



A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT GOMES

Budget Update

The Governor's budget for 2004-05, released on January 9, contains \$372 million in new spending reductions for the University, including an additional \$11.6 million (5%) undesignated cut for state-funded research.

There is some good news for the Division, though, in an otherwise gloomy budget. Cooperative Extension is fully funded by the Governor at the 2003-04 level.

Word is that the strong message sent to Sacramento last spring by thousands of stakeholders about UCCE's importance to California communities, a healthy economy and the youth of the state was instrumental in this positive outcome. I want to express my deep gratitude and thanks to everyone who took the time to advocate on our behalf. Your efforts paid off!

We're still facing some very serious budget decisions, however, as a result of the deep cuts to the University since 2001-02. Last year the California Legislature cut UC by \$400 million and this has impacted every University program. For the Division, this meant a reduction in state funding of 25% for Cooperative Extension and a second straight 10% cut for agricultural research. In facing these unprecedented cuts, my priority has been to maintain programs that directly serve local communities and local needs. That is why we made the decision to hold cuts to county-based UCCE to 15% while distributing larger percentage cuts

Listening Sessions Planned

Listening sessions are being planned to solicit stakeholders' input on ANR, our programs and ways in which we can better address the needs of Californians.

The dates and locations are:

- January 29 - San Luis Obispo, Veteran's Hall
- February 5 - Riverside, UC Extension Center
- February 10 - Redding, Best Western Hilltop Motel
- February 19 - Parlier, Kearney REC
- February 26 - UC Davis, Buehler Alumni Center

ANR personnel are invited to attend the morning sessions. External constituencies are invited to attend the afternoon sessions. Further details are available on the ANR Web site at <http://groups.ucanr.org/directions/>. Pre-registration is encouraged and a Web-based registration form is available at the "future directions" site. If you have questions about registration, please contact Lynne Buenz at 510-987-0027, fax: 510-587-6415, E-mail: lynne.buenz@ucop.edu

across other programs, especially systemwide administration. Since July, we have eliminated 22 jobs in Oakland-based administration by attrition and layoffs and closed the Forest Products Lab and the Center for Cooperatives.

Before making additional long-term structural changes necessitated by these budget cuts, we are seeking input from our stakeholders, employees and the public. I encourage you to participate in an ANR budget listening session and share your concerns and ideas. Please see the details provided.

President Dynes Responds to Web Chat Question About CE

During his first few weeks in office, President Robert Dynes hosted Web chats in which faculty and staff, alumni, and students were invited to participate. During one chat a question was posed regarding Cooperative Extension. Below are the question and President Dynes' answer.

Question: Welcome. Could you please share with us your perspective of UC Cooperative Extension and its role in the larger University system, the state and local communities, as well as your vision for our organization for the future?

Dynes: The University of California was created as a land-grant institution to serve the agricultural needs of the state of California. I don't see that that responsibility has diminished at all. We've taken on many additional responsibilities, of course, but California is the breadbasket of North America, and we should maintain that position - UC needs to play a leading role in that.

The cuts in this area have been horrendous, and I very much regret the impact that has on individuals and programs - particularly after the cuts in these areas in the early 90's.

UC Delivers

"UC Delivers" is the latest tool to help ANR promote the value of ANR research and extension programs. This Web-based database showcases ANR success stories. These stories may be read on the Web, or may be distributed in printed form. "UC Delivers" will educate individuals and organizations inside and outside the University about the breadth of ANR's accomplishments and the resulting benefits to society.

To read "UC Delivers" success stories, please visit <http://ucanr.org/delivers>

Lund Named Interim Associate Vice President

Following the retirement of Associate Vice President Henry J. Vaux, Jr., as of January 2, Lanny Lund was named the Division's Interim Associate Vice President.



RECENT EVENTS **2003 ANR Statewide** **Reunion a Success**

In early October, more than 50 retirees and guests gathered in Napa for a rewarding two-day program. Our reunion began with an update by Vice President

Gomes on the Division's budget downturn. Napa County Directory Ed Weber then educated us about the impact of the University of California on the Napa Valley wine industry. Following lunch at COPIA, we enjoyed a tour of Robert Mondavi Winery and the opportunity to taste grapes off the vine and wines from the barrel. Dinner at V. Sattui Winery was the perfect ending to a very full day. The following day we learned a great deal from Farm Advisor Paul Vossen about the growing California olive oil industry and UC's extensive involvement in that industry. Marciel Klenk and B. Diane Wallace presented a tasting of several California extra virgin olive oils which have been certified by the California Olive Oil Council, founded by Paul Vossen. This delightful tasting experience convinced many to decrease their dependence on "foreign oil." Marciel and Diane then gave all guests the opportunity to make their own flavored vinegars. Some found this to be so enjoyable, they produced several bottles. In these two days, much was learned and many friendships were rekindled. To see photos from this event, please visit:

http://groups.ucanr.org/devsvcs/Retiree_Relations/Statewide_ANR_Retiree_Reunions.htm

Home Ec Retirees Gather in Santa Cruz by Olivia Thelous

There's more to Santa Cruz than the Boardwalk! In October, 30 home economist retirees, spouses and friends met for 4 days in Santa Cruz. Each day was filled with interesting happenings. A bus tour through the back country with commentary by Ron Tyler, former county director and farm advisor, gave insight into the important agriculture of that county. That led us to Salinas to visit the National Steinbeck Center. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the famous Capitola Shadowbrook restaurant where we were delighted to have Cindy Barber from the ANR Office of Development Services join us for the evening. The UCSC Slug Bus took us to the Seymour Marine Center, followed by a dynamic presentation of the national genome project led by Dr. David Haussler, Director for the Center for Biomolecular Science & Engineering. Before heading back to the hotel, we had a walking tour of the "sustainable food systems and experimental gardens" explained by Jim Leap, director of the program. A Mongolian barbecue at a member's home in Scott's Valley concluded our reunion and everyone agreed there was a lot more to Santa Cruz than the beaches and boardwalk!

Animal Science Luncheon by Jim Clawson

Twenty-three animal science advisors, specialists and faculty met for the 14th annual luncheon at the El Macero Country Club in Davis. Highlights were the annual "roundtable" of memories and current activities of the group. The annual presentation of the "Elmer Hughes Cane" was made to Chuck Wilson in recognition of his contribution as a "good" Farm Advisor.

Eric Bradford and Mary Horton described the Animal Science Department Memorial Book. This book includes pictures and a brief write-up of friends, faculty, staff and Extension staff associated with the Department. A memorial fund was established in 1954 and the Memorial Book in 1995. Jim Clawson distributed a list of livestock/range advisors and specialists he is attempting to compile and rough notes on the "Good Old Days of UC Range Programs."

WAYS TO GIVE TO ANR

When you think about your estate and financial plans, we hope you will consider a possible gift or bequest to ANR. You may not believe you could be a philanthropist, but with a carefully planned gift, even a person with a modest estate may become one. A planned gift may enable you to meet your personal financial goals and needs, while making it possible for you to support the charity of your choice. ANR continues to benefit today from the financial resources provided by planned gifts received decades ago. There are several types of planned gifts for consideration:

Bequests are gifts given through one's will or living trust in which a charity, such as ANR, is named as the beneficiary of a percentage of the estate, the residual of the estate, or a specific amount. Some of the largest gifts received by ANR have been by means of bequests. We advise using specific language when making bequests so that your intentions are clear and we will be pleased to provide sample bequest language upon request. If you have already included ANR in your will, we hope you will let us know.

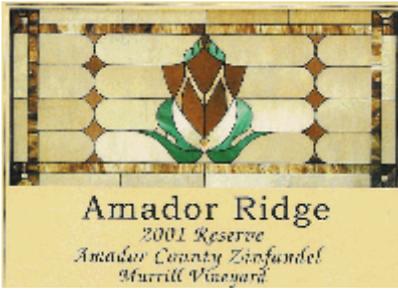
Life income gifts provide donors with a charitable tax deduction and an income for the life of the income beneficiary(ies).

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Retained life estate gifts allow the donor(s) to transfer a personal residence while maintaining the right to live there for life.

There is generally no age requirement for making a planned gift. A planned gift to ANR can satisfy your own financial goals and, at the same time, support essential University programs.

For more information on giving to ANR, please contact Cindy Barber, Director - Retiree Relations and Planned Giving, 1111 Franklin Street, 6th Floor, Oakland, California 94607, (510) 987-9139 or cynthia.barber@ucop.edu



SOME RETIREES KEEP GROWING AND GROWING...

Former Dairy Specialist Frank Murrill retired from Cooperative Extension in 1989 and has been growing and growing ever since. That is to say, he has been growing

exceptional wine grapes. Some 20 years ago, Frank and his wife, Ruth, had the foresight and energy to purchase an abandoned property in Amador County. The “ramshackle” house was surrounded by unruly vineyards, neglected since the 1940s. The two lovingly restored the old house and were able to salvage 400 Zinfandel and 250 Carignane vines, originally planted in 1916. By planting 1,000 new vines each year, they now have more than 8,000 Zinfandel, Carignane, and Sangiovese vines.

It wasn't long before harvesting the grapes was more than the Murrills could manage, even with the help of their family and friends. Now, in addition to the family, harvesting is done by experienced crews. Their grapes have been sold to several wineries. The varietals produced by Oakstone Winery and Obscurity Cellars with Murrill Vineyard grapes are award-winning wines: **Sangiovese** - Gold Medal, Amador County Fair; Gold Medal and Best in California, California State Fair **Zinfandel** - (Murrill Vineyard “Old Man Murrill”) Silver Medal, Amador County Fair; Bronze Medal, California State Fair **Carignane** - Silver Medal, Amador County Fair; Silver Medal, California State Fair.

At long last, Frank and Ruth have their own label: Amador Ridge. Their own Zinfandel is off to a great start, having won the Bronze Medal at the Amador County Fair. If you're lucky enough to buy a bottle of their Zin, take a close look at the label. You'll be looking at one of the windows of their restored home. Imagine Frank and Ruth tending their vines on the other side of that window and you'll surely enjoy that award-winning wine a good deal more.

THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FAMILY (for the full text, visit <http://ucanr.org/devserv/>)

Don Bath and his wife now live in St. Helena, near their son, Bob, who is a Master Sommelier and wine consultant. Don is enjoying the challenge of serving on the Napa County Civil Grand Jury. He and **Gloria** look forward to their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary. **Monte Bell** continues overseas consulting on cattle and sheep farms. Recent work has taken him to Kazakhstan, Russia and Uzbekistan. Having enjoyed a trip to Italy this year, **Jan Harwood** now looks forward to being a member of the “world's largest audience at an NCAA basketball game” when Michigan State meets Kentucky. Twenty grandchildren keep **Ernestine Ivans** occupied year round with holidays, graduations and other milestones. This year she and **Howard** will travel to Kuai and northern Italy. Nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren (with another on the way) keep **Hunter** and **Bjorg Johnson** young. Hunter remains active in local computer, golf and garden clubs. Additionally, he is an advisor to a community vegetable garden project which

produces year-round for two local soup kitchens. **Paul La Vine** and his wife, **Cecelia**, were urged by their children to move from New Mexico to Salem, Oregon for health reasons. They are now in good health. **Bill Moyles** has been growing and hybridizing Rhododendrons, some of which have found their way into the nursery trade. Additionally, he is growing a collection of Vireya Rhododendrons (from Malaysia, Indonesia and New Guinea) in Lakeside Park, Oakland. **Pete Passof** reports that the 2003 budget problems make those endured 10 years ago seem trivial. He and **Flo** enjoyed another summer road trip in their 1950 Ford woodie station wagon. **Don** and **Chloe Rosedale** have moved to Mesa, Arizona. This past year they enjoyed a memorable trip across Canada on the “Great Trans-Canada Rail Tour.” **Ted Torngren** and his wife, **Jackie**, ran Uncle John's Christmas Tree Farm in Elk Grove for 10 years, closing recently due to gall rust in the trees. Local middle school children benefit from Ted's math and science tutoring and his generous book donations. **Gaylord P. Whitlock** writes that at age 86 he is involved with his church and has taken up quilting, having recently benefitted from the UCCE course: Dressing by Design. He honors occasional requests for free nutrition and exercise consultations.

AWARDS

Bob Scheuerman received the 2003 United States Sweet Potato Distinguished Service Award. **William Sims**, member of the Sutter Davis Hospital Foundation and Community Board, was named the 2003 Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year by the Sacramento Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

NEWLY RETIRED

The following people have recently retired from ANR.

Gary W. Johnston - county director, San Joaquin County
Michael P. Mann - 4-H youth development advisor, Orange County
Robert Price - seafood technology specialist, Sea Grant Extension Program
Jimmie Ross - superintendent, UC West Side Research and Extension Center
E. Robert Singleton - senior public information officer (radio broadcaster), ANR
Henry J. Vaux, Jr. - associate vice president, ANR
Jack Williams - county director, Sutter/Yuba Counties
Eunice Williamson - county director, Riverside County
Abraham Wubishet - dairy advisor, San Bernardino County

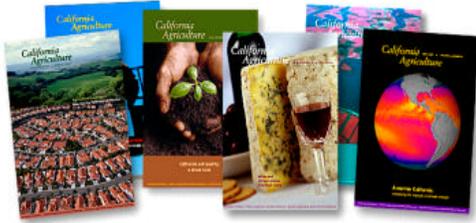
IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Davis - former home economist, died on December 26, 2002. **Gale Gurtle** - former dairy farm advisor in Tulare and Orange Counties, passed away May 1, 2003. **William Seyman** - former farm advisor in Santa Clara County, passed away on July 18, 2003, following a long illness. **Mildred Townsend** - former home economist, died in December 1998.

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ANR REPORT UPDATE

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ANR Home Page: <http://ucanr.org>

ANR Development Services: <http://ucanr.org/devserv>

ANR Retiree Directory:

http://danr.ucop.edu/devserv/aer/directory_page.htm

ANR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

ANR Development Services is pleased to welcome Executive Secretary Cheryl Hyland who joined us in October. Cheryl worked previously for recently retired Associate Vice President Henry Vaux. She may be reached at (510) 987-0145 or cheryl.hyland@ucop.edu

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