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Atkinson forms ag advisory commission

Twenty-eight business, consumer, youth and government leaders have accepted an invitation from President *Atkinson* to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The commission will advise the University on how to best meet the educational needs of California's agricultural, natural and human resources communities through science-based research, classroom instruction and educational outreach. The group's first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 24-25.

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Package awaits final passage

Legislative panel OKs budget increases for CE, other programs

DANR could soon rebound from some of the severe budget cuts of the early 1990s, thanks to a group of dedicated state legislators and Division supporters, administrators and academics.

On June 15 the six-member Joint Legislative Conference Committee on the Budget reached agreement on several budget augmentations that will increase funding to the Division if passed by the Assembly and Senate and signed by Governor *Wilson*. The augmentation package includes:

- \$5.5 million to bolster UCCE programs and support agricultural research;
- \$4 million to fund a four-tenths of one percent pay increase for all non-Academic Senate employees of the University, including UCCE specialists and advisors;
- \$2.5 million for the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine to expand academic programs to Southern California; and
- \$265,000 for viticulture and enology competitive research grants, provided that there is an industry match.

Schneeman to step down as UC Davis dean in June 1999

Barbara Schneeman, dean of the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, will resign from the post effective June 30, 1999, when a new administrative structure for the college, now being developed, will be put into place.

She is stepping down so that she can lead the planning effort for this new structure without having a vested administrative interest in the outcome, she said in a letter to CAES faculty.

During the winter quarter, Schneeman proposed to the college's executive committee and department chairs a revision of the administrative



organization of the dean's office. A task force examining issues related to the proposed reorganization recently recommended that an interim administrative structure for

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The augmentations are in addition to the research and public service appropriations for DANR contained in the governor's FY 1998-99 budget for the University.

The augmentation for UCCE programs and agricultural research was championed by Assembly Members *Dennis Cardoza* (D-Merced) and *Mike Machado* (D-Linden) and the Assembly Agriculture Committee. Senators *Ken Maddy* (R-Fresno) and *Mike Thompson* (D-St. Helena) were responsible for bringing the veterinary medicine and the viticulture and enology augmentations to the Joint Conference Committee. At press time the budget bill was still in conference. If approved by both houses of the State Legislature, the budget bill

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How to send comments to the Transition Team

The Transition Team has set up an electronic suggestions box to get ideas and comments to them quickly.

Send email to: transition.team@ucop.edu

Or you may fax correspondence in care of *Kay Harrison Taber* (510/451-2317).

The mailing address is: *Kay Harrison Taber*, 1111 Franklin Street, 6th Floor, Oakland CA 94607-5200. All comments (signed or unsigned) will be reviewed.

Natural Reserve System awarded \$4 million

The UC Natural Reserve System (NRS) will be able to make some sorely needed facilities improvements and expand its data collection and environmental monitoring capabilities, with the help of a \$4 million endowment donated June 11 by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

It is the largest private gift ever received by the NRS and is among the largest endowments ever received by the University.

Earnings from the endowment will generate about \$200,000 a year. The funds will support new and renovated laboratories and lodgings and will be used to purchase new data collection and environmental monitoring equipment at NRS sites throughout the state.

"The mounting challenges in environmental management and conservation require imaginative professionals, well-trained in the field sciences," said NRS Director *Alexander Glazer*. "Demand for such individuals already far exceeds supply. The Packard Foundation endowment will allow us to educate more students to meet these challenges."

The NRS manages 33 wildland reserves encompassing more than 120,000 acres, ranging from Pacific marine canyons to the eastern Sierra Nevada and Mojave Desert.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation is a longtime supporter of the NRS. Foundation program areas include science, conservation, population, children's issues and education.

Alameda CE honors volunteers at Open House



ALAMEDA COUNTY CE held an Open House June 16 to familiarize clientele with the office's new location in Alameda, to celebrate its 50th anniversary and to recognize longtime volunteers. Honorees included, from left, Master

Gardener Program Lifetime Members *Leonard Skinner*, *Jack Schwegmann* and *Jim Hunt*, and 4-H Resource Coordinator *Caroline Crossett*. Also recognized for their support were two agencies, Sealana and Associates

and the Comprehensive Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Program of the Oakland Unified School District; and Vice President *Gomes*, who received a commendation for his leadership from Alameda County Supervisor *Keith Carson*.

Advisory commission (from p. 1)

Members include *Charles Ahlem*, founding partner, Hilmar Cheese Co., Hilmar; *Yvonne Brathwaite Burke*, supervisor, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; *Frieda Caplan*, founder, Frieda's, Inc., Los Alamitos; *William Chandler*, co-owner, Chandler Farms, Selma; *Gary Cusumano*, president, Newhall Land and Farming, Valencia; *John DeLuca*, president, Wine Institute, San Francisco; *Octavia Diener*, president, Densmore Engines/Tavie Farms, Fresno; *Daniel Dooley*, partner, Dooley and Herr, Visalia; *Paul Ecke Jr.*, retired chairman, Paul Ecke Ranch, Encinitas; *Lourdes Gonzales*, president, California Latino Agricultural Association, Watsonville; *Donald Gordon Jr.*, president, Agricultural Council of California, Sacramento; *Thomas Graff*, senior attorney, Environmental Defense Fund, Oakland; *Russell Hanlin*, president, Sunkist Growers, Inc., Van Nuys; *Jeri Hansen*, California Women for Agriculture, Stockton; *John Kautz*, chairman, Ironstone Winery and

John Kautz Family Farms, Lodi; *Pamela Marrone*, president, AgraQuest, Inc., Davis; *Amy McCombs*, president, Chronicle Broadcasting Co., San Francisco; *Karen Miller*, co-owner, Clint Miller Farms, Watsonville; *Michael Mondavi*, president, Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville; *Douglas Mosebar*, first vice president, California Farm Bureau, Sacramento; *Jack Pandol Jr.*, president, Grapery, Bakersfield; *Judy Pennycook*, supervisor, Monterey County Board of Supervisors, Salinas; *Len Richardson*, editor, California Farmer, Concord; *Lois Salisbury*, president, Children Now, Oakland; *Terry Scranton*, executive vice president, Bank of America, Fresno; *Tom Smith*, president, Calcot Ltd., Bakersfield; *Dorcas Thille*, owner, J.K. Thille Farms, Santa Paula; *John Veysey*, president, John Veysey Farms, Brawley.

Additional commission members may be added later. Vice President *Gomes* will be an active participant, and his office will staff the commission.

Budget (from p. 1)

will go to the governor, who has the authority to delete budget items entirely or to "blue-pencil" funding.

"We may need to call on friends of the Division and the University to contact the governor and express their support for these augmentations once the FY 1998-99 state budget is on his desk," said *Steve Nation*, director of Governmental and External Relations.

DANR State and Local Governmental Relations Coordinator *Claudia Reid* cautions that passage of the budget could be delayed until mid-July or later.

This is a distinct possibility if agreement cannot be reached between the governor and the leadership in the Senate and the Assembly over tax relief and other fiscal reforms outside of higher education. As a result, there also is a chance that the Joint Legislative Conference Committee on the Budget could reopen and reconsider all of the budget augmentations it already has approved, including ours — but *Reid* hopes this will not occur.

Interim SAREP director is named

Robert J. Reginato, formerly associate administrator of the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS), has been appointed interim director of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP). Reginato began his duties July 6 and will serve until a permanent director is selected.

"I am grateful to Bob for his willingness to take on the important assignment of guiding SAREP through its upcoming transition period," said Associate Vice President Henry Vaux Jr.

SAREP is a systemwide program based on the UC Davis campus. William Liebhardt, the program's director since its inception in 1987, stepped down from the post June 30 to return to extension work in the UCD department of agronomy and range science.

Reginato received a BS in soils from UC Davis, MS in soil physics from the University of Illinois and PhD in soil physics from UC Riverside. He began his career as a soil scientist with the ARS Water Conservation Laboratory in Phoenix, where he served from 1959 to 1989. He was research leader of the ARS Soil-Plant-Atmosphere Systems Research Unit (1980-89) before being named associate director of the ARS Pacific West Area in Albany, California (1989-91). He was appointed director of the Pacific West Area in 1991 and in 1996 became associate administrator of ARS in Washington, D.C. He retired from federal service in 1997.

In the Pacific West Area, Reginato managed all ARS



programs in the eight western states. These programs were carried out by 400 scientists at 25 sites with a budget of \$80 million.

As associate administrator of ARS in Washington, Reginato oversaw a program with an annual budget of \$750 million and comprising 1,100 scientists and 6,900 support personnel working at more than 100 locations.

Reginato is an accomplished researcher specializing in the loss of water from soils and plants, methods for sealing stock ponds and the use of remote-sensing techniques to assess crop stress. He has been recognized for these achievements with his election as a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America and the American Society of Agronomy.

Funding alert

USDA's Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program has released its general calls for proposals for research, education and professional development grants (available at <http://ext.usu.edu/wsare/>). Call 435/797-2257 for application materials.

UC proposes salary and parity raises in 1998-99

The budget UC proposed for 1998-99 includes a 2 percent general salary increase and a 2.5 percent parity increase for ladder rank faculty, with a proposed effective date of Oct. 1, 1998. The proposed 2.5 percent parity increase for eligible faculty titles, if funded by the final state budget, is part of the Salary Scale Parity Adjustment Plan issued Oct. 24, 1995, and is intended to bring the ladder rank faculty salaries to parity with faculty salaries at the University's Comparison 8 institutions.

This notice may be found online (<http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/acadpers/parity.html>).

Comments should be forwarded to Coordinator Virginia Vogel (virginia.vogel@ucop.edu) by July 24.

Names in the news

■ *James MacDonald*, chair of the UCD department of plant pathology, received the 1998 Media Award of Excellence from the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture for his instructional compact disc, "Turfgrass Diseases: Diagnosis and Management."

■ *Nancy Hudson*, director of the Dietetics Program in the department of nutritional sciences of the College of Natural Resources at UC

Berkeley, received CNR's Distinguished Teaching Award.

■ *Seymour Van Gundy*, professor emeritus of nematology at UC Riverside, received a faculty service award from the Conferences and Professional Programs of the University of Continuing Education Association and was elected an Honorary Member of the Society of Nematologists.

On the move

■ *Steve Mendivil* has resumed his duties as coordinator of administrative policies and analysis in the office of Assistant Vice President *Toby Winer*. Key duties include overseeing independent consultant agreements, memoranda of understanding, delegations of authority and revisions to the DANR Administrative Handbook, and serving as liaison with Division support groups.

■ *Fred Perry* will continue as interim director of the

Office of Facilities Planning and Management. The Division was unsuccessful in a nationwide search for a new director and is exploring various models of management for OFPM and the research and extension center system.

■ *Rachel Elkins* is now principal pomologist for Mendocino County in addition to serving as Lake County farm advisor. A statewide expert in pears, she also works with pear growers in Sutter and Yuba counties.

COMING UP



JULY

42nd Annual Weed Day

July 16; UC Davis; David Visher (530/752-0612; <http://wric.ucdavis.edu/>)

*Winegrape Outlook Workshop

July 24; Sacramento; Laurie Treacher (530/752-2320; latreacher@ucdavis.edu)

Green and Gold: Calif. Environments—Memories and Visions

July 30-Aug. 2; Santa Cruz; Carolyn Merchant (510/642-0326; <http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/departments/espm/env-hist/>)

AUGUST

Intermountain REC Annual Field Day

Aug. 6; Tulelake; Joyce Guthrie (530/667-5117)

*4-H Leadership Conference

Aug. 7-9; UC Riverside; Glen Gillmore (530/754-8519; gtgillmore@ucdavis.edu)

*6th Natural Resources Continuing Conf.

Aug. 12-14; Bodega; Jill Frommelt (530/752-5797;

jwfrommelt@ucdavis.edu)

*UCCE Turf and Landscape Research Field Day

Aug. 20; BAREC, Santa Clara; Ali Harivandi (510/639-1271)

SEPTEMBER

*Western Regional Conference for Ag Health and Safety

Sept. 13-15; UC Davis; Eleanor Wood (530/752-5253; ewwood@ucdavis.edu)

Forest Products Lab Open House

Sept. 15; Richmond; Janice Montano (510/215-4222; montano@nature.berkeley.edu)

*Turfgrass/Landscape Research Conf. and Field Day

Sept. 15-16; UC Riverside; Susana Velez (909/787-4430)

*UCD Entomology Dept. Outreach Meeting for UCCE Advisors

Sept. 16-17; UC Davis; Mary Louise Flint (530/752-7692; mlflint@ucdavis.edu)

3rd Annual Exotic Fruit Fly Symposium

Sept. 16; UC Riverside; Lisa Arth (909/787-7292; lisa.arth@ucr.edu)

*7th Workshop on Seedling Physiology and Growth Problems in Oak Plantings

Sept. 28-30; South Lake Tahoe; Doug McCreary (530/639-8807)

* New listing

To list events, call 510/987-0631 or send to ANR Report

Tools you can use



■ *Mejore su Español* (Improve your Spanish): The Spanish Lending Library can help you learn the language with your choice of video and audio tapes, workbooks, study guides, CD-ROMs and diskettes for Macs or PCs. “The only cost is the time you invest and the return mailing charges,” said *Myriam Grajales-Hall*, manager of Spanish Broadcast and Media Services. “You can learn to speak, read and write Spanish at your own pace and convenience.” To order materials, contact Spanish Broadcast and Media Services (909/787-3332; lisa.rawleigh@ucr.edu).

■ The UC Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program (IHRMP) has produced its seventh progress report, which details its efforts to conserve the state’s hardwood rangelands in fiscal year 1997-98. The report is available for the first time in its entirety on the Internet (<http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp/prog98.html>).

Schneeman (from p. 1)

the dean’s office be adopted for July 1998 to June 1999. “In accepting the task force report, I have agreed to serve as dean during the interim period and am committed to the integrity of the planning process,” Schneeman said.

“During the past five years, Dean Schneeman has worked tirelessly on behalf of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences,” said Chancellor *Larry Vanderhoef*. “Provost *Grey* and I are deeply appreciative of her efforts and many accomplishments. We are fortunate that she will continue to lead the college during the coming year as the college undertakes a critical planning effort aimed at positioning it to best meet the challenges of the 21st century.”

Schneeman has been a member of the UCD faculty since 1976. She chaired the department of nutrition from 1988 to 1993 and was associate dean of resident instruction and student affairs in the college from 1985 to 1988. She plans to return to her faculty position after stepping down as dean.

Natural resources meeting in August will focus on salmon

The sixth Natural Resources Continuing Conference will give DANR advisors, specialists and faculty an opportunity to learn more about California salmon Aug. 12-14 at the Bodega Marine Laboratory.

“Issues related to salmon are important to many aspects of California’s economy,” said Sea Grant Marine Fishery Specialist *Chris Dewees*. “Coho salmon and steelhead in our coastal streams are already listed under the Endangered Species Act, and the three remaining unlisted runs of Chinook salmon in the Central Valley are proposed for listing. Water policy changes affecting California agriculture are occurring as a result.”

The Sea Grant Extension and Integrated Hardwood Range Management programs organized the training. Updates on salmonid research and field trips to a local watershed and to the ecological reserve surrounding Bodega Marine Lab will be included.

Limited funding is available to help CE county advisors pay for room and board. For registration materials contact *Jill Frommelt* (530/752-5797; jwfrommelt@ucdavis.edu).

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