OHIO STATE'S AG COLLEGE COMPLETES RESTRUCTURING

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Months of restructuring discussion came to fruition Friday (7/8) for The Ohio State University College of Agriculture. The university's Board of Trustees approved renaming the college as the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

At the same time, Bobby D. Moser, Ohio State's vice president for agricultural administration, announced appointments of people to chair three of the academic units within the newly restructured college.

"The new name better reflects the academic, research and service missions of the college," Moser said. "In many ways, we're merely reinforcing our mission through our name. This college addresses a diverse set of issues and we want to make sure that all our current and future clientele understand that."

"Agriculture" programs at Ohio State have grown to include food production from farm to kitchen, as well as a host of non-farm disciplines related to the environment and rural life, Moser said. Yet that distinction isn't always recognized by potential students or the general public that benefits from college research and Extension education programs, he said. The new name should help.

The name change also reflects the college's growing role in the area of food and environmental sciences. Several degrees in these disciplines are offered through the college, and food and environment have increasingly been part of research and educational programs in recent years, Moser said.

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences includes newly formed animal and plant departments, the departments of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Education and Rural Sociology, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Engineering and a restructured School of Natural Resources.

The Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster has been restructured from five divisions to three divisions and remains a part of the college. The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and Ohio State University Extension are other administrative units within the restructured college.

Here's how academic units line up following the restructuring and new appointments:

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-- A plant sciences department that includes horticulture and agronomic crops faculty will be led by Luther Waters, pending approval of the university's Board of Trustees. Waters was head of the former Department of Horticulture. Faculty in the new department will choose a name this summer.

-- A new department made up of the former animal science, poultry science and dairy science departments will be headed by David L. Zartman. Zartman, former chair of the dairy science department, also needs to be approved by the trustees. Faculty also will vote on a department name this summer.

-- The School of Natural Resources now includes the soils faculty from the old Department of Agronomy. Frederick P. Miller, former head of agronomy, will be the new director of the school, pending approval of university trustees.

-- The Department of Agricultural Education now includes rural sociology faculty. The department is chaired by Kirby R. Barrick.

-- The Department of Agricultural Economics no longer includes rural sociology. Stanley E. Thompson remains chair of this group. Trustees appointed Thompson to a new four-year term through June 1988.

-- Programs in the Department of Food Science and Technology remain the same, with Kenneth Lee heading the department.

-- The Department of Agricultural Engineering stayed the same and Robert J. Gustafson remains chair.

-- The Department of Plant Pathology also remained unchanged, with Charles R. Curtis as chair.

-- The Agricultural Technical Institute, under Director William A. Anderson, restructured into three divisions. The Arts and Science and Business Division is to be headed by Richard J. Niklas, the Agricultural Technologies Division by Steven M. Neal, and the Horticulture Division by Gary A. Anderson. These appointments follow a recent announcement by the Board of Trustees that ATI will begin offering a two-year associate of science degree designed to transfer into four-year programs at Ohio State. The Ohio Board of Regents approved the new degree program in June.

    Other key leaders within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences remain the same. Associate deans of the college include L.H. Newcomb as director of academic programs, David Hansen as director of international programs, Keith L. Smith as director of Extension, and Thomas Payne as director of the OARDC.

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NAME CHANGE

Ohio State University's Board of Trustees approved a new name Friday for its College of Agriculture.

The school will be known as the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Bobby D. Moser, OSU's vice president for agricultural administration, said the new name better reflects the mission of the college, which includes a number of nonfarm disciplines, including food science, natural resources and rural life.

Also, the proposed restructuring of the college was completed, and new appointments were announced.

A Plant Sciences Department will be led by Luther Waters, pending board approval. Waters was head of the former Horticulture Department, which was combined with part of the former Agronomy Department to form Plant Sciences.

Also pending board approval, David Zartman will lead the new Animal Science Department, which combines the former Dairy, Animal Science and Poultry Science departments. Zartman was chairman of the former Dairy Science Department.

The School of Natural Resources now includes the soils faculty from the former Agronomy Department. Frederick P. Miller, former head of agronomy, will be director of the new school, pending board approval.

The rural sociology faculty moves from the Department of Agricultural Economics to the Department of Agricultural Education. Other departments and chairs remain the same.
Ag school changes name

By Iveliesse Malav
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The College of Agriculture has adopted a new name, meant to better reflect its mission and curriculum.

The academic unit, now called the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, received approval for the change during Friday’s Board of Trustees meeting.

The college believes its current name does not adequately reflect its activities and its faculty, said Bob Moser, dean of the college.

“We have been working with the name change from a long time ago,” Moser said. “The process took from six to eight months in university procedures.”

The justification and rationale for the name change were listed on a document the college presented to the Board of Trustees.

The document said the former name does not include the college’s curricula in food science, food business management, resource management, the interdisciplinary Environmental Science Program, and the School of Natural Resources.

The previous name does not accurately describe, in full measure, what agriculture students engage in upon graduation, the document said.

Currently, fewer than 10 percent of graduates return to farming, and even fewer graduate students pursue occupations in farming and farm management, according to the college.
OSU's ag school renamed to better reflect its mission

Reflecting the growing complexities of the food and fiber industry, Ohio State University has changed the name of its college of agriculture to the college of food, agriculture, and environmental sciences.

"The new name better reflects the academic, research, and service missions of the college," said Bobby D. Moser, OSU vice president for agricultural administration.

"In many ways, we're merely reinforcing our mission through our name. This college addresses a diverse set of issues, and we want to make sure that all our current and future clientele understand that." The name change was approved recently by the OSU board of trustees.

Dr. Moser also announced appointments of three people to head academic units within the restructured college.

Luther Waters, head of the former horticulture department, will be chairman of the new plant sciences department. David Zartman will move from the dairy science department to be head of new department combining former animal science, poultry science, and dairy science departments. That department has yet to be named.

And the school of natural resources, which includes the soils faculty from the former department of agronomy, will be headed by Frederick Miller, former head of agronomy. The three departmental appointments are subject to trustee approval.

In other restructuring, the rural sociology faculty will move from the department of agricultural economics to the department of agricultural education, headed by Kirby Barrick. Stanley Thompson will remain as head of the economics department.

The Agricultural Technical Institute, under Director William Anderson, was reorganized into three divisions: arts and science and business, headed by Richard Niklas; agricultural technologies, headed by Steven Neal; and horticulture, headed by Gary Anderson.

The appointments were made after OSU trustees approved the offering of a two-year associate of science transferable into OSU's four-year program.

Other key leaders remain in their current posts. Associate deans of the college include L.H. Newcomb, director of academic programs; David Hansen, director of international programs; Keith Smith, director of Extension; and Thomas Payne, director of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.
Nationwide foundation donates

By Gabrielle Williamson
Lantern staff writer

A $2.5 million gift from the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise Foundation supporting university programs in business and agriculture was announced Thursday by OSU President E. Gordon Gee and Nationwide President Richard McPherson.

At a press conference in Gee’s office, McPherson handed Gee a $500,000 check, the first of many over a five-year period that will fund programs in the Max M. Fisher College of Business and the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

The gift “shows the commitment of Nationwide to ensure the future leaders in business and agriculture will possess the knowledge and skills needed to live in a more complex world economy,” Gee said.

Gee said Nationwide has requested the funds to be used for specific purposes. The colleges will split the total amount of the gift:

- The Undergraduate Honors Program at the College of Business will receive $1,000,000 to establish and support an endowment, Gee said.

- The endowment will provide scholarships for juniors and seniors in the College’s Honors Program. The gift will also help boost the College’s building fund by $250,000.

- The larger building fund will finance an honors lounge in the college to provide students with a meeting and study area.

The lounge will be in the new $78.4 million business college complex planned for the north edge of OSU’s campus.

Part of Nationwide’s gift will also be used to further support faculty members and to enhance funding of special honors courses being planned.

“Part of Nationwide’s gift is wonderful because it is consistent with the focus of the college in improving the quality of the undergraduate experience,” said Joseph Alutto, dean of the College of Business.

Alutto said the college and Nationwide Insurance have a close connection.

Many OSU graduates are hired by Nationwide and the company provides

millions to help OSU colleges

By Gabrielle Williamson
Lantern staff writer

The College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will receive $1,000,000 for the establishment of an endowed faculty chair, Gee added.

Gee said the “C. William Swank Chair in Rural/Urban Policy” will honor the long-time executive vice-president and CEO of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

A fund raising drive will most likely complete the establishment of the chair.

McPherson said the goal of the chair is to increase the understanding of all the issues affecting farms and cities as they grow closer together.

Nationwide Insurance was begun by the farm bureau when it was called the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Insurance Company in 1926, McPherson said.

The Dean of the College of Agriculture, Bill Moser, said he is very excited because the area of rural and urban agriculture it addresses is very unique.

Attention to the program is vital because Ohio has one of the largest food and agriculture industries in the world.

“The coexistence of those in a compatible way is key to Ohio,” Moser said.

The remaining $250,000 from the gift will fund construction of the Center for Education and Economic Development at OSU’s Wooster campus.

Gee said Ohio State is in the beginning stages of a campaign that will invest in the importance of revolutionizing agriculture methods.

Gee said the gift is important because the business and agriculture colleges will likely be working together in the future.

“These are prime areas of interest at the university,” Gee said.

McPherson said Nationwide acknowledged the effort of the university.

“We wanted to be in on the early stages that will be an important campaign for the university,” McPherson said.
Business

Dudley promotes 6.2 mill OSU building campaign

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences has announced a $6.2 million fundraising campaign for the Food Science and Technology Program.

Former Tri-Village area resident David Dudley, retired from L.K. Baker & Co. of Columbus, has been named a committee member of this effort.

The Building Connections Campaign seeks private gifts, to be matched by university dollars, to provide the $17.1 million needed to construct a connector building between Howlett Hall and the Animal Sciences Building on the Columbus campus. This new section will house the Food Science and Technology program.

Advance gifts totalling $2.5 million have been made, and it is expected that the campaign will be completed by Dec. 31.
College to transform land grant mission

By Tom Spring

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences is shifting from a specialized and narrow approach in generating and extending knowledge to a more holistic approach as it strives to meet the needs of food systems professionals in the 21st century.

The way faculty and staff work together and respond to the needs of students and constituents also will change.

Those are the results of an assessment conducted by college officials and representatives of constituent groups across the state.

Having spent the past year looking toward the future, the college is now preparing a blueprint of actions to transform Ohio State’s land-grant college into one prepared to address the challenges and needs of the next century.

The effort, called Project Reinvest, was funded by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich.

Bobby Moser, vice president for agricultural administration and dean, and L. H. Newcomb, associate dean for academic affairs, discussed their findings and plans with members of the Board of Trustees on Oct. 6.

The college has adopted a vision and mission statement, and established new directions for implementing the changes needed to reinvent the college. The plans will be submitted to Kellogg for approval of a five-year, $1.5 million grant to implement them.

Kellogg will come to Ohio State in January and meet with college and university leaders prior to the decision.

Moser said the mission will be to discover and distribute knowledge in order to wisely manage and increase the value of renewable resources and to balance science and social concerns as well as rural and urban interests.

Setting priorities will be made after discussion with the college’s constituent partners. Faculty and staff will be encouraged and rewarded for thinking and working creatively.

He added that the vision and mission will require adoption of new methods of doing business.

For example, in the future, research and education programs will be developed using an ecological model instead of a production model.

“We’re taking a holistic approach that moves us from a primarily production emphasis to one that includes environmental and social concerns,” Moser said. “In our research, we’ll be measuring not only the economic viability of a new technology, but whether it is environmentally sound and socially acceptable.”

For instance, a course in crop production no longer will be developed just by an agronomist. Instead, an economist, environmentalist, entomologist and faculty with other expertise will become involved in a team approach.

“Stewardship and responsible use of renewable resources is our niche,” Moser said.

The college will devote itself more to lifelong learning—not only for students and clients like 4-H participants and food industry managers, but also for faculty and staff. Moser said the college “adds value to people” in the form of knowledge that will help them work more effectively and efficiently.

The college will have to be organized in such a way that it is flexible enough to anticipate and meet rapidly changing needs.

“We need to develop a sustainable process that allows for continued renewal and restructuring of our programs,” he said.

Other focuses include developing authentic partnerships with and outside the University and listening to a diversity of voices. That will mean involving people outside the college more in consultation and problem solving, and being aware of and addressing the needs of both rural and urban audiences.

Given increasingly limited resources, the college will have to become better focused, concentrating on areas of excellence, consistent with the needs of and being responsive to those who have a stake in the college. That may mean giving up some programs that are provided more easily elsewhere and establishing linkages with other land-grant colleges to offer information and services to clients.

In its new vision and mission statement, the college aspires to make Ohio a model in a global society for responsible use of renewable resources.
PROJECT REINVENT

OSU retooling its College of Agriculture

By Alan D. Miller
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

Another wave of change is headed for Ohio State University.

The OSU College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences plans to review its programs and adjust them to meet the demands of the future.

But the implications go beyond the college.

The introspection and change in programs — a five-year process — will ensure that the college remains relevant to students, taxpayers, farmers and the food industry, said Bobby Moser, vice president of agriculture administration and dean of the college.

"And the college's "Project Reinvent" is expected to serve as a model to other colleges within Ohio State, said OSU President Gordon Gee.

"The college is blazing a trail that sets a high standard for us all. As we continue to change and improve, other colleges will follow its lead."

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OSU colleges or at other universities.

Collaboration is more than a buzzword with Moser, who said he wants to tear down artificial walls among departments and colleges to create new partnerships and a more efficient university.

An advisory panel will conduct a review during the next two years, and the college will take about three years to implement changes, including creating partnerships, improving the system of evaluation and reward for faculty and staff, making the college flexible enough to meet the demands of a changing society, and increasing communication between the college and its customers.

The foundation for the new review is a one-page statement generated with help from college constituents.

The study that led to that statement was funded with a $133,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which gave similar grants to 11 other agriculture colleges across the country.

The foundation is offering $1.5 million to each of the 12 colleges during the next five years to review and upgrade programs. OSU officials hope they will receive one.

"The Kellogg Foundation chose agriculture colleges as a portal of entry," said L.H. Newcomb, OSU associate dean and director of agriculture administration. "Big Ten schools, for example, are so huge that you couldn't pour in enough money to change the whole battle at once. So they use strategic entry. Kellogg wants to see the whole university change."
Project Reinvent makes us ready for the 21st century

By Suzanne Steel

Ohio State has its list of New Year’s resolutions ready... for the year 2020.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has completed one step and is about to embark on another that will help it serve Ohioans better.

“We are looking at major changes,” said Bobby Moser, vice president of agricultural administration and dean of the college.

“These changes will be significant to those within the University, but more importantly, to the people we serve.”

The effort, called Project Reinvent, brought together people from a variety of walks of life to advise the college on where it needs to be in 25 years.

While the focus has been on the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Project Reinvent will affect the entire University, said President Gee.

“The college is blazing a trail that sets a high standard for us all,” Gee said. “As we continue to change and improve, other colleges will be following its lead.”

Financed by a $133,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Project Reinvent started by asking how the college should change.

This fall, the group completed a mission and vision statement that mandates clear change. Key points include:

- A change in how faculty and staff are evaluated, promoted and rewarded.
- A call to focus college resources on key areas that Ohio State does best.
- Increased teamwork and flexibility so that faculty can more easily work with other departments, colleges and universities.
- New partnerships with those outside the college. Ohio State must listen to its traditional “customers” as well as to new ones and use this information to determine research, University Extension and academic programs.
- Finally, Project Reinvent pointed out a need to better communicate what information and services the college provides.

“These won’t be easy to achieve.”

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OSU grad program studies world hunger

By Jagdeep Kang
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A little more investment in developing countries would help to alleviate international hunger, said Per Pirschrup-Andersen, director general of the International Food Policy Research Institute.

Pirschrup-Andersen visited Ohio State on Wednesday to launch a graduate certificate program on global food security for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. As part of the international organization, whose objective is to eradicate world hunger, Pirschrup-Andersen discussed the initiative called “A 20/20 Vision for Food, Agriculture, and Environment.”

“Africa will face increasing food shortages if past trends of investment continue,” Pirschrup-Andersen said, “But if international communities decide to invest a bit more in agricultural research, rural infrastructure, primary health care and education, we’ll have far less children dying of malnutrition.”

Increasing world population and excessive migration from rural to urban areas in developing countries present a challenge to local governments and international aid agencies, Pirschrup-Andersen said.

More investment in the agriculture sector is needed to produce food and to promote agricultural growth. Economic growth in developing countries will not happen without agricultural growth, he said.

This has been successful in Southeast Asian countries, such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea, and Thailand, said Bishakar Shaka, a doctoral student in agricultural economics.

Pirschrup-Andersen proposed two approaches to solve the problem of international hunger.

“Either produce more food or reduce population growth,” he said. “I think, increasing food production is a more feasible option.”

Pirschrup-Andersen said foreign aid agencies and research institutions, like OSU, should design research and economic policies relevant to developing regions.

Bernard Bashaasha, a doctoral student in agricultural economics from Uganda agrees.

“His explanations clearly indicate that international aid agencies don’t understand the fundamental problems of the developing nations,” he said.

A new graduate certificate program at OSU is designed to offer master’s and doctoral candidates with an emphasis in food security.

OSU has agricultural research collaborations with University of Natal in South Africa and Makerere University, Uganda, to build research and to reform agricultural curricula.
Out of Agriculture

Africa programs fuel Sub-Saharan's future

By Suzanne Stiel

Across the Kwazulu-Natal province of rural South Africa, new chicken farms dot the landscape. These new farms bring promise, not only of better nutrition, but also of economic health for the region.

Much of the credit for the burgeoning broiler industry in the region rests with Edwin Ngidi, a poultry scientist who earned his Ph.D. from Ohio State in 1994, and B.J. Ndjokwe, a graduate of the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster.

Ngidi and Ndjokwe serve as Extension agents, of sorts, for black South African farmers who have been establishing businesses since the end of apartheid.

Ngidi manages a demonstration farm to teach beginning farmers how to run a poultry operation.

"It's very much applied training. It has changed the lives of a lot of people in the area," said David Hansen, director of international programs in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Hansen accompanied President Gee and other University officials on a tour of Uganda and South Africa in June.

During that trip, Ohio State officials signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Natal to help establish a system to disseminate information to the country’s farmers. The idea is to build from the United States’ Agricultural Extension Service model, with University Extension as an example.

"We feel South Africa will play, and already is playing, a significant role in the development of the entire Sub-Saharan Africa region," Hansen said.

Work in South Africa will not only help support the country,
Ag students get more control

By Alexis Tabor
Lantern staff writer

The College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has begun a new program offering students more control in their curriculum.

One of the goals of the program, Student Centered Learning Initiative, is to make the classroom less teacher-centered and more student-centered, said Marilyn Trefz, director of Project Reinvent.

The aim of the project is to develop a vision on how a land grant university can work with faculty, staff and students.

"I will gradually give students more control in the learning environment," said Robert Agunga, associate professor in agricultural communication.

Agunga adopted the program into his Agricultural Communication 400 class last fall. He let the students decide what topics they wanted to cover and from what angle they wanted to cover them.

Students expressed satisfaction regarding this new way of teaching, Agunga said.

"They liked the idea of having control, and it showed by the magazine the students produced," he said.

Ann Christy, assistant professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, is currently using the program in her Agricultural Engineering 628 class.

"The direction of the class will be more in their (the students') hands than mine," Christy said.

Students will pick topics to cover and make a portfolio of items to show that they have learned the information on the topics. They will choose between taking tests and doing homework, or doing one or many projects.

"This allows people to show what they know the best way they can," said Matt Jacobs, a senior majoring in agricultural engineering. "Some people are better at tests, while others are better at hands-on projects. I think SCLI is an excellent idea."

On April 15, 1996, 57 professors from the Columbus, Lima, Mansfield, Marion and Wooster campuses committed to adopt the program in their classrooms over a five-year period.

L.H. Newcomb, associate dean and director of academic affairs in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences said he hopes lectures will gradually disappear as students are held responsible for their own learning. He said professors should guide and facilitate inquiry.

"The student must become more proficient at securing and comprehending knowledge, rather than passively sitting and waiting for it to be told unto them," Newcomb said.

Trefz and Newcomb said professors adopting the program will be models and mentors for fellow professors. They said they hope after the five-year period ends, the program will have spread like a wildfire into all classrooms on campus.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is the only college in the United States that is adopting a student-centered program so extensively, Newcomb said.

Funding for this program comes from a grant from the Kellogg Foundation.
Ag College reviewing GEC terms

By Stacy Wagner
Lantern staff writer

The College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences is considering changing its General Education Curriculum requirements.

The current curriculum is 7-years-old and it's time to look at it and determine whether it needs to be revised, said Jill Pfister, assistant dean of Academic Affairs and college secretary.

The college is also reviewing other processes and looking for needed changes — known as Project Reinvent.

"In our review, we're not only looking at the GEC requirements, but we're also looking at our major and minor requirements too," Pfister said.

A minor is required for graduation, but the college is considering eliminating it. The college is also considering making the GEC more simple.

"One of the biggest concerns I think we have as faculty and students is the complexity of it and that needs to be simplified... so that students and faculty (can) understand it better," Pfister said.

In addition, reduction of credit hours is being considered, but won't be the leading factor to any final decisions.

At recent town meetings, students and faculty have been giving feedback about the curriculum.

Pfister said students have offered some good information and have appreciated the fact that they were consulted before any decisions were made.

Lisa Smith, a sophomore majoring in agricultural education, said, "I think it's encouraging that they are coming to us because we are the ones it's going to affect."

Pfister said the college hopes to have a proposal ready for a faculty vote in the fall.
Students honored at Union

By Tricia Waddle
Lantern staff writer

The top 11 seniors in the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences were honored Thursday night at the annual Recognition Banquet.

Students were presented plaques by the Sigma Agriculture Sorority and the Alpha Gamma Rho Agricultural Fraternity in front of about 850 guests in the Ohio Union ballrooms.

"Criteria for the top seniors focuses on the quality—not the quantity—of activities the students have participated in the past four years at the university," said Ray Miller, assistant dean of the college and adviser for the banquet.

While academics were important, career-related work experience was essential in selections, Miller said.

Jenny Haag, a senior majoring in agricultural communication, said in her application that communication plus vision equals success, a formula that has been a key to her achievements.

"There are a lot of well-deserving people who didn't make the finalists and I'm fortunate to stand up here," Haag said.

Greg Lee, a senior majoring in agribusiness and applied economics, said in his winning application, "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

Jenifer Weaver, a senior majoring in agribusiness and applied economics, said, "It is the ultimate of being a student in the college."

Fifty-two seniors applied for the honor and through a selection committee of four students and four faculty, the number was narrowed to 20, Miller said.

Winners were selected from their activities and an interview, said Miller.

Finalists received a certificate from the Agriculture and Natural Resources Council.

"This year marks the 43rd Annual Agriculture and Natural Resources Banquet, the largest student-run banquet on campus, with the theme "The Greatest Show on Earth," said Heather Eubanks, co-chair of the banquet.

Recognition was also given to students initiated into various honoraries on campus and are members of different teams within the college, such as the marketing team.

Twenty-four students were recognized as Top Scholars of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the top grade point averages.

The banquet budget this year was $8,400, said Amy Eyler, banquet treasurer. Half of the expenses were covered by business and corporate donations, she said. The rest came from ticket sales.

Nearly 50 students helped prepare for the banquet, said Eubanks. Another 100 students volunteered as hosts, hostesses and servers.

"I don't know of any other student organization that can do the kind of things we do at the banquet," said Miller. "What is unique about the banquet is that what happens is a result of what students have planned, organized and promoted."
Fair helps students sow, reap careers

By Kevin Zaplecki
Lantern staff writer

More than 50 companies came to recruit students in a career fair on Thursday in the Agriculture Administration Building.

The 12th annual Agriculture and Natural Resources Career Fair provided more than 450 students with an opportunity to learn first-hand about companies and get hired in the field of agriculture, said Ray Miller, assistant dean of student affairs.

The fair was sponsored by the agriculture and resources department’s placement office with help from Phalanx, a service organization, the student agriculture council and agriculture sororities and fraternities.

The fair started 12 years ago with 17 participating companies and has grown to 54 this year, he said.

“There are many great opportunities to meet potential employers and contacts for the future,” said Lisa First, a senior majoring in food science. “I found out what is available from many companies.”

Not only agriculture majors stood to profit from the fair. Because every business has different needs, anyone interested in getting a job could attend, Miller said.

“I want to find out information on jobs and find out what companies expect from potential employees,” said Ediva Santiago, a junior majoring in environmental science.

The companies were given a chance to interact with students and faculty and answer any questions they might have. Many will be holding interviews today in Agriculture Administration Building 100, Miller said.

Participating companies include Agrow Seed Company, Archer Daniels Midland Company, Countrymark Cooperative, Inc., Midwest Consulting Service, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, Genex, Tractor Supply Company, Golden Harvest Seeds and Nestle USA Food Division.
Ohio bill could allow OSU to buy 1,725 acres

By Ann K. McKiernan
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The Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences stands to gain 1,725 acres of state-owned land, if the Ohio House of Representatives passes the bill authorizing the land conveyance.

"The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and the Agricultural Technical Institute will use the land to expand their farming and research facilities in Wayne County," said Senator Grace Drake, R-Selon, the bill's sponsor.

The state-owned land in Wayne County is the site of the Apple Creek Developmental Center and the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, said Ted Berry, Drake's legislative aide.

Created at the turn of the century, the developmental institution was built as a large, self-supporting facility. Today it operates on less than 100 acres of the land, due to a reduction in the use of institutional-style settings and a move towards group home care facilities.

Berry said the bill is actually an agreement worked out between OSU and MRDD. The agreement provides that OSU will purchase the land for $1.2 million. The purchase price will allow Apple Creek to tear down a large, old building on its campus. The bill will also establish a trust fund to benefit the residents of the center.

Additionally, Apple Creek will be able to use a much needed sewage system, said Steve Slack, Director of OARDC.

"Their current sewage system is not adequate for their needs," Slack said. "This agreement would allow Apple Creek to access a more sufficient sewage system through OARDC."

Jim Trotter, assistant director of OARDC at Wooster, said that if this bill is enacted as a law, it would provide stability for programs that the OSU College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has been conducting on the land for over 20 years.

"Currently, the land is being leased, so there's no guarantee that it would be available to us a year from now," Trotter said. "Pending the agreement becomes a law, we will be able to make long-term plans and improvements on the land."

"This is truly a win-win agreement for the residents of Apple Creek Developmental Center and for the agricultural industry of our state," Drake said.

Upon adoption as a law, this bill would allow the largest amplification of OARDC and ATI since their initial stages of development, Berry said.

"The bill is pending in the Ohio House of Representatives," Berry said. "It will be evaluated by the House after the November elections. The bill contains an emergency clause, which allows it to override the standard 90-day waiting period most bills go through prior to becoming a law."
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WOOSTER, Ohio – All Ohio State University farm animal facilities have been closed to public tours effective immediately as a precautionary measure against bringing foot-and-mouth disease into Ohio.

The restriction is part of a prevention policy being imposed by animal production and health officials from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Agricultural Technical Institute and outlying branches, to help ensure that Ohio’s livestock stays free of foot-and-mouth disease.

Animals housed at the facilities may be more susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease than an average producer’s herd, since the facilities attract foreign and domestic visitors daily and are maintained by faculty and students who travel often to Europe.

“In an age when people can literally move around the world in the span of a day, and the fact that we have many visitors to our facilities, it is critical that we have policies in place which protect Ohio State’s livestock herds and flocks.” stressed Steve Slack, Associate Vice President of the college and OARDC Director. “Further, our actions must reflect the high regard and concern that we have for Ohio’s livestock producers. Our guidelines are also meant to provide guidance and assurance to Ohio’s producers.”

Foot-and-mouth disease is a highly contagious viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals, such as cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, and deer. It is characterized by fever and blister-like lesions in and around the mouth, on the teats, and around and between the hooves. The disease leaves animals debilitated and causes losses in milk and meat production. Once infected, an animal never rids itself of the virus. The disease does not affect humans and it has no connection to mad cow disease.

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Foot-and-mouth policy -- 2

The public closure of sheep, cattle, pig and poultry facilities on main campus in Columbus, OARDC and ATI, both in Wooster, and outlying branches throughout the state, is the “first line of defense to keeping foot-and-mouth disease out of our herds and hopefully reducing the risk to Ohio,” said Larry Smith, an OARDC animal science researcher. “We need to be the pacesetter for the state. If we close our facilities, other producers will follow suit and close theirs, as well.”

Other restrictions outlined in the policy include:

- “No visitors” signs will be posted at the entrances to all the college animal facilities.
- Only one vehicular entrance to each animal facility will be maintained. All other entrances will be barricaded.
- Field Days visitors will be advised not to attend if they have been traveling in countries that have the disease within 10 days from the Field Day. Notices on the above policy will be printed on Field Days programs.
- Future Field Days will not include visits to animal facilities.

The policy will be re-evaluated in September, when travel between the United States and Europe slows. An early re-evaluation will depend on how the situation in Europe develops.

“The decision to close the facilities to tours is not meant to instill panic in the public that there is a problem,” said Joy Pate, OARDC Animal Sciences Associate Chair. “Foot-and-mouth disease has not reached the states. It’s just a precautionary measure.”

The last reported case of foot-and-mouth disease in the U.S. was 1929 and the government, state agencies and land-grant universities are making sure it never reappears.

“The chance of foot-and-mouth disease ever reaching the U.S. is very low,” said Mo Saif, head of OARDC’s Food Animal Health Research Program. “But the consequences would be horrendous if it ever reached the states.” Added Steve Loerch, an OARDC animal science researcher. “If it (foot-and-mouth) ever got into the livestock population, it would be very hard to control.”

“If a case of foot-and-mouth ever reached the OARDC’s Krauss Dairy in Wayne County, there would be a 10-mile radius quarantine around the affected area, which would be that nothing -- animals, products, milk -- could move in or out,” said Smith. “And many employees at the Krauss Dairy have animals at home beyond that 10-mile quarantine and the disease could rapidly spread outside the quarantine before we even knew about it.”

Saif said the main threat to the spread of foot-and-mouth is via clothing and shoes, where the disease has reportedly been able to remain viable for up to two months. The United States Department of Agriculture reports that the disease maintains a high survival rate in soil, animal feed, water, and on vegetables. It also can remain in the human nasal cavity for up to two days.

L.R. “Skip” Nault, OARDC Associate Director, said the measures the university is taking to prevent foot-and-mouth disease from hitting Ohio should be seen as an educational opportunity for the students and the public. “I think the people will appreciate and respect what we are trying to accomplish,” he said. “It think this will help educate the public on the types of problems that producers face.” Alternative programs to animal facility tours are currently being developed.

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Foot-and-mouth policy -- 3

Foot-and-mouth disease has been wreaking economic havoc in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands and France. Nearly 1,400 cases have been confirmed with the tally still rising. Over a million sheep and cattle have been destroyed and at least three million more have been marked for slaughter. The disease has already cost British businesses over $30 billion and it is estimated that farmers are losing $360 million a month.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture estimates Ohio is home to 265,000 dairy cows, 1.2 million beef cattle, 1.5 million hogs and 142,000 sheep, with a combined value of $1.13 billion.

For more information on foot-and-mouth disease, log on to www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~ohioline/, or ODA's web site at www.state.oh.us/agr..

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Event: Ohio 4-H Centennial Kick-Off Reception
As part of the Ohio 4-H Centennial Celebration, Ohio State University Extension’s state 4-H office is sponsoring a special reception to officially kick off the Ohio 4-H Centennial.

When: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

On this date 100 years ago, the first meeting of a “Boys’ and Girls’ Agricultural Club” was held in Springfield, Ohio. This club would serve as the model for other clubs that would later become known as “4-H clubs.” (For more on 4-H’s beginnings in Ohio, see Ohio 4-H Centennial websites on founder A.B. Graham, at http://www.ag ohio-state.edu/~fourhob/centennial/Founder.html, and Ohio 4-H significant events, http://www.ag ohio-state.edu/~fourhob/centennial/History.html.)

Where: 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, Ohio
Agricultural Administration Building, Main Auditorium
The Ohio State University

Who: The event is being held for media, elected officials, state legislators, Ohio State University administrators, state and county 4-H staff, 4-H advocates, and 4-H volunteers. Several of A.B. Graham’s descendents will be at the event to be recognized.

What: Approximately 150 adults and youth from diverse communities will gather at The Ohio State University to celebrate Ohio’s 4-H Centennial to learn how the program began in 1902 and where the program is heading in the future. After the program, a bus tour is scheduled to take about 50 dignitaries to Clark County where A.B. Graham held his first meeting; to Graham High School (named after A.B. Graham) in Champaign County; and to the A.B. Graham Center, a museum and exhibit center in Miami County.

Why: To join Ohio 4-H professionals and volunteers in celebrating 100 years of positive youth development in our state, our nation, and our world.

Ohio 4-H is part of The Ohio State University under the umbrella of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and Ohio State University Extension.

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College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
Happy Valentine’s Day 2003

This special day reminds us of the University family who give “from the heart” to the many outstanding programs within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

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50th College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Recognition Banquet

50 YEARS
of
Time & Change

Ohio Union
May 6, 2004
Order of Program

Welcome
Greeting and Dedication
Introduction of Guests and Banquet Donors

Scholarships and Student Research Recognition
Academic Scholarships
Student Research Recognition
Council Scholarships

Top Twenty Seniors (5)

Entertainment

Faculty and Industry Awards
Meritorious Service to Students
Outstanding Service to Students
Outstanding Academic Advisor
Towers Faculty Award
Plimpton Teaching Award

Top Scholars
Freshmen and Sophomores

Top Twenty Seniors (5)

Entertainment

Campus Involvement
Outstanding New Activity
Outstanding Student Organization
Leadership Awards
Honorary

Co-Curricular Activities

Top Scholars
Juniors and Seniors

Top Twenty Seniors (5)

Recognition of Steering Committee
Announcing the Top Ten Seniors

Closing and Carmen Ohio
Welcome

Welcome to the Golden Anniversary of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Recognition Banquet! Tonight, we will be showcasing the efforts of outstanding students, faculty, staff, and organizations who continue a tradition of excellence within our college as we celebrate "50 Years of Time and Change."

Please enjoy this special evening as we take a look back over the past year and a glance into the past 50 years and recognize the numerous accomplishments made by our college. The achievements of this past year signify time gone by and changes to come in the next 50 years.

As co-chairs, we would like to thank the members of our steering committee, faculty advisers, and volunteers whose hard work and dedication have helped make this banquet a success. We also extend gratitude to our sponsors and supporters. To the parents and family members in attendance, we thank you for your continuous support, and we look forward to showing you how our time spent and lessons learned by change have shaped our futures.

Congratulations to all of the honorees this evening, and thank you for celebrating with us "50 Years of Time and Change" in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Best Wishes,

Stephanie Shertzer and Lucy Bowen
2004 General Co-Chairs

Dedication

It is with great honor that the Steering Committee dedicates the 2004 College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Recognition Banquet to Dr. Larry Whiting and Dr. Pete Spike.

Dr. Larry Whiting is a professor of Agricultural Communication in the Department of Human and Community Resource Development. Dr. Whiting earned his bachelor’s degree in agricultural journalism, a master’s in journalism and mass communication, and a doctorate in education, all from Iowa State University. He is a former president of the Agricultural Communicators in Education and a member of the Gamma Sigma Delta agricultural honorary and Sigma Epsilon Phi extension honorary.

Dr. Whiting previously served as head of the Section of Communications and Technology. Before coming to Ohio State in 1985, he was editor for the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development and the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development at Iowa State University. He has also served as Chair of the Department of Information and Publications at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Peter Spike, an associate professor emeritus in the Department of Animal Sciences, completed his bachelor’s degree in dairy science at Michigan State University and his master’s and doctorate in animal breeding at Iowa State University. Since joining Ohio State in 1974, Dr. Spike has worked with the dairy industry to rebuild the National Dairy Show in Columbus, now known as Spring Dairy Expo, plan the State and National FFA Dairy Evaluation Contests, and coach both the OSU dairy judging team and the Ohio 4-H team. His role as advisor for the Buckeye Dairy Club for the past 24 years and Alpha Tau Zeta for 22 years has been a great asset for the members.

Dr. Spike has also served as the superintendent of the youth division of the Ohio State Fair Dairy show and has received both the State and American Honorary FFA Degree. He is an active member of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association.
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Susan Belleville
Danielle Gerstner
Anita Miller
Meghan Sweeney

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Danielle Gerstner
Kristin Goddard
Laneda Smith

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Mark Andre
Christina Clark
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Razat Long
Carrie Rasik
Lindsay Stevenson
Alaina Zyhowsk

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Mitch Bambauer
Hanna Bay
Kyle Hapner
Melinda Hoffman
Cheryl Johncox
Pamela Kloepfer
Abby Pound
Jennifer Wilson

Top 20 Seniors
Victoria Barto
Susan Belleville
Heath Eisele
Andrea Garmyn
Kelsey Hall
Brian Henslee
Mary Hough
Allison Hutchinson
Melissa Kapp
Valerie Kessler
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Mikal Nolan
Katy Poth
Erica Routman
Stephanie Shertzer
Allison Specht
Terri Specht
Sabrina Stalder
Natasha Weaver
## Top Scholars – Agriculture

**Freshmen**
- Kelly Balzer
- Sarah Luthman
- Craig Rismiller

**Sophomores**
- Laura Fink
- Anna Leis
- Daniel Sanders

**Juniors**
- James Halderman
- Clayton Bettin
- Amanda Todd

**Seniors**
- Jennifer Bennett
- Owen Jones
- Rebecca Johnson

## Top Scholars – Natural Resources

**Freshmen**
- Laura Jenkins
- Holly White
- Kara Berke

**Sophomores**
- Shane Bemiller
- Heather Bokman
- Lauren Hitchcock

**Juniors**
- James Bennett
- Matthew Teders
- Thomas Butler IV

**Seniors**
- Sarah Boone
- Meredith Taylor
- David Brabham

## College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Ambassadors

- Lucy Bowen
- Mai Chanthabane
- Jesse Dotterer
- Mindy Dye
- Jenny Engle
- Amanda Hardesty
- Rachel Howdyshell
- Allison Hutchinson
- Valerie Kessler
- Heather Makarius
- Adam Marx
- Mikal Nolan
- Carl Norden
- Abby Pound
- Matt Smith
- John Torres
- Julie Tyson

## Entertainment

### Dinner Music

Mindy Dye, playing the piano, is a senior in agricultural education. She developed her love for agriculture and family at an early age and plans on becoming an agricultural education teacher after graduation. Mindy has been playing piano for over half of her life and is providing us with tonight's dinner music.

### Entertainment I

Cassie Jo Colliflower is a freshman in agricultural communication. She was an active high school choir member and has performed in several Springfield Summer Arts Festival musicals. Making music and singing are her favorite hobbies.

### Entertainment II

Chris Cooley, a sophomore with intentions to major in environmental management, will be playing the guitar. Chris is a resident adviser in Stradley Hall and is also in the Ohio Army National Guard. He has been playing the guitar for four years and is interested in classic rock and oldies.

Alaina Zyhowski will play the flute with Chris. Alaina is a senior in environmental science and is completing her Honors thesis study of Eighteenmile Creek, a watershed of Lake Erie. She hopes to teach science in a classroom setting or as a naturalist in an outdoor recreation center.
Student Organizations
- Agribusiness/NAMA Club
- Agricultural Construction and Systems Management Club
- Agricultural Education Society
- Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
- Alpha Gamma Epsilon
- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Alpha Gamma Sigma
- Alpha Sigma Upsilon
- Alpha Tau Zeta
- Buckeye Agricultural Society
- Buckeye Dairy Club
- Collegiate 4-H Club
- Delta Theta Sigma
- Farm Bureau at OSU
- Food Science and Technology Club
- Forestry Forum
- Horseman's Association
- Landscape and Floriculture Forum
- Multicultural Students in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences
- OSU Crops and Soils Club
- Pre-Veterinary Medical Association
- Roots and Shoots
- Saddle and Sirloin Club
- SHADES
- Sigma Alpha
- TerrAqua
- Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society

College and School Honoraries
- Alpha Mu
- Alpha Zeta Partners
- Gamma Sigma Delta
- Pi Alpha Xi
- Towers Agricultural Honorary

University Class Honoraries
- Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma
- Rhomophos
- Mirrors
- Bucket and Dipper
- Sphinx
- Mortar Board
- Sullivant Society

Homecoming Court
- Katy Poth, Queen

Ohio Staters, Inc.
- Jamie Berning
- Heather Makarius
- Katy Poth
- Emily Tuttle

Undergraduate Student Government
- Ken Smith
- Chet Rodabaugh
**Co-Curricular Teams**

ASAE Quarter Scale Tractor Team  
Dairy Products Judging Team  
Food Science College Bowl  
Product Development Team  
Dairy Challenging Team  
Horse Judging Team  
NAMA Marketing Team  
Soil Judging Team  
Weed Science Team  
Dairy Cattle Judging Team  
General Livestock Judging Team  
Meat Judging Team  
Poultry Judging Team  
Quadrathlon Team  
Beef Retail Team  
ALCA Team  
Construction Estimating Team

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Trish Raridan-Preston  Adviser  
Renee Johnston  Adviser

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**Men’s Cross Country**  
Robert Myers

**Men’s Football**  
Derek Coker  Jordan Hoewischer

**Men’s Hockey**  
Tyson Strachan

**Men’s Soccer**  
Kevin Nugent

**Men’s Track**

Nosa Ehimwenman  
Leonard Jatsek  
Robert Myers  
Daniel Taylor

**Men’s Swimming**

Matthew Celik  
Matthew Jeffries  
Nathan King

**Men’s Volleyball**  
Michael Wauligman

**Women’s Crew**  
Sarah Hiehle

**Women’s Cross Country**  
Ashley Vannatta

**Women’s Track**

Holly Carr  
Alyssa Green  
Molly Logan  
Ashley Vannatta
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Carmen Ohio
Oh! Come let’s sing Ohio’s praise,
And songs to Alma Mater raise;
While our hearts rebounding thrill,
With joy which death alone can still;
Summer’s heat or winter’s cold,
The seasons pass, the years will roll;
Time and change will surely show,
How firm thy friendship,
O-HI-O!
Tessa Bowman, a graduate student at Ohio State University, is among a growing number of students from nonfarming backgrounds who are pursuing agricultural degrees because of the relatively strong job market and the emphasis on science.

The science of farming

Students interested in food-production technology are filling agricultural schools

By Josh Jarman
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Some Ohio State University students have long believed that the campus west of the Olentangy River is not for them.

There's a perception that the area "is all cowboy hats and big belt buckles," environmental-science major Kurtis Meyer said. "But that's changing."

The 23-year-old senior from Worthington is among a growing number of students rethinking their view of agricultural schools as they learn about the emphasis on science and the promise of good jobs after graduation.

Enrollment in agricultural schools across the country increased almost 22 percent from 2005 to 2006, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, enrollment has risen more than 18 percent in the past five years.

Enrollment has increased even as the number of farms in the country has steadily declined. The United States has lost about 200,000 farms...
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since 1978, the USDA said.
Tessa Bowman didn’t consider a career in an agriculture-related field in high school. She played volleyball and softball rather than joining 4-H or FFA, yet the New Albany native is a year away from earning a master’s degree in food science and technology at Ohio State.
Bowman, 23, went to college with dreams of becoming a physical therapist, but they died with her inability to dissect cadavers. A friend on her club volleyball team told her about food science.
In slightly more than a year, she went from knowing very little about the discipline to interning at Cargill Flavor Systems in Cincinnati.
“T’m excited by how tangible the subject is,” Bowman said. “In organic chemistry, and even molecular biology, you primarily deal with theory. Food science is something you can see, feel and touch. It’s much more interesting.”

Students such as Bowman and Meyer are becoming more common, Associate Dean Linda Martin said.
“Twenty-five years ago, a lot more students planned to return to the family farm. Now, about two-thirds of our students come from non-farm backgrounds.”

Martin said that shift mirrors changes in the degrees and programs the college provides. Ohio State still offers stalwarts such as crop and soil sciences and animal science, and those programs continue to attract a lot of students. But new programs that focus on food safety, bio-energy and the environment have brought into agriculture students who couldn’t imagine working on a farm.
Meyer said his environmental-policy program has allowed him to write his own ticket toward a career advising both large and small companies on how to find tax breaks for renewable energy. He already has consulted for private companies while in school.

The economy is another reason students are turning to agriculture. More than 90 percent who graduated from the college in 2008 had a job within six months.
Jeff Culbertson, a food-science professor, said there are plenty of opportunities for students. In specialized fields such as food science, he said, there are more job openings than qualified workers.
Demand is so great that companies such as H.J. Heinz, Frito-Lay, Starbucks and even Jack Daniel’s are hiring people with related degrees such as chemistry and then sending them through a one-year, online course that Culbertson runs at Ohio State. He said food-science graduates start out making about $50,000 a year for an undergrad degree and about $65,000 for a graduate degree.

“It used to be when people heard the word agriculture, they thought of farming or working with animals,” Culbertson said. “Today, there is so much science involved in anything to do with the production of food.”

Tessa Bowman, 23, of New Albany, said she found food science more interesting than some sciences that deal mainly in theory because it’s “something you can see, feel and touch.”

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No limits to the value of an agriculture degree

Given the outstanding enrollment and job placement experience in our respective colleges, it was a surprise when three of the five majors "highlighted" in a recent Yahoo Education article by Terrence Loose entitled "College Majors that are Useless" were programs in the agricultural sciences: agriculture, animal sciences, and horticulture.

Before drawing his conclusions, we wish that Mr. Loose had done more homework beyond what appears to be a cursory review of Bureau of Labor Statistics numbers and the repurposing of a similar headline from The Daily Beast a year ago.

Other sources suggest that not only is the need for graduates in these programs growing, but there is a shortage of graduates in the agricultural, food, and natural resource sciences:

- Broad definition of agriculture. The Yahoo Education article equated ‘agriculture’ with ‘farm management’. Farm management is an important field of study, but defining agriculture only as farm management is much too narrow. Completely ignored are other important areas under the umbrella of ‘agriculture’ including food science, plant science, and soil science, where the Bureau of Labor Statistics report predicts job growth should be faster than the average for all occupations, and where job opportunities are expected to be good over the next decade, particularly in food science and technology and in agronomy. And, of course, the ‘agriculture’ umbrella also covers agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, animal sciences, natural resource and environmental sciences, and agricultural education, to name a few.

- Very low unemployment rates. Recent (Jan. 5, 2012) online posts (NY Times, Want a Job? Go to College, and Don’t Major in Architecture, and NPR’s StateImpact Ohio Best College Majors if You Want to Find a Job) cited a just released report by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce which found agriculture and natural resources to be among the fields with the lowest unemployment rates – lower than business, engineering, law, and several others (Georgetown University’s Hard Times).

- Shortage of college graduates to fill need. The U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Employment Opportunities for College Graduates in Food, Renewable Energy, and the
Environment, 2010-2015” report, projects that 53,500 qualified graduates will be available for about 54,400 jobs annually in the agricultural and food systems, renewable energy and the environment. About 55 percent of those graduates (29,300) are expected to earn degrees from colleges of agriculture and life sciences, forestry and natural resources, and veterinary medicine. The other 45 percent, an estimated 24,200 graduates, will come from allied disciplines including biological sciences, engineering, health sciences, business, and communication.

- No stronger sector for recruiting. Dr. Phil Gardner, Director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University, recently wrote, “No sector appears stronger than agriculture/food processing with an increase in hires of approximately 14 percent” in the annual Recruiting Trends report (College Employment Research Institute - Executive Summary 2011-2012).

- Vital economic growth engine. A recent study conducted by the Battelle Institute, an independent research organization, found that agriculture and agbiosciences are generating vital economic growth and job creation, particularly in the North Central United States, which includes all four of our respective states. This Midwest area, once dubbed the “Rust Belt,” is becoming the breeding ground for new “green” agriculture-related jobs as the agriculture-driven industry is poised to expand into new markets such as health, specialty crops, biofuels and bio-based products.

- New areas of opportunity. The article completely misses an important trend of interest in small scale, local food production and those who want to become part of agriculture by launching these types of businesses. The Bureau of Labor Statistics report from which Mr. Loose took some of his numbers even points out that “…an increasing number of small-scale farmers have developed successful market niches that involve personalized, direct contact with their customers. Many are finding opportunities in horticulture and organic food production, which are among the fastest growing segments of agriculture.”

The success of our graduates is also a testament to the usefulness of agricultural majors. Students majoring in ‘agriculture’ study farm management, horticulture, and animal sciences—as well as agricultural and food business, food science, biological engineering, plant breeding and genetics, wildlife biology and forestry, biochemistry, microbiology, entomology, and other exciting, science-based areas. Our graduates take jobs in a wide variety of industries, pursue research careers, and work in public service in the US and internationally.

Across all four of our agricultural colleges, total enrollment the highest in 30+ years, applications are going up and, most importantly, at the end of their undergraduate careers, our students are facing excellent job or graduate program opportunities. Many placement rates are higher than 90%, with 16-26% of that total choosing to pursue advanced degrees and professional education.

Beyond the statistics about jobs, let’s think about some basic human needs and consider what ‘degrees’ will prepare a young man or woman to help provide for those needs. Adequate nutrition is a basic need of all humans. Our planet recently reached the 7 billion population mark and the United Nations estimates we will have 2.3 billion more people to feed by the year 2050. We must address how to feed all these people with little expansion of land, in a way that conserves our water resources, and in a fashion that society judges acceptable and even more respectful of our environment. For answers, take a closer look at our agricultural majors.

In addition, those in agriculture will make important contributions to our country’s energy
requirements and help provide feedstocks for other industrial materials. To meet these challenges, a growing number of passionate, smart, and well-prepared people have a lot of work to do. And we see and talk to these people every day in our campus classrooms, labs and fields.

That’s why we’re very excited by the prospects for our graduates. Agriculture has been one of the bright spots in the U.S. economy during the current recession and incredible opportunities exist for new economic development in our states and our country. Our graduates are currently writing their own story, and the headline reads ‘College Majors that are Invaluable.’

If you would like to read the original article, you may [click here](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/Connections/NOW/Pages/AgValue.aspx).
February 1, 2001

TO: Vision Task Force Co-Chairs
   - Melissa Krygier and Jim Kinder
   - L. H. Newcomb and Ken Lee
   - Steve Slack and Alan Randall
   - Keith Smith and Stephen Myers

FROM: Bob Moser

Let me express my sincere thanks to you for taking on the task of leading one of the first task forces created from the new College vision. Maintaining and accelerating the momentum of meaningful change in how we operate as a College that is relevant and sought after by our constituents is key to our future.

As we start this effort, I realize you have been asked to accomplish a significant amount in a very short time frame, and I appreciate your efforts to fit yet one more thing into an already overloaded schedule.

Doing what is necessary to enable your groups to successfully complete your charge is a very high priority for me. Know that we are not going to allow ourselves to form the task forces and then neglect our combined responsibility to keep on top of what is being planned and to move quickly in implementation as the complete plans emerge. To aid in keeping these efforts on task, a timeline is provided here for you to consider and revise as you feel is reasonable. Let me hear if your group would prefer a different schedule; otherwise, we will work from this framework.

March 1 Preliminary draft is presented to faculty and staff at College meeting
Input from those attending will be gathered.

*As you meet with your groups in February, please make decisions as to which members will be traveling to the various meeting locations and leading discussion. The meeting coordinators will do all they can to insure that a sufficient number of persons (at least five per issue per site) at the sites around the state will be involved in discussion. See meeting agenda for further details.

These discussions were planned to enable the task forces to gather meaningful input from their peers that would aid in the development
of their plans. Please design the discussion process in a way that you think will provide the most targeted input for your group's needs.

May 1  Provide a brief e-mail update to Bob Moser on task force progress

June 30  Present first draft of plan – including
  ▪ Clear list of must-have outcomes
  ▪ Draft action agenda to achieve those outcomes
  ▪ First "cut" at who should be involved – with any suggested names
  ▪ Draft of timeline for completion of each of the outcomes
  ▪ Draft of budget needed to support these efforts

July 30  Vice President's Administrative Cabinet will respond to draft plans and provide statement of support for human and financial resources

September 1  Provide brief e-mail update to Bob Moser on task force progress; resubmit plan draft if needed

September 30  Plans complete – Plans will be communicated college-wide along with early commitments for implementation.

Thanks again.
WHERE: Live from Kottman Hall Room 103 and connected to the following locations via IP Video conferencing
- Fisher Auditorium, OARDC
- OSU Extension East, Northwest, South and Southwest District Offices
- Centers for Research at Piketon

PRESENTER/FACILITATOR AGENDA:

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Meeting Begins via video conferencing

"The New College Vision: Design for Our Future"
Bob Moser

"Support of the Vision/Setting an Action Agenda for 2001 – Reports from the Task Forces"
- Melissa Krygier and Jim Kinder (Co-chairs for each group will decide how to handle this reporting session)
- Keith Smith and Stephen Myers
- Steve Slack and Alan Randall
- L. H. Newcomb and Ken Lee
- Dave Hansen (remarks for support from International Programs)

11:00 Video Connection Terminates – meeting continues at all sites; Columbus participants move to Agr. Administration auditorium

Small Group Discussion on Early Plans from Task Forces
Members from each of the task forces will be present at each location to facilitate discussion – gather grass roots reactions and ideas.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Meeting resumes until groups are completed

Meeting adjourns - There is every possibility that some of the smaller discussion groups will be completed by lunch.
February 12, 2001

TO: Faculty and Staff
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

FROM: Bobby D. Miser
Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean

I hope you have already registered to be a part of the College Faculty and Staff meeting on March 1st. If you haven't, I encourage you to make plans to be a part of this celebration and planning event. Late registrations will be accepted until February 20th. E-mail your registration to ray.125@osu.edu.

Why Celebrate? You may be asking yourself, "Exactly what has happened over the past several years that would give us cause for celebration?" There is much to celebrate! Take a look at the booklet, "Join Us for a Journey to the Future" - this provides you with a glimpse into many of our efforts and achievements to make the College a more compelling place to work.

What Planning . . . Isn't Project Reinvent Just About Over? Project Reinvent has been a valuable resource to get us concentrating and moving in ways to improve ourselves - it has enabled us to make many of the changes that we identified in 1995 as being necessary for our future success. The Kellogg funding may be coming to an end, but there will be little noticeable difference in our commitment to a culture of continual renewal. We are just getting our second wind.

We have a new vision to guide our efforts for the next five years (enclosed). That vision targets twelve directions for continued growth. On March 1st we will hear from groups of faculty and staff that have begun planning in four of those areas:
- Diversity is evident throughout the College.
- We make high impact discoveries.
- We are the model for extending to people the latest research-based information.
- Each unit is among the best in the nation.

These are the four areas targeted for emphasis in 2001. We will continue until each of the twelve indicators of success are moving toward accomplishment.

We want you to make your thoughts and ideas known on March 1st. The success of any new plans relies on your input and your support.
A College-wide Celebration and Planning Event

March 1, 2001 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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3:00 – 3:15  Afternoon Soda Break
3:15 – 4:00  Commercial Input
Welcome to the OSU/ONLA Research Day

October 3, 2001
Hannah Mathers

At the September 6, 2000 Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association Board of Directors meeting, certain Ohio State University faculty members gave brief presentations of their current research programs. It was suggested at that meeting that we start an OSU-ONLA Research Advisory Committee. In a start towards the establishment of such a committee we have organized this Research Day in Wooster, OH, October 3, 2001 (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM) in the conference room of the Fisher Auditorium.

During this Research Day a wide variety of OSU and USDA researchers/extension faculty and industry affiliates will give short 15-minute presentations on their research programs. At the end of the day we will have time for a summary and input from the industry. We hope at this time the industry will offer research topics, thoughts on current projects, interest in advisory committee membership, and other topics.

This as a joint program hosted by Ohio State University ENLTT/Department of Horticulture and Crop Science and ONLA. The program is being advertised by various means including the ONLA Buckeye magazine.

The ENLTT Team helped with the organization of this day and it ties in with the ENLTT "Buckeye Blast" Oct. 1-5, 2001. There will be indoor presentations during the morning and some outdoor presentations and tour of facilities and experiments during the afternoon. The industry input session will follow.

The objective of the day is to update industry personnel about all the great research going on in Ohio, explain our current research projects and receive industry feedback. The target audience is professional nursery growers, professional landscapers and professional industry affiliates. We have also obtained 3 ODA pesticide recertification credits.

Sincerely,

Hannah Mathers, PhD
Extension Specialist Nursery and Landscape
Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

I am pleased to share that Bruce A. McPherson has accepted our offer to be the interim executive vice president and provost at Ohio State, effective December 2.

For the last three years, Bruce has served as the vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). He is a highly respected researcher, teacher and leader who has demonstrated a deep commitment to advancing the academic mission of the university and engaging with the community. Bruce is a member of our Discovery Themes executive team, and served as the 2013-14 chair of the Policy Board of Directors of Agriculture for the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

We appreciate his leadership during this transition period. We will launch a national search for a permanent incumbent shortly and I look forward to input from faculty, staff and students as we progress. I’d also like to express my gratitude to Senior Associate Dean and Professor Ronald Hendrick, who has agreed to step into the role of interim dean at CFAES.

Please join me in welcoming Bruce and Ron to their new roles — and once again thanking Provost Joseph Steinmetz for his service to Ohio State as he prepares to become chancellor at the University of Arkansas.

Sincerely,
Michael V. Drake, MD
President
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
Vision/Mission Statement

We Aspire

- To make Ohio a model for stewardship and responsible use of renewable resources.
- To achieve preeminence as a College while delivering the highest value for our customers.
- To improve and inspire human resources within and outside the College.

We Value

- Organizational dynamics that respond to changing needs.
- Unbiased information used to creatively solve problems.
- Teamwork among ourselves and with our partners.
- Accountability to current and future generations.
- Life-long learning and discovery of knowledge.
- Employees and their job satisfaction.
- Excellence and integrity.
- Diverse opinions.

Our Mission

We discover and distribute knowledge which is used to wisely manage and add value to renewable resources. We strive to balance science and social concerns as well as rural and urban interests. We identify priority issues at the local, national, and international levels through free and open discussion among ourselves and our partners. We reward the integration of vibrant teaching, forward-thinking research, creative problem solving, and nourishment of the human spirit.
Project Reinvent

Steering Committee Members

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Richard P. Anderson, President and CEO, The Anderson's
Richard L. Bere, President and Chief Operating Officer, The Kroger Company
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Robin W. Green, President, Hidden Creek at the Darby
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Luther Tweeten, Anderson Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics
CFAES leadership announcement

Date: March 6, 2017
To: University Community
From: Bruce A. McPherson, PhD
Executive Vice President and Provost
Re: Leadership Announcement

With great pleasure, I write to advise you that we have recommended the appointment of Cathann Arceneaux Kress, PhD, currently vice president for extension and outreach and director of cooperative extension, Iowa State University, as vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, Dr. Kress will begin her appointment on May 1, 2017.

In her current role, Dr. Kress leads the land-grant mission of teaching, research and service for the public good at Iowa State. This $100 million operation connects the full assets of the university with all of Iowa. Her success in using university-wide outreach programs to enhance education and innovation in Iowa communities have...
aligned with her key responsibility to advise the president and provost on extension and outreach issues.

Dr. Kress has taught undergraduate and graduate students at all levels. In addition, her research and applied research efforts have focused on impacts on rural populations. For example, her work has included the impacts of multiple deployments on dependent children of Reserve and Guard, programs to assist disadvantaged children, youth and families and on achievement gaps that impact rural youth.

Prior to her leadership at Iowa State University, Dr. Kress served as a senior policy analyst of Military Community and Family Policy at the Department of Defense in Washington, DC. In addition, she has served as director of youth development at the National 4-H Headquarters, USDA, also in Washington, DC, and as assistant director, Cornell Cooperative Extension and State Program Leader at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Among her many national leadership roles, she currently serves as a trustee of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation Board in Battle Creek, Michigan; secretary and incoming chair, Administrative Heads Section, Board on Agriculture Assembly, Association of Public Land Grant Universities; and as a National 4-H Council trustee.

Dr. Kress earned a BS in social work at Iowa State University, and an MA in counselor education/college student development and a PhD education from the University of Iowa.

Please join me in thanking the search committee chair, Dean Karla Zadnik, College of Optometry, and other committee members for their diligent work during the past several months. I look forward to working with Cathann as we move forward with an ambitious agenda for our college and university. Please join me in congratulating Cathann and welcoming her to Ohio State.
OSU sheep farm to become park

By Mark Ferenchik The Columbus Dispatch

New park site
Ohio State University is selling its 58-acre sheep farm near Don Scott Field to the Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks, which plans to convert it into a park.

The Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks is buying 58 acres along West Case Road on the Northwest Side from Ohio State University to develop into a park, easing residents’ concerns that the property could end up in a developer’s hands.

The land is on the south side of West Case Road across from Ohio State’s Don Scott Field and known as the sheep farm, because of the sheep raised there since 1954 as part of OSU’s College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The $5.2 million purchase must be completed by Dec.

31.

Nearby residents who have wanted more parkland in the area are happy with the deal.

“We didn’t want it to turn into a high-density development,” said Nick Cipiti, president of the Northwest Civic Association. “We couldn’t be happier with the way things are going.”

Brian Hoyt, a Columbus Recreation and Parks spokesman, said the city is always looking for opportunities to expand parkland and green space.

About a year ago, Roy Wentzel, a civic association member, contacted the city about buying the land to convert into a park.

“He was able to make some headway,” Cipiti said. “He got the folks at the city to see some value with it.”

Wentzel said the community wanted a park, pathways, a gathering space or even a library branch.

“Almost to a person, we said what we need in northwest Columbus is a community hub,” Wentzel said.

John Ehlers, the former Northwest Civic Association president, co-wrote a memo in 2016 that outlined why the community wanted a park that could include walking paths, playgrounds, playing fields, a pool, and maybe an outdoor ice rink.

State Rep. Mike Duffey, R-Worthington, said he asked Ohio State officials to talk to community members about what they wanted once he learned it was trying to sell the sheep farm. State legislators had to approve the sale.

Keith Myers, Ohio State’s vice president of planning and real estate, said that when university officials decided to sell the property, they knew it had potential as a development site. At Duffey’s request, they met
with community leaders and residents.

“The neighborhood really wanted this land to be a park,” he said. “Frankly, we agreed with them.”

Hoyt said amenities haven’t been determined yet, but the park could include a playground and trails.

Some neighborhood leaders and residents want to see the city build a community center on the site. But Hoyt said the city plans to expand and update the Carriage Place Community Center which opened in 1991 a half-mile away. mferench@dispatch.com @MarkFerenchik
Ohio State University may have lost Urban Meyer, but it has gained a bacon vending machine.

At the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences there is now a vending machine filled with bacon.

Yes, you read that right: bacon. It’s cooked and shelf stable, and probably delicious because it’s, well, bacon. Or maybe it’s BACON.

The Ohio Pork Council, a trade group for the state’s pork producers, is sponsoring the vending wonder and received bacon donations from the biggest names in pork belly: Smithfield, Hormel and Sugardale. There are strips and bacon bits (each $1) in the machine, which will be stocked by students in Ohio State’s meat science program, which will receive the proceeds of the vending machine sales.
YOU’RE INVITED to a GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

THE COLLEGE of FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, and ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Science Building

WOOSTER CAMPUS • FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019
Science Building Groundbreaking

**When:**
Friday, May 3, 2019 • 2 - 4 p.m.
Groundbreaking Ceremony • 2:15 p.m.

**Where:**
Fisher Auditorium Parking Lot
1680 Madison Avenue • Wooster, OH 44691

**Inclement Weather** • event will be held inside Fisher Auditorium

**Parking:**
Available in adjacent parking lot

**Attire:**
Business Casual

**Refreshments will be served**

**Response or Questions?**
RSVP by Monday, April 22nd, to u.osu.edu/groundbreaking or by phoning Loren Harper at 330-263-3703
Save the Date! JULY 30, 2019

CATHANN A. KRESS
VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN

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Ohio State hires EPA official amid controversy

By Beth Burger

The Columbus Dispatch

A former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency senior adviser in the Trump administration who was instrumental in the rollback of air-pollution regulations will begin a new job Monday at Ohio State University.

Clint Woods, who worked with an outlier in the science community touting that some pollution is good for people to help upend long-standing environmental regulations, has been named director of strategic partnerships at Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, or CFAES.

Woods is the first in the new position, which is being funded by Nationwide Insurance's foundation for a two-year term. His annual salary is $132,000.

"This position is part of our university land-grant focus to engage partners. We are growing public/private partnerships. The director for strategic partnerships will lead efforts to fully engage community members, stakeholders and other partners," Cathann Kress, the college's dean, said in an emailed statement.

Woods was chosen from about 30 people by a search committee that included Kress; two other CFAES officials; Devin Fuhrman, a vice president at Nationwide Insurance; and Adam Sharp, Ohio Farm Bureau executive vice president.

"This committee provided feedback to university representatives who made the hiring decision. The Nationwide Foundation's funding directed to the CFAES supports programs, research and facilities that work toward the goal of food security across the United States. We do not dictate to the university who is hired as a condition of that funding," Joe Case, a Nationwide Insurance spokesman, said in an email.

In his new role, Woods will be able to build a team of eight employees to "engage stakeholders throughout the state and earn their support for the educational, research and economic development capabilities" of Ohio State, university officials said.

Woods was formerly deputy assistant administrator with the U.S. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, a position that he was appointed to in December 2017. He had a pivotal role in revamping procedures for National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, particulate matter and four other pollutants, according to media reports. He also worked on the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule that would put a stop to improving fuel-efficiency standards for vehicles.

According to an internal email sent out by Kress announcing his hire, Woods prior to joining the EPA worked as "executive director of [Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies], a national association of state and local environmental agencies, including Ohio EPA and several city and county agencies in Ohio."

In his cover letter, Woods told university officials: "I have a unique combination of long-range planning, community outreach, environmental and agricultural policy, and grant and nonprofit management experience, including work to translate complex technical and scientific information into policy-relevant material for officials at all levels of government ..."
"Clinton Woods will be a great asset to the university as he forms collaborations that will make for stronger partnerships for CFAES and, in turn, will strengthen Ohio agriculture as a whole," said Sharp.

Environmental organizations at the national level have expressed disapproval of the college's choice for the position.

"Clint Woods was a key player for the historically disastrous environmental destruction campaign of Andrew Wheeler and Donald Trump, and no respectable institution should want to associate with that," John Coequyt, Sierra Club's global climate policy director, said in an emailed statement. "Clint Woods made his choices, and his alliance with corporate polluters is clear."

The hire came as a surprise to some at CFAES.

"The lack of communication through the school and the ambiguity in the statement in what even the job is concerns us a lot, considering his past," said Brian Bush, a third-year environmental science major from Columbus who also is a member of the Ohio State Sierra Club Student Coalition. He said the organization plans to submit a statement to the dean. bburger@dispatch.com @ByBethBurger
OSU should not embrace new hire’s policy past at EPA

We understand the concern of those who question Ohio State University’s recent hiring of a Trump administration bureaucrat with a track record of opposing and dismantling environmental protections.

University officials point out that, as director of strategic partnerships for the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Clint Woods won’t be setting environmental policy. That’s a relief, considering his policy history.

As a Trump appointee to the U.S. EPA, he was part of a team whose primary task was to replace the Obama-era Clean Power Plan, which set targets for states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power plants with a far weaker rule that, according to the EPA’s own analysis, would lead to 1,400 additional premature deaths and 48,000 new asthma cases each year.

The Environmental Defense Fund claims that he helped redesign the federal process for setting health-based air quality standards to one that ignored peer-reviewed, science-based research.

Long before Trump, Woods worked for the American Legislative Exchange Council, a corporate-backed group known for lobbying state legislatures to pass industry-written laws opposing environmental, consumer and labor protections.

Woods’ job for OSU is to develop partnerships between the college and outside entities. His industry-friendly background could be useful.

As a public institution, Ohio State should not apply a political litmus test to its hires, and officials contend it does not. Still, the concerns regarding Woods aren’t only about politics but also about environmental policy that most experts consider harmful to the environment and public health.

We hope Woods’ work at OSU will be a departure from his career to date.
The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences vice president and dean, Cathann A. Kress, hosted the inaugural Dean's Charity Steer Show raising $152,000 to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Central Ohio.

The event was held on July 30, 2019 at the Ohio State Fair and surpassed all expectations. "I am so appreciative of the unbelievable support we received in our first year of doing this," said Kress. "It was wonderful to see the community come together to celebrate agriculture and children, both our 4-H youth as well as youth who benefit from the wonderful Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio."

The charity steer show, which was held at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fair's Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center, included 13 teams of celebrity exhibitors paired with a 4-H member and their steer.

"It was a privilege to work with so many esteemed businesses and organizations toward a common cause – raising money to help families be close to their injured or ill children," said Leslie Bumgarner, president and chief executive officer of Telhio Credit Union, and RMHC board member. "This event brought agribusiness and non-ag related businesses together to accomplish outstanding results – underscoring the impact we can have when we have a worthy intent and take action. I could not be prouder of this amazing group of volunteers, supporters, participants, and the Dean's leadership of this inaugural event."

More than 900 spectators attended the charity steer show and nearly 8,000 tuned in to watch the event live on Facebook. Donation amounts ranged from 81 cents to $15,000. "Premiere Exhibitor" donors who donated $10,000 or more include: Heartland Bank and chief executive officer, Scott McComb; Cathann A. Kress; Nationwide; Ohio Farm Bureau Federation; and Telhio Credit Union.
Dee Anders, chief executive officer and executive director of RMHC, said "The Dean's Charity Steer Show has made a tremendous impact on Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, and we can't thank Dean Kress and the entire agriculture community enough. This event has helped us not only raise significant funds for the charity, but build new relationships in the community to help provide ongoing necessary support for families of seriously ill, hospitalized children. Together, we look forward to making the Dean's Charity Steer Show another great success next year, and for many years to come!"

The second annual Dean's Charity Steer Show will be held at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fair's Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

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