**Two Professors Bring Out “True Colors”**

True Colors shone through when Dr. Celina Johnson, plant science faculty member hosted a leadership training seminar for the livestock management teams of the Agricultural Teaching and Research Center (ATRC). The Beef, Dairy, Swine, and Sheep and Goat units all have student-run management teams who maintain herd health and the daily care for livestock. Students have always been active at the ATRC but had never been trained on the variety of leadership styles.

Utilizing the True Colors Personality Assessment, Drs. Johnson and Whitcher guided students through personality assessments and a hilarious trust-building activity. Throughout the evening students learned about their own true colors, how they desire to be approached, and why each color group works differently. Topics discussed included time-management, leadership on and off the farm, and how individual needs and desires could be attributed to one’s “True Color.”

The presentation focused on how utilizing each color would create a complimentary leadership environment. “So much happens during the first semester that students go away to college, and it is important to realize how we are wired and ways to best manage stress,” Dr. Whitcher remarked. Many of the students on the Sheep and Goat management team are freshmen or transfer students, making it all the more imperative that the team understand and utilize their personality and leadership differences.

Besides the freshman, there are eight other additions to the ATRC...Goats! The ATRC is ever-changing, and for the first time in the history of the college we have goats. Now the Sheep and Goat unit houses eight does. The Boer goats were donated by Mike and Maureen Reis who are alumni of 1997. Donations were also made to the herd by Dr. Wes and Jane Patton of Glenn Land Farms. The goal is that the goats will compliment the already successful sheep program. Dr. Johnson and the Sheep and Goat management team are equally excited about the opportunity because "goats are cool." Dr. Johnson believes there is a tremendous opportunity to have a positive impact on the community. "Our program is structured to sell meat goats to young students involved in both 4-H and the FFA, and with our dedicated management team there are no limits to where we can go," Johnson stated.

The students are also aware of the impact on the industry. Senior Leah Miller shared her thoughts, “The College of Agriculture trains so many ag teachers that once they enter the school systems it is necessary to have experience with goats as livestock projects, and there is an ever-increasing demand for meat goats within our growing industry.”

**An Education Experience Abroad**

The College of Agriculture at CSU, Chico encourages students to take advantage of the many educational opportunities at their fingertips, while challenging them to expand their mindset to include a global perspective. A senior in the College of Agriculture, Karin Aschwanden, took the challenge to heart and spent six months in New Zealand.

After creating her Special Major in Agriculture Law and Policy Development, Aschwanden realized that an experience abroad would be the capstone to her education at Chico State. These agriculture courses and an international relations course exposed Aschwanden to college life in New Zealand, but the studies in the classroom couldn’t compare to the experiences with local culture. “I chose to study abroad for the experience and opportunity to travel to another part of the world, become familiar with a culture other than my own, and to expand my mind beyond the view of the world through American eyes,” Aschwanden shared.

Only on a student visa, Aschwanden was unable to work while in New Zealand, but she plans to return with the hopes of taking part in the community she fell in love with there, and truly embracing the culture. Aschwanden concluded, “It was wonderful spending time with people who take pride in every aspect of their lives, and it is this experience that has broadened my scope of what is possible after graduation.”
What’s Growing On?

Students:
- Sarah Hubbart, an Agriculture Business major, has received multiple awards and recognition as a resident advisor, in the Agriculture Theme House at University Village
- Outstanding Achievement (Gold Seal)
- Outstanding Programming (Gold Seal)
- Teamwork Award — awarded to RA’s of University Village
- Director’s Commendation Award

Contributors…

Jennifer Williams was voted Western Region vice-president for the Student Section of the American Agricultural Economics Association

Jessica Cook won first place at this year’s Student Research Competition. Cook’s research, titled “Optimum Phosphorus Concentrations Affects New Guinea Impatients and Cabbage in a Top-Watering System,” was presented in the undergraduate category of Biological and Agricultural Sciences.

Kari Bryan, an Animal Science student, spent the summer working at a dog sled kennel. She worked and trained 135 dogs and loved the experience!

The Dairy Management Team traveled to Corvallis, OR in September for the Western Organic Dairy Producers Conference. The team represented the College with a booth in the trade show collecting survey data from producers, performing registration duties and taking minutes in the general sessions.

Upcoming Events:
- The California State Young Farmers and Ranchers are set to host their 2008 Leadership Conference March 14 through 16, 2008 in Monterey, CA. This year’s conference theme is “Riding the Wave of Change,” and will be focused on business skills and networking.
- On April 4, 2008 the College of Agriculture will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the University Farm. All proceeds will benefit the Superior Ag Scholarship program.

Faculty:
- Drs. Matt Chang and Baohui Song are new additions to our Ag Business Faculty
- Dr. Patrick Berends who has returned to CSU, Fresno, in December and will be moving to England with his beloved wife. It is hard to imagine the college without Dr. Jansen, and naturally we’ll miss him with his refreshing and candid perspective on the issues we deal with as a faculty.

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A Quick Guide to Scholarship Accounts

Annual Accounts are scholarship accounts through which the donor funds a scholarship award through annual contributions.

Endowment Accounts are typically established through a major gift of cash, bequests, or appreciated investments. The funds are invested by the University Foundation Board of Governors, and four percent of the interest earned from the account is awarded each year in the form of a scholarship. The minimum amount for an endowment account is $10,000.

Flexible Endowment Accounts allow the donor to build an endowment account over time. The donor makes annual contributions to the fund, plus additional contributions to the endowment until it has grown to a size where it can be self-sustaining. (The Crabb scholarship is an example of a flexible endowment.) For more information on establishing a scholarship in the College of Agriculture, please contact Sarah DeForest at 530-898-3737 or e-mail deforest@csuchico.edu.

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Till next time,
Jennifer Ryder Fox

Dean Charlie Crabb

“Food for Thought”

…From the Dean’s Desk

We’re off and running on another school year, and all indicators are that we’re going to have a really great year. Enrollment is up, although only slightly, but it’s a trend in the right direction! Our supporters are increasing in their generosity, and we have more and more visitors at the University Farm. At 1 mention, enrollment numbers are up and we’re broken 400. Can the next enrollment milestone be 500? I think the answer is yes, and we can do it in three years. We can do it by thinking of ourselves as ambassadors of the college and nurturing the enthusiasm and curiosity that goes along with being new to campus and helps us all feel refueled.

As we say hello to Baohui and Matt, we have said goodbye to Dr. Patrick Berends who has returned to CSU, Fresno, to Dr. Tim Tripp, who has decided to pursue a professional opportunity in Texas, and to Dr. Henricus Jansen who will complete his teaching assignment in December and will be moving to England with his beloved wife. It is hard to imagine the college without Dr. Jansen, and naturally we’ll miss him with his refreshing and candid perspective on the issues we deal with as a faculty. However, with these two exits from our plant science faculty comes the challenge and opportunity to take our plant science program in a slightly different direction, one which we hope will help us attract more students. We will most likely be directing more attention to urban horticulture and/or sustainable landscape management than we have in the past, but we will continue to serve those areas that have made us strong in rosé crop, fruit and nut production, and plant protection.

Having two plant science faculty positions to fill allows us to move in this direction.

Our students continue to be energetic, enthusiastic, dedicated, and fun to be around. I am looking for ways to get to know them better and plan to travel with all of our competitive teams at least on an every-other-year basis in an effort to better understand their collective experiences. In addition to getting to know the students better, I think this experience will help me recruit more students to the college in the future.

When you come to Chico, please be sure to call ahead and stop by the office so we can have a chance to meet and visit. My assistant, Terri Prater (530-898-4907) can schedule a time for us. And, as I travel around the state and country, don’t be surprised if you are contacted by Sarah DeForest, our new development director, to see if it’s possible for me to see you when I’m in your area. I’m serious about wanting to get to know as many of our alumni as I can.

Dean Charlie Crabb
Ag-Ed Students Go Greek

For years agriculture education students struggled to create a unique identity for their organization, the Collegiate Future Farmers of America (CFFA). Although an extension of students’ high school FFA activities, CFFA didn’t really enhance the agriculture program offered in the College of Agriculture. “We were looking to provide something different, a program with purpose,” stated Dr. Brad Dodson, Agriculture Education professor. Although CFFA no longer exists in the College of Agriculture, faculty and students are excited about the first Ag Education Fraternity, Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA). ATA is a national professional fraternity for Agriculture Education students. Chapter Vice President Halle Muller is proud to be one of the first ATA members. “I am involved in Alpha Tau Alpha because it is an organization that will aid in my development as an agriculture educator” she said. And since it is a professional fraternity, students participate in professional development events with educators already in the field. The fraternity will supplement students’ educational program through professional development activities including workshops, guest speakers, and trips. Dr. Dodson believes ATA will help students prepare to face the reality of classroom instruction in FFA and related industry. “I hope that Alpha Tau Alpha will have a positive impact on the College of Agriculture, and if ATA can provide students with a more professional experience the fraternity will become a motivating factor for people to choose Chico State.”

When it comes to impact on students, few people touched more lives than this year’s inductees into the Ag Hall of Honor. Jack Nolan and Robert Wallace were among the first faculty hired to teach in the new agriculture program at Chico State College, and each spent more than two decades leading, teaching, and inspiring students to succeed.

Robert “Bob” Wallace
When Bob Wallace came to Chico in 1955, he had already lived a full and memorable life. As a high school graduate he had traveled the world in the Merchant Marines. By the age of 19, as a quartermaster on a large passenger liner that sailed the globe, he had helped steer the ship through the Suez and Panama Canals. After attending junior college in Marin, Bob earned a BS in forestry from UC Berkeley and a Master’s of Education at UC Davis.

Bob spent two years as a supervisor for the National Youth Administration, where he taught young people how to earn and use work skills as they constructed buildings. He went on to teach agriculture at Orland Joint Union High School. While World War II raged, resulting in the shortage of steel and parts, Bob established night school classes for local farmers to fabricate and repair their steel equipment. During that same time he helped the war effort by building and running the cannery in Orland that helped women save money by canning their own fruit.

Examples of dedication to his community are evident throughout Bob’s career and life. From 1947 to 1951, Bob taught ag mechanics at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. As a licensed contractor, plumber, and electrician, in addition to his teaching responsibilities at Cal Poly, he built nine homes and renovated numerous offices and private residences. In 1951, with the birth of their fourth child and with an unwavering belief that raising their children on a farm would teach desired life values, Bob and his wife, Faye, made Chico their home, raising their children Nancy, Cathy, and John. After taking possession of Rome, the 3rd Infantry landed in Southern France and made their way up the Rhone Valley. Ever the agricultural scientist, Jack conducted soil studies while digging foxholes along the way, and he took advantage of the opportunity to study grapes and vineyards, "mainly by picking them!"

Two Longtime Faculty Inducted into Hall of Honor

Jack Nolan
Jack Nolan made quite an impression on the College of Agriculture and students throughout, teaching himself. Jack was born in 1920 in Pleasanton, Calif., where his father worked as foreman on the Hearst Ranch. Jack’s dad wanted his son to attend a larger high school than existed in nearby Cambria, so he sent Jack to live in San Luis Obispo, a decision Jack fought, but later came to appreciate.

Upon graduating from San Luis Obispo High School in 1938, Jack enrolled in college at Cal Poly to study animal science. His college career was halted in December of 1941 when Jack, like many young men at the time, enlisted in the army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Jack became an Artillery Observer in the 3rd Infantry Division and landed in French Morocco in 1942. From there, Jack and his regiment fought with distinction through North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. Somewhere between Naples and Monte Cassino, Jack was awarded the Silver Star for combat in action. During another offensive near Rome, Jack’s division found themselves trapped by German forces for 90 days, and almost all of the 15,000 men were injured, killed, or fell ill. Jack was hit with artillery fire and later received the Purple Heart.

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After traveling as far as Germany, Jack was honorably discharged from service in 1944 and made his way back to San Luis Obispo, where he married his high school sweetheart and resumed his studies at Cal Poly. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in animal science, and a teaching credential, Jack took a job teaching agriculture at Colusa High School, where he remained for 12 years.

During his summers, Jack earned his master’s degree at UC Davis. In 1958, Jack was hired by Loren Phillips to teach animal science and ag mechanics in the new agriculture department at Chico State College. Jack and his wife, Faye, made Chico their home, raising their children Nancy, Cathy, and John.

During the next 22 years, Jack helped make the ag department what it is today, working alongside his friend Bob Wallace and other faculty to recruit and build the college farm. Jack managed the sheep unit for 12 years, and led the ag mechanics program. He was very active in FFA and other youth-related activities, and judged parliamentary procedure, public speaking, and livestock contests all over the state.

“I enjoyed every minute of my teaching in high school and college. I actually thought I should be paying them instead of the other way around,” Jack said.

Men of Quality and Dignity

The 2007 College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumni Larry Crabtree remembers both men for their impact on his life as a teacher. “Whatever success I’ve been blessed with was directly influenced by these two incredible men,” Crabtree said. “It is my wish that each person is touched by someone in their life with such quality and dignity.”

Jack Nolan and Bob Wallace were inducted into the Ag Hall of Honor during the College of Agriculture’s Fall Festival Celebration on October 13, 2007.
Let your former classmates know what you’ve been up to!

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In The Spotlight—Ag Alum Tom Krauss

Tom Krause graduated from Chico State in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Krause grew up in Red Bluff and was involved with agriculture from an early age, although he was not a member of 4-H or the FFA. Both of his parents graduated from Chico State, so it seemed only natural that he follow suit. During his time at Chico State, Krause worked for Dr. Everett Southam at the University Farm Meats Lab. Also a member of Phi Kappa Tau, the first fraternity on the Chico State campus in 1922, Krause’s education embraced all the opportunities Chico had to offer. Krause credits the ag department for helping him to develop professionally and enabling him to explore several career opportunities.

“The general education I received at Chico State, complemented by my experiences within the College of Agriculture, allowed me to launch into my current profession as well as other management opportunities,” Krause stated. Krause has been a pest control advisor (PCA) since graduating in 1975 and has also worked in other sectors of the agriculture industry. Krause currently works for Helena.
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The tournament was a true success, and everyone had a great time playing a round of golf in the sun and raising money to fund student scholarships. Next year's tournament will be held at Butte Creek Country Club on Monday, June 9, 2008, so start practicing your putting skills.