

# Briefs for Ag Educators

*The Center for Professional Personnel Development*

## Changes and Additions to the Department



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I trust that you had an outstanding year. The Department also had an excellent year—my 5<sup>th</sup> year as Head. Here are a few items that will be of interest to you and other teachers.

The Department now has a contemporary classroom after recent renovations in the Agricultural Administration Building. The Department had used 301B for classes, but the College decided to convert the room into offices and we moved to Room 301A. This

exchange produced a more desirable location. Room 301A was painted off-white and a wall erected to reduce the noise between the two rooms. Paintings have been hung to create a more inviting environment. A media podium has been installed to project multimedia materials. Also, we have installed bulletin boards in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor hallways to exhibit the scholarship of our faculty, staff and students. Collectively, these changes have created a very positive environment.

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## New & Beginning Teacher Column

*By: Tracy Hoover, Associate Professor*

On behalf of the Center for Professional Personnel Development (CPPD) and the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education at The Pennsylvania State University, I would like to extend greetings and well wishes for a successful year of teaching. All 2003-04 new and beginning agricultural science teachers will receive a letter inviting them to be a participant in a new and beginning teacher program sponsored by the CPPD. Our department receives funds from the state department of education to provide professional development activities, programs and events for teachers of agricultural education, one of which is a program for new

and beginning teachers. We have defined new and beginning teachers as individuals who are in their first to their year of teaching.

Beyond the professional development opportunities mentioned above, we are willing to come out to visit you and your program. In addition to your faculty we have several veteran agricultural education teachers working with the CPPD to provide assistance and guidance to new and beginning teachers. These individuals are willing to visit your program, discuss ideas and/or provide assistance to help enhance your agricultural education program and FFA chapter. Additionally as a participant you will

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## Sites of Interest

### Food Science, Safety & Nutrition

These instructional materials were developed by the National Council for Agricultural Education as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. This well-organized, extensive curriculum guide will help students understand specific facts and principles about the science, safety, and nutritional components of food. The numerous student activity guides and information sheets may be reproduced for classroom distribution.

Covers the following topics: FOOD SCIENCE - Consumer Education, Careers in Food Science, Food Processing / Engineering, Food Microbiology; FOOD SAFETY - Consumer Education, Biotechnology, Risk Assessment, Toxicology, Regulations That Protect Our Food Supply, Production's Effect on Food Safety, Safe Handling of Food; NUTRITION - Consumer Education, Basic Components of Food, Effects of Food on Health. 700 pages. Visit [http://www.cms.ag.ohio-state.edu/4DACTION/WEB\\_InventorYIndividualDisplay/50007TC](http://www.cms.ag.ohio-state.edu/4DACTION/WEB_InventorYIndividualDisplay/50007TC)

### Vision for Pennsylvania Agricultural Education Handbook

This handbook is for program planning and curriculum development. For your convenience it has been placed online at <http://aee.cas.psu.edu/center/agedvis.pdf>

### Agricultural Sciences & Advanced Manufacturing Unit Plans

During the 2002 Governor's Institute for Agricultural Sciences and Advanced Manufacturing, participants developed unit plans based on the "Seven Steps to Align Your Curriculum with Standards." These units include major goals, PA Academic Standards related to goals, rubrics, time length for lessons, variety of exercises for all learning styles and much more.

You can also review the "Seven Steps" process to assist in updating and integrating your curriculum with standards. For more information go to [http://voc.ed.psu.edu/projects/Institute/2002/institute\\_2002.html](http://voc.ed.psu.edu/projects/Institute/2002/institute_2002.html)

### Suggested Curriculum Framework

Looking to update your curriculum or just looking for some new topics to add to your courses? Cynthia Shaffer, West Snyder Agriculture Teacher, took on the challenge of creating a Pennsylvania Agricultural Curriculum Framework website. The site provides a suggested curriculum framework (course of study) for first and second year agricultural education programs. The framework is based on two-week units, which contain the Pennsylvania Academic Standards that have been met by completing the unit. For more information log onto <http://agedcurriculum.cas.psu.edu>

## The Results are In – NAAE Region VI Awards

Kerry Hoffman Richards will be recognized as NAAE Region VI Outstanding Cooperation Award recipient. Kerry has given outstanding support to agricultural education for many years. She has been involved with the FFA Foundation and the many activities which take place throughout the year.

The NAAE Region VI Outstanding Service Citation Award will be presented to Clair Zerby from Knoxville, PA (Tioga County).

The "Teachers Turn the Key" Scholarship award is a new program, sponsored by Dodge Division and Daimler Chrysler Corporation Fund, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. Larry Way, from Clearfield High School, was selected as Pennsylvania's honoree. He will receive a scholarship for the actual costs of travel expenses, up to \$1000,

to attend the entire 2003 NAAE Convention in Orlando, Florida, December 9-13.

Deb Seibert, Manhein Central High School, will receive the 2003 NAAE Region VI Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher. Her hands-on approach to learning, combined with her love of agriculture has enabled her to reach this milestone in her career.

The Region VI Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Agricultural Education Program Award will be presented to Michael Shultz of the Mid-West School District. Michael works with the Young Farmer program to instill the importance of keeping up-to-date on agricultural practices.

Congratulations to all of the regional winners!



## Some New Faces; Some Moves

A new school year means new contracts and changes for the agricultural education community. Over the next nine issues of the Briefs you will get to know some of the following individuals who are new to the Pennsylvania agricultural education family.

Jaci Carr, Clearfield High School  
 Susan Clapsadle, Fairfield High School  
 Mark Baker, Juniata Mifflin High School  
 Robert Alexandria, Langley High School  
 Doreen Jamison, Meyersdale HS for fall semester only  
 Brad McClain, Warwick High School  
 Natalie Aurand, Newport High School  
 Tia Crider, Northern Lebanon HS  
 Charles Graydus, Octorara High School  
 Kelly Andrews, Solanco High School

The retirement of teachers and adding positions to current programs brings about movement within the field. Listed below are individuals who packed their families and moved to other programs within Pennsylvania.

Nate Jamison moved from Tri-Valley HS to Berlin Brothersvalley HS; Vince Hall moved from Fairfield HS to New Oxford HS; and Mike Clark moved from Berlin Brothersvalley HS to Greenwood HS.

Congratulations to all our new and continuing teachers. You are helping to make a difference in the lives of young adults through the three components of agricultural education.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Integrated Learning

On November 10-12, 2003, the Twelfth Annual Conference on Integrated Learning: The School-To-Career Connection will be conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Career and Technical Education. The conference will take place at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA.

The conference is designed to share successful strategies that encourage the implementation of educational initiatives to enhance learning opportunities for all students. These initiatives focus on interdisciplinary approaches that include the identification of effective practices, business linkages, partnerships, career pathways, assessment, workforce development and instructional strategies for lifelong learning publication. Best practices from Pennsylvania's high schools and career and technical education centers will be highlighted. This

year's keynote address will *look into the future of education* with Dr. Willard R. Daggett, President, Instructional Center for Leadership in Education.

For more information on registration fees and conference agenda, please go to [http://www.pde.state.pa.us/career\\_edu/cwp/view.asp?Q=76583&A=3](http://www.pde.state.pa.us/career_edu/cwp/view.asp?Q=76583&A=3). The conference registration deadline is October 29, 2003.

You may earn professional development hours if you are registered for the conference. The number of hours you earn will be based on the number of general sessions and concurrent sessions you attend up to a total of ten hours. There will be a form in your registration packet at the conference site to use for this purpose.

Attendees will be responsible for making their own hotel room accommodations and payment.



*Big Spring FFA Members Singing Campfire Songs in Smyrna, DE.*

## Breaks can be Educational and Fun

*By: Megan Kutz, Big Spring FFA Reporter and Historian*

Did you ever just need a break? Some students from the Big Spring FFA Chapter felt they did; so after forming a spring trip committee, the break was on its way. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, around 2:00 PM, students left for the Delaware Aquatic Resource Education Center in Smyrna, DE.

Activities consisted of fishing, roasting marshmallows by an open campfire, canoeing, water quality testing, walking the boulevard, visiting an agricultural museum and touring the Bombay Hook Wildlife

Refuge. "There were a lot of new people that we met," said Jerry. Students also visited with a Delaware FFA chapter.

This trip not only provided a great adventure and break for the students, but was educational too. "The trip was exciting and I learned that a duck can and will go fully under water to get a fish to eat," commented Shannon.

In attendance were Bernie Nace, Jerry Krieser, Shannon Fyock, Steph Thumma, Bradley Lukens, and Miss Berry, advisor.

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Even with the College's budget woes, we were able to add two faculty members to upgrade our youth leadership efforts.

Nicole Webster, a 2002 Michigan State PhD recipient, joined us in October to fill a research-extension position that focuses on service learning and outreach scholarship. In August, Jacklyn Bruce, a 2003 Texas A&M PhD graduate, filled our extension research youth and adult leadership position. Both Jackie and Nicole are former 4-H agents whose work will have direct application for your students and FFA members.

In October, we will honor three graduates who have been named outstanding alumni of the College: Kerry Golden, Dick Hann and Donald Sargeant. Golden will be honored as an outstanding recent alumnus. In 1993, after completing her master's, she accepted her current position as Executive Director of the PA House

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. Hann is being honored for distinguished involvement with PA's poultry industry since receiving his B.S. From 1985 until his retirement this year, Dr. Sargeant, a PhD recipient, was chancellor of the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Finally, mark September 27<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual alumni open house. We have reserved a block of 50 tickets for the Minnesota-Penn State football game. You can reserve two tickets (\$40 each) on first-come basis. A tailgate luncheon (\$10 each) will be held before the game. Contact Tracy Hoover or me for more details. Stop by because we are striving to make you Penn State proud.

Best wishes for a productive 2003-04 school year.



*The Department of Agricultural and Extension Education at Penn State is as diverse as our student population. Our faculty and staff provide a variety of services to the academic community, and inform local, state, national and international citizens on salient issues including development, consumer and financial issues, stress, volunteerism, leadership, service learning and many more.*

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receive periodic information from me relative to teaching and learning, new and interesting curricula and instructional materials, workshop and/or seminar information and any other information that can help you with your program. The CPPD is also working closely with PAAE to collaborate on activities and programs

that support new and beginning teachers through the PAAE mentoring program and workshops and seminars.

We look forward to working with you and hope you will consider being a participant in the program. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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**Calendar** – (items in bold are due dates)

- September 12-13...Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, MA
- September 15-20..."AgEnEco" Quiz Bowl, Beaver Springs, PA (*S. Kline*)
- September 16...GET UP Workshop#1, Meats Lab, PSU, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
- September 18...GET UP Workshop#1, Rm 203 Ed Act. Bldg., PSU, Harrisburg, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
- September 19...PAAE Board Mtg., PDA, Harrisburg, 7:00 PM
- September 21-25...All-American Dairy Show, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg
- September 23... GET UP Workshop#1, Auditorium, Berks Co. Ext. Office, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
- September 25... GET UP Workshop#1, Rm 151 Smeal Bldg., PSU Dubois, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
- September 25...AgroEcology Day, PSU Agronomy Farm, 10:00 AM (*Darlene Berry*)
- September 27...Department of AEE Open House, 301A Ag Admin. Bldg. (*T. Hoover*)
- September 30...FCLPD Registrations due to Tiffany Hoy**
- September 30...Farm Show Landscape Display Entries due to Cliff Day**
- October 1-6...K.I.L.E., Farm Show Complex
- October 2...PAAE North Central Region Mtg., Hoss's in Williamsport, 6:00 PM
- October 8...PAAE South Central Region Mtg., PDA, Harrisburg, 5:00 PM