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FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT

*Keep the Alumni Voice Alive through
Alumni and Friends*

This is the first in hopefully many letters from the CAHE Alumni and Friends Board of Directors. Let me introduce myself. My name is Michael Dalziel, and I currently reside in Sumner, Washington. I work for Lloyd Enterprises, a utilities contractor, located in Federal Way. I am the current president for the College's Alumni and Friends Association. For many of you this may be the first time you have heard about the CAHE Alumni and Friends. For others, it may be refreshing to know that a revitalized group is back to work to keep you in touch with your College, your College in touch with you, and you in touch with your long lost college buddies.

As I mentioned, the CAHE Alumni and Friends Board of Directors is a revitalized group of volunteers who care about keeping the alumni voice alive while striving to up hold its mission.

"The College of Agriculture and Home Economics Alumni Board of Directors is the catalyst for uniting prospective students, current students, the college administration, faculty and staff, industry, and alumni while upholding WSU's Land Grant mission."

Our goals as the Alumni and Friends governing body is to get as many people as possible involved in our mission. Whether your talent lies in being a mentor for students, speaking to prospective

students in your community, providing internships through your companies, or by attending our regional events, we look forward to your participation.

Fall is fast approaching and with that the CAHE's annual alumni bash Land Grant Day on October 25. The theme for this year's event is "Families, Foods and Futures...Made in Washington." Whether it is working with children in the human development department, learning about cattle production, or cropping techniques researched in our department of crop and soil sciences, Land Grant Day celebrates how the many areas of our College contribute to the future of Washington State. A special highlight this year will include a celebration of Washington's bountiful commodities. Commodity groups from around the state have been invited by our student groups to participate in this year's event to show off all that Washington has to offer the people of the world.

This year's benefit auctioneer talent will be supplied by Booker Auctions. This is one wonderful way we keep our alumni involved with the event. Butch Booker called the auction last year and this year his brothers Merle and Burl will be our auctioneers. All three brothers were WSU students.

The CAHE Alumni and Friends Board of Directors has been working hard to gather auction items for the event. Our annual benefit auction raises funds to



award one \$3,000 Dean's Merit Scholarship, one \$1,000 Faculty Advising Award, \$3,000 to help fund our CAHE Student Ambassadors (recruiting program), along with student club grants, alumni newsletter, and regional alumni events. This is our key opportunity to raise funds for these programs sponsored by our association. If you or your business would like to contribute an item to this year's auction, please call the Alumni and Development office at 509-335-2243.

In closing, there are many ways to stay involved with the College of Agriculture and Home Economics family. I encourage you to participate in Land Grant Day 1997. The Cougars will be playing the University of Arizona Wildcats in football. And the College will have great entertainment, food, and opportunities to socialize with faculty, administration, and fellow alumni. Please keep a look out for future mailings from the CAHE Alumni and Friends as we attempt to keep you abreast of what is happening on the great Palouse, or the next time we are in your area.

I look forward to seeing you in Pullman.

With Cougar Spirit,

*Mike Dalziel
President, CAHE Alumni and Friends*

Good-bye Kristi Burns

Kristi Burns, CAHE's director of alumni and development since 1995, left WSU in May to take a position as vice president for institutional advancement with Whitworth College in Spokane. Whitworth is a private, liberal arts school associated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

CAHE and WSU will miss Burns, who served successfully in a variety of administrative and advancement positions at WSU over her 19-year career here. In addition to her tenure as CAHE's director of alumni and development, Burns also served as CAHE's alumni and development coordinator from 1984 to 1988. From 1988 to 1995, she held development-related positions with WSU's College of Education and with the WSU Foundation.

"We will truly miss Kristi's unique ability to bring people together to work toward a common goal," says

Dean Jim Zuiches. "While working on major gifts, Kristi's planning skills would cover every possible angle. She actively engaged the college as a whole in the fund-raising effort, bringing together faculty, administrators, and key volunteers.

"And, she played a vital role in the success of CAHE's Campaign WSU efforts. When Kristi began as the College's alumni and development director in 1995, our fiscal year gift total was \$6.5 million. When she left in May as Campaign WSU was ending, CAHE's fiscal year gift total was up to \$10.7 million and our overall Campaign WSU total was \$65,387,668," Zuiches said.

Burns intends to maintain her close ties with WSU.

"I have two degrees from WSU and I'll continue to stay in touch with my WSU family. Once a Cougar, always a Cougar," she said.

WSU and UI Students to Host the 1998 Western Association of Agriculture Councils Conference

Washington State University and University of Idaho agriculture students will highlight the agricultural diversity of the Northwest. The two schools host the Western Association of Agricultural Councils (WAAC) Conference next March in the Moscow-Pullman area.

Last February, 10 students from WSU and five students from UI attended the WAAC conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. At the conference, WSU and UI students presented a bid to host the 1998 conference. They won.

The conference, to be held March 4-8, 1998, provides an opportunity for student leaders west of the Mississippi River and students from all Canadian provinces to discuss various issues related to agriculture.

"It is a great opportunity for agricultural students from across North America to interact and share information on agriculture related subjects,"

said WSU Publicity Co-chair Scott Sparman.

While touring the Northwest, students will have an opportunity to discover the different industries and how Washington and Idaho produce various crops.

"The Inland Northwest has a great deal of agricultural diversity and many unique industries. I look forward to being able to share what our agricultural industry has to offer with so many people," said UI Facilities Co-chair Kristi Michael.

Students attending the conference will be visiting WSU Pullman, WSU Tri-Cities, and UI campus. They will also be attending various leadership workshops, activities, and tours. Tours tentatively planned include Port of Lewiston, Lower Granite Dam, Broetje Orchard, Tri-Cities, and Potlatch Inc., Lewiston.

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AROUND THE COLLEGE

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Students **Willie Bovard**, **Elorie R. Slater**, and **Tiffany M. Somers** received the President's Award for excellence in leadership and service to WSU.

Ray Folwell received the Western Ag Econ Association Teaching Award.

Students presented papers and competed in the academic bowl at the AAEA conference this summer in Toronto, Ontario.

ANIMAL SCIENCES

Sophomore **Jaime Meenach** (Valleyford, Washington) was named the 1997 National Beef Ambassador after winning the National Beef Ambassador's competition in San Antonio, Texas. The compe-

tion, which included 31 states, is sponsored by the Washington State Cattlemen and the American National Cattlemen's Association. As the 1997 National Beef Ambassador, Meenach will represent and visit different beef industry groups throughout the nation. She is the first Beef Ambassador from Washington state. Her parents, Hal and Robyn, both received their degrees in animal sciences from WSU.

Students **Antonio Elias-Calles** and **Julianne Sage** received the President's Award for excellence in leadership and service to WSU.

Professor **Jerry J. Reeves** received the Distinguished Teacher Award from the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science at the annual meeting in June 1997.

Betsy Greene, equine specialist, received the Achievement Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at its first annual conference in Burlington, Vermont, in mid-July.

APPAREL, MERCHANDISING AND INTERIOR DESIGN

Faculty members **Deborah Brooks**, interior design, and **Paul Hirzel**, architecture, won first place in the 1997 International Design Competition sponsored by the Interior Design Educators Council. The award is the highest honor given to design educators by this international organization. Brooks and Hirzel won the award for their design of the Delta Gamma Sorority House's attic,

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Barron Trades Economics for Genealogy, Photography, Fly Fishing

Genealogy, photography, fly fishing, looking after family property in Pennsylvania....

Yes, James C. Barron, chair of Washington State University's agricultural economics department since 1990, has retired.

On June 30, he swapped a 29-year-long career of helping develop agricultural economies and rural communities for full-time pursuit of hobbies. Barron was a research assistant and a Cooperative Extension area marketing agent for Pennsylvania State University before joining the WSU faculty in 1968.

Barron held a variety of appointments in teaching and research at

WSU before moving into administration. He was an assistant director of WSU's Cooperative Extension from 1978 to 1987, and director of WSU's Energy Extension Service from 1978 to 1982.

He was assistant dean of the WSU College of Agriculture and Home Economics in 1986-1987, with responsibilities for legislative liaison and work with statewide organizations. From 1987 to 1993 he was a consultant to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation with responsibility for comanagement of a

\$2.5 million grant program for Family Community Leadership programs in 44 states and three territories.

Barron saw foreign service in 1975-1977 when he took leave from WSU to

serve as a technical advisor with the Agency for International Development. In this capacity he helped improve agricultural administration in Ghana and was a senior lecturer in agricultural economics at the University of Ghana.

In 1981 Barron also worked in Tanzania as a member of a Colorado State University design team that performed farming systems research and extension work. In 1979 he was a consultant to the University of Chile on development of an agricultural extension and applied research program. In 1977 he visited the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibaden, Nigeria, to discuss small farmer research projects with economists and other staff.

He received his doctorate in agricultural economics in 1968 from Pennsylvania State University. His masters' and bachelors' degrees also were from Penn State.





Student study group in Delta Gamma's newly remodeled attic.

which they transformed into a modern carpeted great room, with beach theme, filled with low lounges, study lamps, and over-stuffed pillows.

BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

The Department of Biological Systems Engineering has begun a new program for undergraduate students interested in going on to medical school, veterinary school, or graduate school in biomedical engineering. The students earn B.S. degrees by completing the curriculum in biological systems engineering. They take particular electives that fulfill requirements for post-graduate work in their chosen fields. Kenneth Campbell advises the students. He now holds a half-time appointment in the department and another half time in the College of Veterinary Medicine. The College of Engineering and Architecture is lending support to this effort in the belief that engineering students applying for professional training in medicine and veterinary medicine have a high rate of acceptance. While WSU does not have a curriculum in biomedical engineering,

this adaptation of the department's curriculum enables students to prepare themselves for graduate studies at other universities in a field of considerable interest.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Energy Program

Three Cooperative Extension Energy Program staff received awards in May at the Developing Industry Partnerships Forum sponsored by the US Department of Energy's Motor Challenge Program. **John G. Douglass**, **Gil McCoy**, and **Bruce Whitney** received awards for developing the MotorMaster+ energy-efficient motor selection software, which is a cornerstone of the Motor Challenge Program.

CROP AND SOIL SCIENCES

Alvin G. Law, agronomy professor emeritus, recently received honorary life membership in two prominent associations: The Washington State Crop Improvement Association and the Pacific Northwest Turf Association.

ENTOMOLOGY

E. Paul Catts Memorial Lectureship

Entomology met its 1997 goal of raising \$10,000 toward an endowment to establish an annual invited lecture in honor of **E. Paul Catts**, a former chair of the department. The first lecture was given by Neal H. Haskell, a forensic entomologist that co-authored, with Paul, *Entomology and Death - A Procedural Guide*. The April 4 lecture titled, "Tales of the Body Farm: And Other Anecdotes" was attended by over 150 people and appeared later on KWSU's 'WSU-Presents'. The annual lectureship will honor Paul's ability to communicate effectively. We thank the 50 contributors that made this possible.

Award Winning Department

Entomology faculty were recognized for excellence in public service, research, and teaching. **Art Antonelli** was named the recipient of the 1997 Sahlin Award for Public Service. **Elizabeth H. Beers** won the Entomological Society of America's Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension for the Pacific Branch. **Alan A. Berryman** won the College of Agriculture and Home Economics Faculty Excellence in Research Award. **Jay F. Brunner** was given the Excellence in IPM Award for the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America. **Gary L. Piper** was named the winner of the R. M. Wade Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching. **W. Steve Sheppard** was named as the recipient of the J. I. Hambleton Memorial Award.

Yi Chen or 'Charlie' won first place in the student poster competition, **John Rumph** won second place in the student poster competition and **David Epstein** won second place in the student paper competition. These awards were announced last week at the ESA meeting in San Jose.

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FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION

WSU and the University of Idaho Form Coordinated Program in Food Science

Newly appointed Department Chair **Al McCurdy** (Food Science '67) is excited to announce that The Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition (WSU) has joined forces with the Department of Food Science and Toxicology (UI) to offer a coordinated teaching program in food science. Students wishing to pursue an undergraduate food science degree may enroll in food science at either university and all food science courses in the program are cross-listed at each university. Duplication of upper division food science classes will be avoided by the two universities. Some courses will be taught by UI faculty, some by WSU faculty, and some by a combination of faculty from each unit. This action allows students to interact with faculty with a wider variety of expertise than was available from each individual program prior to the formation of the coordinated program.

Last Spring, freshman Ashley Martinson received a \$3,000 scholarship as third-place winner in the national Future Farmers Association Agri-Science Student Recognition Program. Martinson's award was based on her research on the con-

trol of E-coli 0157:H7 in poultry and cattle operations. She began the research while still a high school student. She is conducting the research with Dale Hancock, Dan Rich (both VCS) and Craig Wyatt.

The American Dietetics Association named **Linda Massey**, FSHN-Spokane, Outstanding Dietetics Educator for the western region. The award is one of only seven bestowed nationwide for serving as a role model for future dietetics professionals and implementing change that will help them meet the challenges of the 21st century.

HORTICULTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Things are off to a running start in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture this fall. Our new interim chair, William G. Hendrix, who is also coordinator of the Landscape Architecture program, is keeping himself very busy between the two positions. At

the present moment he is preparing a "vision statement" which will take the department into the 21st century.

Also scheduled for this fall was the annual graduate student tour led by **Larry Hiller** and newly appointed Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture **Sean Michael**. The tour departed from the Pullman campus Sunday, August 17, and visited our off-campus Research and Extension Centers through August 20. The tour included sites at Mt. Vernon, Puyallup, Long Beach, Vancouver, the Tri-Cities, and Prosser. The new graduate students and faculty stopped to visit some of the state's attractions, such as the Grand Coulee Dam, and some of the state's industries, such as the Hogue Cellar's Winery in Prosser.

This last academic year was a fruitful one for our faculty and students. In addition to the numerous scholarships that our undergraduates receive every year, horticulture senior Jennifer Halliday is the recipient of a \$1,200 National Garden Writer's Scholarship for the 1997-1998 academic year. Undergraduate landscape architecture students **Brian Way** and **Sabina Milbrath** also received awards for their CAHE Undergraduate Research Projects.

Former department chair, **Charles R. Johnson**, was made a Fellow of the American Society for Horticultural Science this summer in Salt Lake City.



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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Professor **Joye J. Dillman** joined 35 other professors from around the nation to participate in C-SPAN's Winter 1997 Seminar for Professors January 6-7 in Washington D.C. Educators from diverse disciplines focused on creative ways to use C-SPAN's public affairs programming in classrooms and in research. Dillman was selected through a competitive application process open to the 4,900 members of the C-SPAN in the Classroom program.

Student **Deedra Hayden** received the President's Award for excellence in leadership and service to WSU.

Nine courses have been created that will be available through distance education in fall 1997.

IMPACT CENTER

Des O'Rourke was reappointed to the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors for a second three-year term. This group of 20 Washington business leaders meets quarterly with the Governor and the Executive Director of the Forecast Council to help project the direction of the state's economy and the tax revenues the state will have available to fund its programs.

INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY

Clarence A. (Bud) Ryan, received the International Society of Chemical Ecology's Silverstien-Simeone Award at the Society's annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, this July. The award honors leading scientists working on the forefront of chemical ecology. Ryan is the first American scientist to receive the award.

NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES

The department has three new faculty members: **Lisa A. Shipley**, wildlife sciences; **Robert Wielgus**, wildlife sciences; and **Jon Johnson**, WSU Puyallup.

Graduate Students Receive Degrees

Natural Resource Sciences graduate students successfully defended their master's thesis and were awarded degrees this past summer: **Brian Ruetten**, Wilderness challenge on the Internet; development of an interactive (leave no trace) program; **Brian Moser**, The effects of elk and cattle grazing on the vegetation, birds, and small mammals of the

bridge creek wildlife area, Oregon; **Russell Davis**, Relationships between preference and nutritional quality of select forage species of the northern pocket gopher; **Huguenel Alezi**, An economic analysis of orchard grazing: The case of sheep grazing in a mature sweet cherry orchard; **Corey A. Duberstein**, Selection of stopover habitat by transient landbirds in south-central Washington; **William B. Stewart**, An investigation of black bear damage to forest stands in Western Washington; **Kimberly G. McKanna**, A case study of the effects of war on forest policy; Finland and the second world war. Congratulations to all!

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

WSU's Vancouver Campus

New Early Childhood Education Building Now Under Construction

A new Early Childhood Education Building is currently under construction at WSU's Vancouver Campus. It is the first new academic building to be constructed on the 348-acre campus since its grand opening in 1996. The facility will house the University's human development and early childhood education programs, as well as provide offices for the College of Education. The 17,000-square-foot building will have classrooms, offices, child

care laboratories, a teacher work area, and a conference room. The building is expected to be completed by May 1998.

Also new at the Vancouver campus is the addition of a bachelor's degree in human development. The program focuses on preparing students for careers in family and social services, including teaching. This fall, about 80 students are majoring in the field, doubling last spring's enrollment.



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PLANT PATHOLOGY

The Udall Center for Studies in the Public Interest, at the University of Arizona, invited **Emmett Fiske**, faculty member, to be a panelist at the inaugural "Environmental Conflict Resolution in the West Conference" in Tucson. The conference's goal is to establish a national program in environmental conflict resolution.

Faculty member **Dennis Gross** was elected a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society. The award recognizes outstanding contributions in extension, research, teaching, or other activity to the science of plant pathology, the profession, or the society.

Plant Pathologists Honored

R. James Cook, who heads the USDA-Agricultural Research Service Root Disease and Biological Control Research Unit on the WSU Pullman campus, and two permanent scientists in his unit **David Weller**, a plant pathologist, and **Linda Thomashow**, a research geneticist, received the Ruth Allen Award at the 1997 meeting of the American Phytopathological Society in Rochester, New York, August 9-13.

The award is made annually to an individual scientist or a team of scientists who have made outstanding contributions to the science of plant pathology.

The three scientists were honored for research on *take-all decline*, a phenomenon in which, over time, the soils of fields planted continuously to wheat eventually suppress the fungus that causes the disease. Cook observed take-all decline in 1969 in soils taken from fields near Quincy.



Harvest time on the Palouse—includes the return of students to the WSU campus and to branch campuses and learning centers statewide.

At the same meeting, **Dennis Gross**, professor of plant pathology, was one of 10 members named Fellows in the society. APS grants the Fellows designation to current AS members in recognition for distinguished contributions to the field of plant pathology or to the society.

Gross, a member of the WSU faculty since 1979, studies plant pathogenic bacteria and bacterial diseases of fruit trees and potatoes.

RURAL SOCIOLOGY

WSU alumnus **Annabel Cook**, Ph.D. Sociology, is the new chair for the department as of July 1. Previously she had been working as an Extension and Research Sociologist.

The department has gained approval for its courses in community studies. Classes will include: Principles of Community Development; Agriculture, Environment and Community; Understanding State and Local Population Trends; Fundamentals of Participatory Research; Resolving Environmental Conflicts; and Local Impacts of Global Commodity Systems. They hope to offer their first classes in spring 1998.

RETIREMENTS

Mohammad Ahmedulla, associate professor of horticulture and landscape architecture, retired March 15 after more than 18 years.

James Barron, chair of the agricultural economics department since 1988, retired June 30 after 29 years. (See story on page 2.)

John "Woody" Bernard, chair of Snohomish Cooperative Extension, retired April 2 after more than 32 years.

R. L. Gabrielson, plant pathologist at the WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center, retired January 31 after more than 36 years.

Jack Peary, Snohomish County Cooperative Extension, retired May 2 after more than seven years.

C. Alan Pettibone, former superintendent of the WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center, retired December 31 after more than 31 years with the University.

Gary Thomasson, extension pesticide education specialist, retired March 3 after more than 17 years.



Change Challenges Washington Wheat Growers

Farming in an environment of change will continue to challenge Washington wheat growers. This is the message George Wood, Washington Association of Wheat Growers president, told about 100 growers June 9 at the 81st annual field day at Washington State University's Dryland Research Station in Lind, Washington. Wood spoke of change on three fronts, the physical environment, the political environment, and the economic environment.

"When looking at changes in our physical environment there is one thing we know—regulations regarding soil, air, and water have affected agricultural operations and we can expect more of the same," Wood said.

He said the urban vision for the future will dominate and urged farmers to look for win-win solutions with those who have a different blueprint for their vision for the quality of life.

"My hope is that the number of agencies that a farmer has to deal with is as

few as possible and that they will use more carrot and less stick."

Wood noted agriculture's declining political clout and declining funds for agricultural research in each new budget. "Agricultural clout in the state legislature is also diminishing," Wood said. "No disrespect is intended, but we have a governor and several department heads with little exposure to production agriculture. These leaders can be surrounded by advisors with one-sided visions of our environment."

In other action at the Lind field day, Karl Felgenhauer, chair of the Washington Wheat Commission, announced that wheat growers have entered into preliminary negotiations with WSU to create an endowed chair. The proposed chair would fund research on adapting no-till for control of both wind erosion and water erosion in a way that will preserve not only natural resources but protect profitability. The chair would be fully endowed with \$1.5 million.

In a show of support, Kevin Starring presented a \$5,000 check for the Lind Dryland Research Station Endowment. It was a gift from the Union Elevator and Warehouse Co. in Lind and its employees.

The station has also recently had a dramatic increase in its land area. Tom Lumpkin, department chair of crop and soil sciences, and Bill Schillinger, Director of the Lind station, initiated a transfer of the adjacent Neare Estate from the state of Washington to the Lind station. The transfer was shepherded through the legislature by representative Mark Schoesler and WSU's Larry Ganders. This has increased the area of the station from 320 acres to 1320 acres.

To conclude the presentation, Harry Burcalow, WSU's associate dean and associate director for Cooperative Extension, received an etched glass serving plate in recognition of his many years of service. Burcalow has announced his retirement.



LAND GRANT DAY

Land Grant Day, October 25, promises to be a family affair you don't want to miss with activities and events planned for every member of the family!

"All ages of our Cougar family should feel welcome to participate," said Elizabeth Peterson, development coordinator for the college.

Land Grant Day activities will get underway with the new, improved WAZZU Stew Cook-Off in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Building. Amateur cooks will compete for a \$100 prize with homemade stews made from Washington-produced ingredients. The winner will be announced during the barbecue. There is no entry fee, but you will need to enter by October 15.

Peg Hamlett of Moscow, Idaho, won the contest last year with a mouth-watering beef burgundy stew. You will

find her award-winning recipe on page 16 in this issue of *Connections*. Try it and see why she won.

(Don't leave out the unsweetened cocoa.)

Land Grant Day will also provide the opportunity to learn about the rich bounty produced by Washington's farms

and ranches. A number of the state's agricultural commodity commissions have been asked to set up displays.

Don't worry about your little ones getting impatient. The student Human Development Club is planning games and activities just for your children to enjoy. (Your kids may not want to go home.)

Also, you won't want to miss out on the CAHE Alumni and Friends Association's annual auction following a fantastic barbecue lunch. Last year the auction

raised \$9,800 for student scholarships, club grants, the faculty advising award, and special alumni events. Everyone had a lot of fun.



Everett Martin, Ph.D. Animal Sciences and Alpha Zeta Advisor, grilling salmon at 1996 event.



Faculty group performs folk music at the 1996 Land Grant

What is this all going to cost you? Just \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Fill out the reply form in the center of this newsletter and send us a check made payable to *CAHE Alumni and Friends*. We must hear from you by October 15.

Land Grant Day celebrates the University's heritage as a Land Grant University. WSU was founded in 1890 under provision of the Morrill Act which provided states grants of federal land to support the creation of colleges that would provide a practice education for the public, with special concern for people from rural backgrounds.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Day celebration.

WAZZU Stew Cook-Off Rules

Put on your aprons and thinking caps! First place receives \$100 cash. Second and third place receive Cougar Cheese prizes. Stews are judged on flavor, texture, appearance, originality of commodities (variety), ease of recipe.

Contestants must use all Washington-grown ingredients and original recipes (except condiments). To give you some ideas of what you can use: wheat, milk, beef, apples, alfalfa (sprouts), potatoes, barley, eggs, pears, sweet cherries, corn, chicken, green peas, grapes, asparagus, etc.

Contestants are asked to prepare their stew at home due to the lack of cooking facilities for everyone. However, there will be enough electrical outlets for all entrants to keep their stews warm until judged. Use of a Crock-Pot is suggested.

Please fill out the enclosed RSVP indicating you will be bringing a stew for the competition.

9:00 a.m.—WAZZU Stew Cook-Off

The WAZZU stew cook-off for original recipes made with Washington ingredients. Bring your favorite stew to the Food Science Human Nutrition Building, Room 155 at 9:00 a.m. Winners will be announced during the lunch celebration.

TBA—Department Reunions

Various departments from the college will be having reunions. Your department may be mailing some further information in the near future. If you would like to contact your department directly, please call 335-2243 for information. The 1935 Livestock Judging Team plans a reunion as well.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.—Historical Costume Collection

Lewis Alumni Centre
(Open to the public)

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Antique Tractor and Engine Collection

Rugby Field near the event tents.
(Open to the public)

10:30 a.m.—Animal Sciences Laboratory Building Reception

11:30 a.m.—Ceremonial Opening of the New Animal Science Laboratory Building

Completed this past February, the new Animal Science Laboratory is connected to Clark Hall by a second story skybridge. It houses laboratories and offices for animal sciences faculty and staff. Public tours will be offered after the ceremony.

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*—Involvement Fair—Livestock Pavilion

See the new and exciting things that are going on at WSU and the agriculture industry. Several industry representatives, student clubs and departments will be on hand to showcase their programs. Fun games and face painting for kids of all ages.

12:30 p.m.*—Beef: It's What's Cooking!

Consider yourself invited to the best BBQ in town! Music...Cowboy poetry...Great food. Join Animal Science Professor Everett Martin and Alpha Zeta for some roast beef sandwiches. WSU graduate Bob Ricci has donated fresh Washington sweet corn for everyone. There will be many other Washington dishes served during lunch and music for entertainment.

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.* Alumni and Friends Benefit Auction

The CAHE Alumni and Friends Association's annual auction will be held in the Livestock Pavilion and will be the setting of yet another lively Booker Auction presentation. Last year's items included everything from a weekend stay at the dean's condo in Schweitzer to a trip on the Washington Dinner Train, and a "That's Another Cougar First Down" T-shirt. We will have great auction items again this year. The Alumni and Friends Benefit Auction raises money for student club awards, *Connections* newsletter, faculty advising awards, as well as many other alumni activities sponsored by the CAHE. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the auction, please contact the Alumni and Development Office.

We look forward to another fun and enjoyable auction. Hope to see you there!

3:30 p.m.*—WSU vs. University of Arizona Football Game

7:30 p.m.—Ambassador Reunion (following the game)

Wondering where your fellow Ambassadors have ended up? Come mingle with past and current CAHE Ambassadors. Join in the activities, reminisce with friends, and talk about those great high school visits. For more information, call Christa at 509-335-4562, or e-mail vibbert@mail.wsu.edu.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.—Social Hour

Student clubs will sell snacks and beverages.

9:00 p.m.—Western Dance

Don't worry, we'll start out with dance lessons!!! Followed by great music, dancing, and friends from the college. Students and alumni are both welcome.

* Please note that times are tentative due to the possibility of a change in game time. Please check with the Alumni and Development Office, 509-335-2243, one week prior to the event for a specific game time.





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Sherrill Richarz, retired Human Development faculty member, helping children play dress-up in her hand-made costumes at WSU Children's Center

Developing Children's Imaginations

In retirement, Sherrill Richarz continues to enrich children's lives through creative costuming

BY JOANNE BUTEAU

Aladdin, the Princess of Morocco, pirates on the high seas—these colorful characters come alive and dance in the minds of children as they don costumes made by Sherrill Richarz. Sherrill started designing and making creative costumes for children's play soon after retiring from the Department of Human Development at Washington State University in 1995, after 25 years of teaching.

"I love working with children and didn't want to just cut it off after retiring," says Sherrill. "So I became involved in making costumes that I thought would increase the quality of care in child centers. And I have been having a lot of fun ever since."

Sherrill recognized a need for more inspiring children's dress-up clothes years ago. While visiting child care

centers and Head Start programs across the country, she noticed that creative drama experiences and make-believe play, all so important in child development, were often limited by the lack of props. Thus began her campaign to make costumes that would open the minds of children and challenge their imaginations. They did not have to be elaborate either—just a simple scarf or cape can be effective in eliciting

imaginative play. "It really doesn't take much," Sherrill insists. "A child can just put on a hat and automatically be on an

African safari or be a zookeeper."

Whether it's an elaborate dress or a simple colorful headband, children adore Sherrill's costumes. They dance, twirl around, playact, laugh, and even learn. Joyce Leonard, assistant director of the WSU Children's Center, has been watching children playing and fantasizing in Sherrill's costumes for over a year now.

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“The kids love the costumes, and so do we,” Joyce says. “They’re not only fun, but we also see it helping them in reading by bringing the abstract into reality. They’ve been a great help.” Brenda Boyd, director of WSU’s Child Development Center, a preschool of 40 children, adds that the costumes are not only exciting and novel to children, but they’re accessible as well. Children can easily slip them on and off and don’t need to be dependent on adults to dress-up.

While undoubtedly amusing and entertaining to children, these costumes also provide important learning and developmental opportunities. Sherrill works closely with teachers to make sure children gain the most from the costumes. “For example, by prodding children and asking them what they think something looks like or what they can do with it expands their vocabulary,” Sherrill says. Costumes and dra-

matic play also help in developing cognitive skills, improving physical abilities, increasing social interaction and group skills, broadening cultural and ethnic awareness, and developing the imagination. “Developing children’s imaginations is important because tomorrow’s society as well as today’s is going to depend on new ideas,” says Sherrill. “And you never develop ideas, or try them out and follow them up, unless you start pretty early in life.”

Since embarking on her project two years ago, Sherrill has made over 300 costumes—and she gives them all to area child care centers and preschools as gifts. Although many people have wanted to pay her for the costumes, Sherrill accepts no money. It’s her hobby, she insists. Recently, however, the idea of a scholarship in Sherrill’s name surfaced; one that would help students pursue a degree in Early Childhood Development at WSU. Now, when

people want to pay Sherrill for her costumes, she suggests that they contribute to the scholarship fund instead. “It is my hope that this scholarship will help more students have the opportunity to enroll in WSU’s Early Childhood Development program so they’ll be better prepared in a world where we have so many children in child care centers, preschools, and other out-of-home programs,” says Sherrill.

About Sherrill Richarz...

Sherrill Richarz currently lives in Moscow, Idaho, with her husband. She has four grown children who contribute fabric and ideas for her project. In addition to making costumes, Sherrill also remains active in her profession. She works throughout the United States with Head Start, the International Early Childhood Organization (OMEP), and



child care and preschool groups to improve the quality of services to children, especially through teacher preparation and training. Richarz is also an emeritus professor in the human development department at WSU.

While tenured in the department, Sherrill was instrumental in establishing the WSU Children's Center and was responsible for developing the human development department's P3 Program (preschool through third grade), which allows students to obtain a major in Early Childhood Development and gain an elementary education teaching certificate

concurrently. It is the only program of its kind in Washington state.

As an instructor, "she was absolutely wonderful," says Jay Teachman, current chair of the human development department.

"Sherrill always had high teacher evaluations and was a great mentor to her students,"

concurs Mary Garguile, a former student and now on the faculty in the early childhood education department at Olympic College. "Sherrill made a big difference in my life, impacting it significantly," exclaims Mary. "She was a great model and has affected me as a teacher to this day."

SHERRILL RICHARZ SCHOLARSHIP IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Human Development at Washington State University has initiated a scholarship in the name of Sherrill Richarz. Two \$500 scholarships will be given each year to students specializing in early childhood development. The scholarship is earmarked for students who are underrepresented in the field, specifically, people of color and male students. In addition, Sherrill has requested that the scholarships be awarded to those especially needing extra financial assistance.

The endowment for the scholarship will be built on both donor gifts and contributions to Sherrill for her costumes. If you would like to support the Sherrill Richarz Scholarship in Human Development, please contact:

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ALUMNI NOTES

Randy Anderson ('97 Ag Education) will begin teaching this fall at Meridian High School in Bellingham, Washington.

Steve Berg ('97 Ag Business) began work in June as a sales representative for Novartis.

Heidi Records ('97 Ag Education) is an agriculture instructor at Cashmere High School in Cashmere, Washington.

Matt Berg ('95 Ag Business) returned to the family business "Linzie Ranch" to work beside his father and grandfather.

Bill Druffel ('95 Animal Science) and Katie Everman of Mc Pherson, Kansas, were married in Colton, Washington, June 14, 1997. Bill is currently working for Cargill as an Administrative Manager.

Matt Sealock ('95 Ag Economics) married Nancy Watts June 7. Matt and his wife are currently living in Nebraska where he works as a Grain Merchant for Continental Grain.

Mary (Lees) Garcia ('94 Human Development) and Doug Garcia gave birth to Gabrielle Marie Garcia on June 12, 1997. The happy parents live in Pullman, Washington.

Alison (Strotz) Lane ('93 Animal Science) of Mt. Vernon, Washington, married Matthew Lane on May 31, 1997. Alison is currently employed by Ferndale Grain in a technical support position.

Don Park ('85 Food Science) and his wife Monica recently moved to Murrieta,

California, for Don to assume his new job with Case Swyane, a company that manufactures dry seasonings and sauces.

Joanne Woody Lyford ('81 Home Ec./ Hum. Nut. and Foods) of Portland, Oregon, was awarded the Creative Nutrition Education Award for 1996 by the American Dietetic Association Diabetes Practice Group. Her teaching kit, "Order Out," was awarded the highest honor for innovation, creativity, and effectiveness in client education tools.

Nancy L. Rush ('81 M.S. Home. Ec.) is coordinator of Community Health Education at the Central District Health Department in Boise. She also is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, 328th Support Hospital, in Boise.

Tom Lumpkin, Ph.D. ('76 Agronomy) returned to Pullman, Washington, in February of 1996 to assume the position of Chair for the Department of Crop and Soil Science.

Art Tasker ('71 Forest Management) of Enumclaw, Washington, is with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. He is the Assistant Region Manager for Regulatory, Protection and Service Programs: fire, forest practices, surface mining, service forestry, correctional honor camps, law enforcement and aquatic resource management.

Alan McCurdy, PhD ('67 Food Science and Technology) just finished his first year back in Pullman, Washington, serving as Chair of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

Jack P. Meiners ('42 Agron., '49 Ph.D. Plant Path.) of Silver Spring, Maryland, has consulted on agricultural research projects in Africa and South America since retiring in 1980 from the USDA. He has hiked over 12,000 miles in the U.S. and various foreign countries.

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 CLIP AND MAIL

Welcome Christa Vibbert

CAHE heartily welcomes Christa Vibbert, who joined the College in June as assistant to the director of academic programs, student recruitment, and retention. She will plan, organize, and conduct student recruitment activities for CAHE; manage the Academic Program office's direct mail efforts and publications; and organize special events such as phonathons and fair exhibits for the College. She will also supervise the CAHE Student Ambassadors and the CAHE Student Senate.



Vibbert

"It is very exciting to be in a new town and at a new university," Vibbert says. "I really like WSU's friendly atmosphere and the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. The campus is beautiful and there are so many things WSU has to offer, from academics to athletics."

Vibbert is well prepared for the challenges of her new position in the College. She grew up on a farm in Madras, Oregon, and received a B.S. in agricultural science with a concentration in environmental horticulture science and a minor in plant protection from California Polytechnic State University in 1996. While at Cal Poly, she received several honors and participated in many clubs and activities. She was on the Dean's list, was a member of Alpha Zeta Honor Fraternity, served as an Agricultural Ambassador, was a student council representa-

—tive and treasurer, and belongs to the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow.

In her new position, she plans to focus on students and recruitment. "I

will continue current recruitment efforts, as well as develop some of my own along the way," she says. "I would like to determine a good way to involve alumni in recruitment efforts.

"Retention is another huge aspect of my position. It is just as important to keep students as it is to get them, so I plan to develop retention programs and activities as well.

"After my first year here I should have a better idea of how things operate, what works and what doesn't, and what might be good to try. I will take any suggestions! My door is open anytime and I invite alumni to stop by and say "hi" if they are on campus, Hulbert 419 or 423, or give me a call 509-335-3359. I can also be reached by e-mail: vibbert@mail.wsu.edu."

Before coming to WSU, Vibbert worked in her family's nursery, the Desert Valley Nursery in Madras, Oregon. She was responsible for sales, marketing, and caring for plants.

Keeping the Cougar Spirit Alive

Ever since graduating from Washington State University in 1974, Ken Christianson has kept a close tie to his alma mater—both on a business and personal level. As an owner and president of a large vegetable seed company in western Washington, he is in constant contact with WSU's Mt. Vernon and Puyallup research stations, working closely with their scientists. In return, Ken has always been a strong supporter of the University's extension centers. And when asked to serve on Campaign WSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics fund-raising committee in 1994, he was a natural and willing volunteer.

"I was enthused about the possibilities of how the campaign could help the University, the agriculture industry, and

eventually the whole state," says Ken. "And even though the campaign is now drawing to a close, I want to stay involved and help keep the momentum going."

Ken's fondness for WSU stems back to his college days in the early 1970s. When he arrived, he wasn't sure if he wanted to return to the family business, Alf Christianson Seed Company, founded by his grandfather in 1926. But after taking a seed physiology course taught by Professor McGuire in his junior year, he felt inspired and convinced. "That experience sealed my

decision for me, and I came back to work in the family business."

Ken and his wife, Sue (also a WSU alum), live in Burlington with their four children. They are both actively involved with volunteer efforts at WSU. For nearly a decade, Sue has worked at the local level on the University's Alumni Leadership Award program. Ken continues his work as a Campaign WSU volunteer, is a member of the WSU Foundation Board of Trustees, and has helped initiate an effort to revitalize and rebuild the Mt. Vernon Research and Extension Unit.



Christianson

CougNet Connects Alumni, Friends

CougNet (Cougar Information Network), which made its public debut July 15, 1997, provides a continually updated, interactive World Wide Web site with a wide variety of WSU information and networking opportunities, plus a free e-mail forwarding service.

"CougNet is information, entertainment, and Cougar spirit," said Mark Wilcomb, manager of CougNet Internet Services. "Nothing like this is being done anywhere else (among colleges and universities). It's more than an alumni site and more than an academic site, because it reflects what the alums want to see, and it will continue to do that."

1,733 members—some from Japan, Korea, Australia, Singapore, Cyprus, and Mexico—had signed up to join CougNet as of July 15, and the e-mail forwarding service has moved about 900 messages a day, Wilcomb said. The forwarding service is a particular draw for participants. Rapid change among Internet companies and people relocating means changes in e-mail addresses. Changing an address means getting that new address to all friends and colleagues. Some will lose track. CougNet provides an e-mail address that will never change.

CougNet e-mail forwarding allows members to use the e-mail



provider of their choice (CougNet is not an e-mail service provider.). Any time a CougNet user changes e-mail providers, a single message to the CougNet office directs e-mail to the new provider. CougNet forwarding runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Members also choose the CougNet name they want to use. CougNet addresses look like this: < yourname@gocougs.wsu.edu> , so users show their Cougar pride each time they use the Internet.

CougNet also offers a web site with services for Cougars such as job search

information, Cougar sports bulletins, news bulletins, and an e-mail directory of other CougNet members called "Friend Finders." An on-line store with Cougar merchandise, on-line "Cougar Postcards" and other new features and services are in development.

The e-mail forwarding service and use of the CougNet web site are free to CougNet members. CougNet membership is open to all WSU alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends. To register for CougNet, visit the web site at:

<http://www.wsu.edu/cougnet>.

Or, send an e-mail to:

cougnet@gocougs.wsu.edu.

Memberships are processed within one working day of receipt. Participants will receive a confirmation notice by e-mail when membership is activated.

Beef Burgundy Stew

Beef Burgundy Stew

Peg Hamlett, Moscow, Idaho

2 pounds lean Washington Beef, cut into 1-inch cubes	1 bay leaf	1 tbsp unsweetened cocoa
2 onions, thinly sliced	4 sprigs parsley, finely minced	2 tbsps tomato paste
2 cloves garlic	3 cups Washington Burgundy wine	2 chopped tomatoes
3 carrots, thinly sliced	2 tbsps oil	2 strips bacon
20 peppercorns	2 tbsps flour	1 cup pearl onions
		1 cup sliced mushrooms

Put beef, onions, garlic, carrots, peppercorns, bay leaf, parsley, and wine in a large stock pot and marinate for at least 3 hours. Drain pot, reserving liquid. In pot, put 2 tablespoons oil, add beef and vegetables and brown (should take only 2-3 minutes). Sprinkle with flour and cocoa; mix well. Add the tomato paste, tomatoes, and reserved liquid. Transfer to crock pot, add water to cover and cook for 2 hours on low. In small skillet, fry bacon until crisp and remove, retaining drippings. Add into pan the onions and mushrooms. Sauté in bacon drippings for 3-4 minutes and drain on paper towels. Stir the onions, mushrooms and crumbled bacon into stew and serve.



DEAN'S MESSAGE

Celebrating Success Throughout the College

The beginning of a new academic year provides us an opportunity to recognize our alumni and to celebrate the many successes and achievements of our faculty, staff, and students who provide program and unit leadership in our College. Together, we are laying the foundation for CAHE's future successes.

Sixty alumni gathered at WSU Vancouver June 7 for a barbecue and party honoring CAHE alumni in the southwestern Washington and Portland areas. It was an opportunity for local alumni to learn about the Vancouver campus and CAHE's programs and many accomplishments in and around their home turf. Michael Dalziel ('92) president of the CAHE Alumni and Friends Board of Directors brought greetings from the Alumni Board; and Ron Crawford ('63, Education), the state FFA advisor, gave the keynote presentation. The day's events included campus tours and an opportunity to speak with Hal Dengerink, campus dean for WSU Vancouver; Scott Cameron, assistant dean and station manager for the Vancouver research and extension unit; and Karen Peterson, associate professor in human development at the Vancouver campus.

I was delighted that several generations of CAHE alumni joined us for the day's events. In addition to learning about the Vancouver campus, we got a glimpse of where the College is headed as we enter the 21st century, a future that both senior and recent alumni have helped create.

Students

Our students, both undergraduate and graduate, continue to be a source of great pride for the College. The CAHE Post-secondary Agricultural Students (PAS) Club won four awards in PAS' national competition in March. Shawna Druffel won first place for public speaking, the livestock team won third place, Willie Bovard won fourth place for impromptu speaking, and the College bowl team won sixth place. This was the club's first year and it is unusual for one college to win so many awards.

CAHE students also won major awards at the American Dairy Science Association and the Agricultural Economics meetings. Six of our students received the President's Award for excellence in leadership and service to WSU: Willie J. Bovard, Elorie R. Slater and Tiffany M. Somers (all agricultural economics); Antonio Elias-Calles and Julianne Sage (animal science); and Deedra Hayden (human development).

Graduate students recently winning recognition include Molly Cadle, Greg Douhan, Jeff Miller, Guillermo Pimentel (all plant pathology); and Tenneille E. Ludwig (animal sciences).

Recognizing Excellence in CAHE Faculty and Staff

Numerous faculty and staff won major awards this year also. I am especially proud of the Family Focus Program in Spokane. The team won CAHE's College Excellence Award and received national recognition from USDA, which gave the entire team the Department of Agriculture Secretary's Honor Award, the highest honor USDA bestows.



Our College was honored by the recent election of Rod Croteau, Institute of Biological Chemistry, to the National Academy of Sciences, the highest honor the scientific community awards to scientists. With his election, our College now has four NAS members. We are also very proud of Art Antonelli, WSU-Puyallup, and Kelsey Gray, WSU Spokane, who were winners of the Sahlin Excellence Award for Public Service.

Strategic Planning: A Blueprint for the 21st Century

We are developing a major strategic plan for preparing students who will work in tomorrow's food system. The W. K. Kellogg Grant of \$1.45 million will help us work with partners around the state and at the University of Idaho to educate and train food system professionals for the future.

Our academic programs are developing new majors and minors that will be offered through the Extended Degree Program at the branch campuses and in Pullman. And, development of a minor in international agricultural food and fiber systems is underway.

The University and the College have begun developing a strategic plan for the next five years. The College is actually extending its strategic planning effort for a ten-year time frame, in particular, to develop the Pro-Agri-Food Initiative.

I appreciate the commitment and enthusiasm that all alumni, faculty and staff bring to the future success of CAHE's many programs.

Dean James J. Zuiches

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