabetes Conference, Sacramento
- 5/23-24 Senior Administrative Committee, Oakland
- 5/26 Visit to Nickels Soils Laboratory, Arbuckle
- 6/1 Dynes tour-San Diego County
- 6/8 Human Resources Continuing Conference, San Jose
- 6/9 CNR (UCB) Dean and Advisor Retirement Dinner, Bakersfield
- 6/13 Program Leaders, Orange County
- 6/13-14 Program Council, Orange County
- 6/15 Regional Directors, Orange County

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