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NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics

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Dean requests department reviews

Dean Jerry Schickedanz challenged department heads and faculty at the opening day luncheon to re-view programs and administrative structures, while continuing to have an organization that knows how to grow.

In his remarks at the Livestock Pavilion on Aug. 15, the dean said that even though he had two interim associate deans, it was not a time to go into a holding pattern. He said the first order of business was to work with Faculty Senate representatives to choose new search committees for the associate dean positions and then review existing programs.

"The best gift we could give our new administrators is a thoughtful, ground-up review of our college," he said. "It is important that all three divisions, all departments and all faculty take part in important reviews of our programs and structures."

The dean said President G. Jay Gogue had outlined imperatives to address in reviews, including improvement in the university's

low standing in accepting transfer credits and its low private-giving performance.

The president has called for re-viewing curricula for relevance and to consider giving credit for life experience, Schickedanz said. The enhancement of faculty situations by improving salaries, rewarding merit and offering professional improvement is a high priority with the president as well, he said.

Dean Schickedanz also outlined issues he would like to see addressed in reviews.

"How much administration do we need? Where does too little administration cost us? Can we reduce bureaucracy? Our administrative arrangements at these levels may be just right, but they deserve to be reviewed," he said.

The president has put the onus of resource allocation on the deans, Schickedanz said.

"But I want to leave you with one thought," the dean said. "We in the college want to concentrate on making a bigger pie, not on cutting up the same old pie." ❖

Enrollment dips

College of Agriculture and Home Economics' undergraduate enrollment dropped 5.6 percent from last fall's figures to 1,437, despite an increase of five first-time freshmen and six transfer students.

Cynda Clary, interim associate dean and associate director of academic programs, said some of the shortfall was due to large graduating classes, which exceeded the previous year's numbers by more than 40 students. But it was unclear what accounted for the rest of the shortfall, she said.

Some of the biggest drops in enrollment were in some of the fastest-growing programs, with animal science dropping 36 students and family and child science falling by 28 students.

Graduate numbers in the college fell 7.7 percent, from 234 to 216.

The Dean's Perspective

Growth has been the hallmark of our college for the past decade—growth in student numbers, grants and contracts, facilities, private giving and even staff numbers. The past five years have been particularly stellar in several of those arenas.

Even though we broke our string of consecutive growth years in undergraduate students this fall, it is important that we work to maintain growth as a major goal as we undertake reviews at the division and department levels.

To many faculty, such a call may be interpreted as solely a call for growth in workload. What we re-

ally need is win-win growth that is in everyone's interest. Growth in opportunities for students and clients is paramount. Satisfied, quality, people-oriented faculty members play an important part in achieving such opportunities for the people we serve.

We need growth in institutional competitiveness, which is likely to come about through growth in faculty income and professional development opportunities. It is our job to identify the obstacles to such growth and come up with creative ways to overcome those obstacles.

Finally, we need to stay committed to the policy of taking on grants and contracts that serve our mission and help us grow our core programs, while striving to build our private giving base to higher levels.

Could a systematic review of our college's administration and programs result in identifying areas for less investment? Sure, but more than likely, a review will reveal a lot of opportunities for growth to better serve New Mexico.

Board of Regents approves CDRRC land use policy

NMSU's Board of Regents approved a new land use policy for the 64,000-acre Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center in response to repeated vandalism, much of it involving firearms.

Under the policy approved Sept. 9, public access will be allowed on 12 sections of land at the southern end of the center, formerly known as the College Ranch. Firearms use is prohibited, except for hunts approved for management purposes. Vehicle use is restricted to established roads and rights-of-way, and camping will not be allowed unless it is essential for research, teaching or management.

The policy, which was developed after more than two years' work and university-wide review, is designed to protect the center's teaching, research and Extension mission, said Milton Thomas, assistant professor of animal and range sciences.

Scientists and students carry out more than 150 research projects at the center.

The board's 3-1 vote came after a third public forum for comments on the policy. Regents Laura M. Conniff of Las Cruces, Antonia Roybal of Mesilla Park and Adelmo

"Del" E. Archuleta of Albuquerque voted for the policy. Regent James Manatt of Roswell opposed it. Regent John Van Sweden of Raton did not attend the meeting.

The policy was prompted by safety concerns, arson, livestock shootings and major damage to research projects, Thomas said. In one instance, students had to take cover from gunfire because of careless firearms use on a hill above them, he said.

In another incident, a historic research project was ruined, causing an estimated \$250,000 loss. Vandals shot up a site where grazing had been excluded for more than 25 years to study long-term effects on the ecosystem. Their bullets cut the fence, allowing cattle to enter and graze.

In his testimony to the board, Dean Jerry Schickedanz emphasized the increase in vandalism and the damage's cost to researchers and taxpayers.

"The Regents cannot afford to lose 75 years of data and infinite years of future data and unknown future dollars of research, and the stability of ranching on the Chihuahuan desert grasslands for

the convenience of a few," he said.

Thirty-five years ago, the Las Cruces area population was 29,000 with 7,000 students, compared with 100,000 people and 15,000 students, Schickedanz said. During that time, off-road traffic has increased, damaging fragile desert grasslands where the Camino Real, established in the early 1600s, is still visible. Firearms use has threatened safety, killed livestock and caused expensive damage to facilities, he said.

Schickedanz said research at the center upholds NMSU's land-grant mission to educate the sons and daughters of the working classes, maintain a research base and provide for practical demonstration of existing or improved practices in agriculture "In order for good management and good research to occur, we must have control of the access."

"The College Ranch is only 64,000 acres out of 77 million in the state of New Mexico and many millions of acres of public Bureau of Land Management, forest and state lands in southern New Mexico," he said. ❖

New staff join Academic Programs office

Students and faculty will find new staff members in the relocated Academic Programs office this fall.

Edward Rodriguez, assistant to the associate director, was hired to oversee the college's scholarship and ambassador programs. He will assume responsibility for transfer students and articulation agreements with other institutions.

Rodriguez most recently worked as lead instructor for the One Stop Career Center at Doña Ana Branch Community College. He served as program coordinator for the DABCC's Allied Health Careers Opportunity Program and as an

adjunct faculty member in business occupations and general studies.

He previously worked as program director for the state Education Department's Vocational Rehabilitation Division offices in southern New Mexico, as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and as an admissions coordinator/social services director for Las Cruces Health Care Center.

He holds two NMSU degrees: a bachelor's in sociology and a master's in educational management and development.

Kristy Langley was recently hired as program coordinator. Her pri-

mary responsibility will be recruiting for the college.

Langley, who earned a bachelor's degree from NMSU in agricultural and extension education, worked in the State 4-H office and interned with the Idaho Cooperative Extension Service. As part of completing her graduate work in agribusiness with a minor in marketing, she is serving an internship as junior adviser for the college's ambassador program.

Rodriguez and Langley joined Bill Weathers, records technician II, who began work April 15. ❖

NMSU hosts National Small Farm Conference

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Lou Gallegos was the keynote speaker at the Third National Small Farm Conference Sept. 17-20 at the Albuquerque Convention Center, an event that attracted more than 600 agricultural educators, specialists, program managers and producers from around the country.

Extension hosted the conference, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture every three years.

"The conference brings together a broad range of people who work with small-scale farmers and ranchers around the nation," said Edmund Gomez, executive director of NMSU's Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs Project (RAIPAP). "It's an opportunity for them to discuss the challenges facing small-scale producers, share experiences and learn how to better help struggling farmers stay profitable."

The event grew out of USDA efforts in the mid-1990s to improve services and assistance to small farms, said Denis Ebodaghe, national program leader for small farms at the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service in Washington, D.C.

Small farms and ranches—defined as operations with less than \$250,000 in gross annual sales—account for about 94 percent of all farms in the United

States, according to a 1998 report by the USDA's National Commission on Small Farms. Most small-scale farmers only earn about \$23,000 in net cash income annually since production costs generally absorb more than 80 percent of gross sales, according to the report.

Given the low profits, the number of small farms is constantly shrinking. About 300,000 farms disappeared between 1978 and 1998, according to the report. "Nationally, we're losing about 50 small farms per day," said Gomez, a member of the National Commission on Small Farms.

About 94 percent of New Mexico's 15,000 farms are small, according to the USDA's 1997 agriculture census. About 82 percent of the state's farms earn less than \$50,000 in gross annual sales, and three-fourths of those earn less than \$10,000. Despite the low returns, more than half of the state's farmers say farming is their main source of income.

In ethnically diverse New Mexico, agriculture is also a fundamental anchor for preserving language and culture. "It's a way of life for many Hispanics, Native Americans and Anglos in New Mexico," said Dean Jerry Schickedanz. "New Mexicans have a basic connection to the land that needs to be maintained."

In addition to Gallegos' speech, general sessions included panel

discussions on diversity, small farm statistics and partnership building. Breakout sessions covered niche crops and specialty enterprises, alternative models and methods for managing small farms and ranches, marketing and value-added enterprises, environmental issues, food safety, computer applications and appropriate technology, grant writing and research priorities for small farms.

During tours on Sept. 19, participants saw a variety of sustainable agricultural operations in northern New Mexico, with stops at tortilla and cheese factories, Acoma and southern pueblos, and alternative and traditional farm operations.

An exhibitors' show highlighted products, services and assistance programs for small-scale farmers and professionals who work with them.

"This is an opportunity for learning more about small farms and for strengthening our assistance to farmers," Gomez said. "It's also an opportunity for New Mexico to showcase its unique agricultural traditions. We are nationally known for our ethnic diversity, and conference participants from around the country will be able to experience that diversity firsthand and hopefully see how firm agricultural roots help keep our cultures alive." ❖

Aggie Pond seeks natural state

Don't get blue about a little water dye in Aggie Pond, says Jon Boren, Extension wildlife specialist. The dye, called Aquashade, was used to inhibit algae growth in another pond on campus that was experiencing an overabundance of algae. Workers thought it would be desirable for Aggie Pond, located between Knox and Thomas halls, as well. But algae is

just what the doctor ordered for Aggie Pond.

"We hope the Aquashade will dissipate over time," says Boren. Then establishing a food chain culminating in the introduction of game fish in the pond will be the next order of business. When the Aquashade diminishes, light should help establish algae or phytoplanktons, which

should support fathead minnows, which should in turn sustain the introduction of black bass.

Cement pots will be used to establish aquatic plants, completing the ecosystem. Game fishing for youth under 12 at the pond is under discussion, Boren says. ❖

Top onion breeding expert to speak

Take two onions and call me in the morning, advises a Wisconsin-based expert in vegetable breeding and genetics who will be the featured speaker for an upcoming special NMSU lecture series.

It seems that onions have medicinal qualities similar to aspirin, says Irwin Goldman of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who will present a public seminar on why medicine needs agriculture. The seminar, part of the Lowenstein Lecture Series for Agronomy and Horticulture, will be held Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Room W153 of Chemistry Lecture Hall. Goldman will also conduct a second presentation for students and faculty on Sept. 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 200 of Gerald Thomas Hall on horticultural possibilities and limitations of foods beyond their value in nutrition.

"Horticulture and human health

have been linked for thousands of years," Goldman said. "A wealth of information on the connection between plants and health has been handed down from generation to generation, dictating at least in part the kinds of plants produced and consumed worldwide. The goal of our work is to study secondary compounds from vegetable crops that may be associated with human health."

For instance, onions have been used for centuries as both medicine and food by cultures throughout the world. But in recent years, scientists have begun to investigate the health-related properties of the tear-jerking vegetable and its close relative, garlic. Most of the health-related properties of these plants are derived from unique compounds that have antiplatelet, antimicrobial, antidiabetic and cancer-

preventing properties.

Goldman received his bachelor's degree in agricultural science from the University of Illinois. He earned his master's degree in crop science and plant breeding from North Carolina State University, and his doctorate in plant breeding and plant genetics from Wisconsin-Madison, where he is currently an associate professor of horticulture.

NMSU's Lowenstein Lecture Series is made possible through a gift from the late Bonnie and Bernard Lowenstein of Albuquerque. The presentations promote interest and better understanding in floriculture and recreational horticulture, along with other fields of plant science. In addition, NMSU has offered the Bonnie Lowenstein Memorial endowed scholarship for undergraduates since 1993.

Clary, graduate students win top agricultural awards

Cynda Clary, interim associate dean and associate director of Academic Programs, won the 2002 American Agricultural Association's Distinguished Teaching Award for a faculty member with less than 10 years' experience. Three NMSU graduate students in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business placed third in the graduate student case study competition, also held during the association's annual meeting in Long Beach, Calif.

Clary's distinguished teaching award, one of only three national teaching awards given by the association, recognizes outstanding teaching ability and performance as a teacher of agricultural economics. Nominees are evaluated in five major areas: quality of teaching; academic advising, counseling and extracurricular activities with students; involvement in instructional, course and curricular improvement; professional improvement in teaching; and depart-

mental, college and university teaching awards.

Clary, who joined the NMSU faculty in 1993, won a prestigious Food and Agricultural Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture last year. She received a 1998 Distinguished Teaching Award from NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics. Her teaching has also been recognized by the Western Agricultural Economics Association, which named her the region's outstanding instructor with less than 10 years' experience.

Clary is a former adviser to NMSU's National Agri-Marketing Association, which won national awards from its creation in 1994 to 2001, including outstanding chapter and innovative idea awards in chapter management. She coached a first-place team in the highly competitive national marketing competition and won the national award for outstanding adviser.

Graduate students Jeremy Kohler, Kristy Langley and Vonda Teel placed third in the case study competition during the meeting July 28-31. Contestants had three weeks to develop a strategy for global branding and create a 20-minute presentation for the conference. NMSU's team chose to come up with their own plan as opposed to agreeing or disagreeing with global branding. The competition was judged by a Zenica Corp. representative and two agricultural economics professors.

"It was a great learning experience because I was able to take all the knowledge I gained in my classes and put it to use in this case," said Langley, who is completing her master's degree in agribusiness. Teel is also working on a master's in agribusiness. Kohler is completing the joint agricultural economics and economics master's degree. ❖

Beam hired as San Juan County Extension Home Economist

Lynne Beam, new Extension agent in San Juan County, will start and support home economics programs for adults and children, including 4-H youth.

Beam comes to NMSU from Oklahoma State University, where she worked for more than 22 years as the Stephens County Extension 4-H Youth Educator.

"I'm enjoying getting to know the residents of San Juan County," Beam said. "I get ideas from them for developing programming needed in this area."

Beam plans to continue the nutrition education program and cooking school for diabetics in San Juan County. She also hopes to begin a character education program for kids that was popular in Oklahoma.

"It's called Character Critters and it involves puppets teaching character lessons to kids from 5 to 8 years old," Beam said.

An Oklahoma native, Beam earned her bachelor's degree in home economics from Oklahoma State University. She received her master's in human relations from Oklahoma University. She has been a member of the Oklahoma Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents for 20 years and has received numerous awards from the organization, including the Distinguished Service Award.

Beam and her husband, Keith, have two children: Kyle, 15, and Jamie, 13. ❖

Brown named NMSU rodeo coach

NMSU's first-ever rodeo coach, Jim Dewey Brown, began work in August.

Brown, whose position was funded by a special appropriation from the state Legislature, hopes to bring a winning combination of athletic and academic success to the university's rodeo and 4-H programs.

"We want to let rodeo athletes know that in New Mexico, we're the school to go to," he said. "Starting this year, we have the talent to be the team to beat in the Grand Canyon region."

The Southwest region director of saddle bronc riding from 1999-2000, Brown competed twice at the College National Finals Rodeo. He competes as a saddle bronc rider in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Honored as an Academic All-Star by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association in 2000, Brown also emphasizes success in the classroom. "We want students to set goals, stay focused and finish their academic careers," he said. "We want them to use their educations, because most can't rodeo forever."

Brown earned a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in agriculture, both from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, which bills itself as the "Cowboy Capital of the World."

A graduate of Carrizozo High School, Brown grew up working on the Mendiburu Ranch in Bingham, where his father is the manager.

Fittingly, he met his future wife, Shawna Sherrie Brown, at the New Mexico high school rodeo finals. "She was the state rodeo queen," he said. "I took one look at her and thought I had no chance. But the next year she came and introduced herself to me." The Browns have a 6-month-old daughter, Elise.

Brown's interest in teaching also dates back to high school, when he enjoyed helping special education students learn how to snow ski. Though he originally planned to teach math, he became interested in coaching rodeo athletes after serving as a student worker and assistant coach at Tarleton with respected coach Bob Doty. ❖

Department honors Mexal and Ray

Two Agronomy and Horticulture faculty members were honored with recognition plaques and \$250 checks in August for their outstanding leadership in representing the department with colleagues and supporters.

The winners were professor John Mexal, a tree physiologist, and associate professor Ian Ray, a noted alfalfa breeder.

Mexal was selected for his efforts in promoting the department's scholarship program, including coordination of donors and scholarship recipients, as well as production of the Hort Alumni Newsletter.

Ray was recognized for his contributions in serving as the department's Faculty Senate representative from 1999 to 2002.

This is the second year the appreciation awards have been presented. Recipients are recognized for activities outside their normal job descriptions and their positive impact on the department, said Ted Sammis, chairman of the department's faculty and staff appreciation awards program.

Cardenas leads 4-H outreach in Luna County

Marie Cardenas will lead outreach efforts as a 4-H agent with the Luna County Extension office.

Cardenas is among six new agents hired on three-year contracts with federal funding to reach at-risk youth and strengthen 4-H clubs. She will spend about 75 percent of her time in outreach and 25 percent working with existing 4-H programs.

"My goal is to get more kids and new kids to participate in 4-H," she said. "To do that, I want activities to be informational but fun."

Cardenas, who is bilingual, hopes to start a 4-H club or project in Columbus, which borders Palomas, Mexico. Since joining NMSU in late summer, she has begun working with local middle schools, after-school centers, scout-

ing programs and health fairs. She is also interested in introducing clothing, sewing or quilting projects, and is already seeking donations of sewing machines and supplies.

Cardenas has six years' experience as a family and consumer sciences agent for Texas Cooperative Extension in Reeves and Loving counties.

In 2000, she won a New Professional Award from the Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Earlier this year, she was on a team nominated for a superior service award for the Better Living for Texans project.

She credits a high school home economics teacher for helping her find her profession.

Cardenas, a native of Robstown,

Texas, near Corpus Christi, left high school to marry and move. When she returned to school as mother of a 4-month-old daughter, she chose to take a child development course. She enjoyed the class so much that she was inspired to become a home economics teacher.

On the advice of her present husband, Luis, she started her college career.

Cardenas earned an associate's degree in general business from Western Texas College, which she put to use as owner-instructor of a karate school in Colorado City, Texas, for four years. She returned to college full-time in 1992, earning a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences from Texas Tech University in 1997. ❖

Turner new equine assistant professor, horse specialist

Jason Turner will teach equine classes and serve as an Extension horse specialist at NMSU.

Turner will devote a majority of his time to teaching and managing the university's horse farm in Mesilla Park, along with conducting applied research for his Extension work.

He joined NMSU in late summer after a year as equine specialist at North Dakota State University. From 1997 to 2001, he was an instructor and horse farm manager for Kansas State University. He also worked as an agriscience instructor and judging team coach for Fort Scott Community College in Kansas.

"New Mexico State University has a good reputation for its horse program," Turner said. "I was excited to come here, because we have a strong history and lots of opportunity to expand in the future."

This fall, Turner is teaching courses in introductory horse science, applied horsemanship and equine anatomy and physiology.

He is looking forward to completion of an Equestrian Educational Center at NMSU, which is expected to be finished in November.

An Oklahoma native, he grew up on a small farm where his family always had horses. He raised sheep, but not horses, for 4-H and FFA projects.

He earned an associate's degree in preveterinary science from Eastern Oklahoma State College and a bachelor's degree in animal science from Oklahoma State University. His master's and doctoral degrees in animal science are from Kansas State University.

During high school and throughout his collegiate experiences, Turner was involved in judging and 4-H activities. His master's thesis on equine reproduction focused on in vitro fertilization in horses. His doctoral dissertation was on natural alternatives to antibiotics in nursery pig diets, a project that also has application to horses.

"There are lots of bad bugs that are fatal to horses, so that's why I became interested in improving

animal health through manipulation of the animals' own immune systems," he said. "From a basic science standpoint, the physiological and anatomical systems of the pig are very similar to the horse, so that is why I was willing to cross over and dabble in swine research."

At Kansas State, he also did research on the effects of weaning stress on foals' immune systems. At NMSU, he plans applied research projects that will be specific to New Mexico. "I look forward to conducting research that can address some of the practical management issues faced by horse owners."

Turner sums up his hobbies in one word: Horses. He is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, Palomino Horse Breeders of America, American Society of Animal Science, American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, Equine Nutrition and Physiology Society, American Association of Veterinary Immunology, Gamma Sigma Delta and Phi Kappa Phi. ❖

Vinzant

Willie Glen Vinzant, who served as an Extension agent for 30 years in Roosevelt and Harding counties, died Aug. 30 in Las Cruces. He was 99.

Vinzant, born in Peden, Texas, earned an agricultural degree from Texas Tech University in 1930. That year, he and his wife, Edna, completed their New Mexico teacher certification requirements at New Mexico A & M University, now NMSU.

After teaching agriculture in Roy, Vinzant accepted a job as Harding County Extension agent in 1934. The following year, he was hired as Extension agent in Roosevelt County, where he worked until his retirement in 1964.

Vinzant and Tom Haslip, a local farmer and rancher, signed the note for the local fair board to purchase the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds property in Portales. In the mid-1930s, Vinzant presented educational programs about bringing electricity to rural homes in Roosevelt County and helped organize the area's electric cooperative.

Vinzant, Otero County agent Walter Wade and the state 4-H office staff organized charter members to acquire the land and build Scott Able 4-H Camp near Cloudcroft. Vinzant was most proud of working with county agents and two legislators who wrote a bill allowing Extension faculty to participate in the New

Mexico Educational Retirement program.

He served as Western region director for the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and as national meeting chairman for the 1962 NACAA meeting in Las Cruces.

Vinzant is survived by daughter and son-in-law Bobby and Billy Dictson of Las Cruces. His grandson, Derek, is an NMSU graduate, and granddaughters Deborah and Kari are NMSU students. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the New Mexico State 4-H Foundation Endowment Fund, in care of Bea Garrett, 646-3015.

The funeral will be Sept. 23 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Zwank

Phillip J. Zwank, former Extension wildlife specialist and leader of the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at NMSU, died Sept. 3 in Lubbock, Texas. He was 58.

Zwank, an Iowa native, earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Central College in Pella, Iowa, before joining the U.S. Air Force. He flew F-4 Phantom jets in Vietnam, completing more than 200 missions and earning the rank of captain. He was a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Cross of Gallantry with a bronze star and Air Medal with 12 oak leaf clusters.

After six years in the service, he earned a master's degree in wildlife science from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a doctorate in wildlife ecology from Utah State University.

Zwank was an NMSU Extension wildlife specialist from 1978 to 1980. After working as a federal research biologist for the Interior Department, he returned to NMSU in 1989 as leader of the cooperative unit.

His research projects included studies of flammulated and Mexican spotted owl habitat in the

Lincoln National Forest, bald eagles on Caballo Lake, ducks in south and central New Mexico, and land condition trend analysis at White Sands Missile Range.

Zwank left NMSU in October 1997 to work for Texas Tech University's wildlife, fisheries and range department.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen, of the home in Lubbock; daughter Ellen Marie Zwank, a 2001 NMSU graduate; and daughter Cyndi, a Texas Tech student.✦

Need to meet with the dean?

No appointments necessary on Fridays, 3–5 p.m.*

*Occasionally the dean is called away, but time is blocked for drop-ins.

Agriculture and Home Economics Week events scheduled Sept. 23-28

College organizations will compete in several games and contests during Agriculture and Home Economics Week, Sept. 23-28. Highlights of the week include a talent/comedy night for students, faculty and staff and the return of the Kiss the Pig Contest. Students will also vote for the Agriculture and Home Economics Week King and Queen and clubs will hold a food drive.

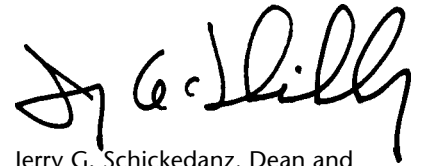
During the week, students, faculty and staff can vote on who will kiss the pig, at the

Aggie Snack Bar. All proceeds from this contest will be donated to a charity of the Agriculture and Home Economics Council's choice.

"The council has been working hard to involve the student organizations in the games and activities during Agriculture and Home Economics Week," said Dean Jerry Schickedanz. "I encourage all departments to provide faculty and administrative support and become involved in the week's activities." ❖

The Leading Object is dedicated to encouraging communication among all areas of NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

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Agriculture and Home Economics Week events

Monday, Sept. 23

Speech night, 6:30 p.m., Gerald Thomas Hall auditorium.

Both prepared and impromptu speech contests will be judged.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Discussion Contest, 6:30 p.m., Gerald Thomas Hall auditorium.

Each club is represented by a three-member team competing in a cooperative, problem-solving exercise. Contestants are judged on their ability to participate and thoroughly discuss issues.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Quiz Bowl, 6:30 p.m., Gerald Thomas Hall auditorium.

Each club is represented by a four-member team. Questions will address issues within the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, New Mexico State University and the State of New Mexico.

Thursday, Sept. 26

Talent/Comedy Night, 6:30 p.m., Gerald Thomas Hall auditorium.

Talent and comedy will be judged separately. Faculty and staff are invited to participate. For information call Julie Bostick, 644-1168.

Friday, Sept. 27

Food drive ends. Each club's total food collection will be weighed and recorded. The club with the most pounds of food collected will be declared the winner.

Saturday, Sept. 28

Aggie Games, 9 a.m., Gerald Thomas Hall lawn.

Each club creates a game and all clubs compete to get the most points by the end of the day.

A barbecue picnic will follow the games on Saturday. The Agriculture and Home Economics Week King and Queen will be crowned and winners of all contests will be announced.



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