

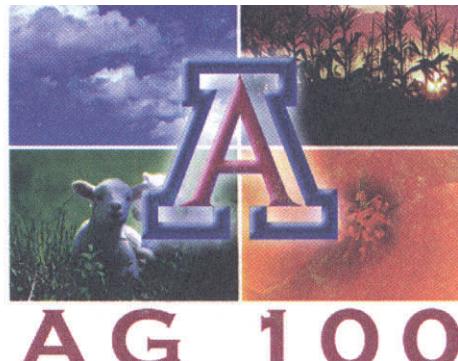
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Ag 100

Council Fall Meeting

October 10, 2008



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GREETINGS FROM JIM



The world is changing; it's in the headlines, on the TV and across the web. Economic pressures, alternative energies, and even the environment are changing. We need to be ready to face the changes and the impacts they will have on CALS. Yet it couldn't be a better time for changes as CALS is at its finest. With top notch scientists at state of the art facilities like Bio-5 and the host of elaborate projects such as the iPlant Collaborative, CALS is ready to embrace the changes.

With one of the best Ag schools (Plant Sciences Department) in the world CALS is already taking on some of plant science's greatest challenges such as how to prepare crops and plants for the changing climate, and how to grow enough food to feed the escalating world population and help to provide an alternative fuel such as ethanol.

CALS already plays a vital role in Arizona's agricultural community, but soon what happens here will affect the world. AG 100 is now more important than ever and most continue to support CALS and the imperative changes CALS will produce to keep up with this changing world. CALS truly is the future of Agriculture.

NEXT AG 100 MEETING

The Ag 100 Council will hold its fall meeting, Friday, October 10, 2008, at the Maricopa Ag Center (MAC) in Maricopa City. The meeting will start at 10:15 am and will focus on CALS work climate change and alternative views.

Dr. Mark Riley, Associate Professor Dept. Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and Dr. Michael Crimmins Assistant Professor, Soil, Water and Environmental Science, & Envi-

ronmental Sciences will be presenting on different aspects of climate and alternative energy. Afterwards there will be a tour at the ethanol plant in Maricopa. You are encouraged to bring a family member, business colleague, or friend to this very topical meeting.

Please RSVP for lunch to Joanne Gonzalez-Eader at 621-7873 no later than September 26, 2008

AGRICULTURALIST OF THE YEAR

A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

ROBERT BARKLEY RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE



The University of Arizona conferred a honorary degree if Doctor of Laws to former AG 100 president Robby Barkley. on May 17, 2008. Dean Eugene Sander presented the award himself . The YA confers honorary degrees in order

to recognize significant achievements within the academic community and the world at large. The degrees signify the appreciation that the University has for what the individuals contribute to the UA,, the state, nation, and the world.

Robby is president and CEO of Barkley Ag Enterprises LLP, which provides administration and oversight to affiliates Barkley Company of Arizona, a family-owned company that farms several thousands acres of vegetables, cotton and grain annually, and Barkley Seed Inc., which

conducts research and breeding of varieties of small grains as well as production and merchandising. Robby understands the importance of education and innovation that the UA provides and is passionate about promoting education and employment opportunities.

Barkley has been deeply involved in establishing many outlets of UA education such as the UA and Arizona Western College and he has also been a driving force for the fund raising for the UA Yuma Agricultural Station and the new Glen Curtis Building.

CALS NEWEST RESEARCH FACILITY SOON A REALITY

These days, the sound of drills and clouds of dust fill the air at the Yuma Agricultural Center. There's also a lot of excitement as the new Glen G. Curtis Research Building nears completion.

After decades of operating in 1950s-era buildings and trailers, CALS' world-class researchers and staff will soon have a new home. The Curtis Building's 20,000 square feet will offer state-of-the-art laboratories, a multi-media conference room and office space in a single location for all Yuma faculty. This much-anticipated building will be ready for occupancy in this fall.

Given the challenges facing agriculture today, this new facility is more important than ever. Newspaper headlines report the latest food safety recall, farm labor shortages, ever-rising fuel and fertilizer

costs, water shortages and pesticide pollution. Nationally recognized Curtis Building researchers tackle these crises every day, working hard to provide science-based solutions for the agricultural industry.

Regional agriculture is working together to help make the Glen G. Curtis Research Building possible. The Curtis family made the lead gift to honor patriarch Glen Curtis, Yuma's well-known and respected grower, businessman and philanthropist. His son Rocky Curtis and industry leader Robby Barkley continue to volunteer their time to help raise the balance of the funds needed for building completion. They are joined in their fundraising efforts by other notable agribusiness owners, including Vic Smith, Tom Edwards, Bruce Gwynn and Bruce Williams among others.

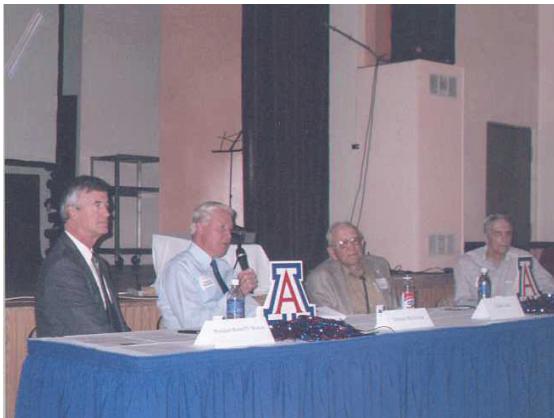
Fund board member Gary Pasquinelli notes, "If you're part of the industry, you really have to support the Curtis Building. It's a sound investment in our economic prosperity."

The group's goal is to raise a total of \$2,000,000 with more than half of that already raised. They recently secured a generous contribution from Bruce Taylor and Taylor Farms. Official dedication ceremonies for the Curtis Building at the Yuma Agricultural Station are scheduled for November 14, 2008. Contact the Ann Stevens in the CALS Alumni and Development office for more information, 520-621-7883, astevens@cals.arizona.edu.

AG 100 Spring Meeting 2008



Pictured from left to right are President Jim Webb, Dr. S. Peder Cuneo, Dwayne Dobson, Mrs. Dobson, and Judy Mellor.



President Shelton and the Donor Panel, Norman McClelland, John R. Norton III and Chuck Latin answering questions

UA SIFE TEAM TAKES HOME GOLD



At the last AG 100 spring meeting, the SIFE Team made a presentation on the rising need for agriculture management. Well that very same Team went on to compete at the National SIFE Competition in Chicago IL in May. Challenging over 140 other universities, the Team came out victorious and was crowned the National Champion. The UA SIFE Team presented projects that included the Capital Markets project, the Credit-Wise Cats national case study competition *Duel in the Desert*, the Extreme Leadership Scholars project and the Rubaga Friends project.

Teams were judged on the

effectiveness of their projects during a 24-minute presentation and were evaluated on the creativity and innovation of educational programs, and economic opportunity created by the projects. The title of National Champion allows the Team to represent the United States at the SIFE World Cup October 1-3 2008 in Singapore. Students are currently fundraising for their travel costs to Singapore which will be over \$50,000. If you are interested in supporting our national championship team, please call Melinda Burke at 520-621-1140 or email at mburke@ag.arizona.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

Flake, Franklin Lars "Jake" passed away June 8, 2008. Jake was a cattle rancher throughout his life and also spent many years as a legislator for the State of Arizona. Flake, R-District 5, had been a state legislator since 1997 and was unopposed for re-election in the fall. He was a champion of rural issues from water to livestock.

Jake was also the Legislature's most prominent voice on agricultural issues and was known for his home-spun quips and references to ranch life.

CALENDAR

Ag 100 Meeting

Friday
October 10, 2008
10:45 am - 3:00 pm

Homecoming **AGCAT OPEN** **Golf Tournament**

Friday
October 24, 2008
7:30am-Breakfast

Burrito Breakfast &

Auction

Saturday
October 25, 2008 8:00
am-10:00 am



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McCLELLAND PARK DEDICATION



John and Doris Norton School of Family and Con- sumer Sciences

Thanks to our generous alumni and donors, our dream of a new home for the Norton School has been realized at McClelland Park! Faculty and staff have happily settled into their new offices and are eagerly anticipating the return of students who will be the first to experience state-of-the-art classrooms and auditoriums and computer and observation labs.

We invite you to this very special **Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences Council of**

Alumni and Friends Homecoming and Awards

**Luncheon, Thursday, Oc-
tober, 23rd, 2008, 11:30 am
– 1:30 pm.** The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church on the NW corner of Park Avenue and 4th Street. Parking is available at the UA's Tyn dall Street Garage, directly west of the church.

This year's theme is **“Reflections on the Past...Visions for the Future.”** This year's very special speakers are alumni from 1940 – 2000.

Below is the schedule for Thursday, October 23, 2008.

11:30 am Luncheon and Award Ceremony
2:00 pm McClelland Park Building Tour
3-4:00 pm McClelland Park Building Dedication

For registration information visit our Web site: <http://cals.arizona.edu/fcs/alumni/homecoming.htm>

or call Julie Longstaff at 520.621.7147.

Beth Martin, President of the Alumni Council and Homecoming Chair

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AG 100 MEETING LOCATION

RSVP PLEASE

You don't want to miss it! If you have any questions please contact Joanne Eader by phone at 520-621-7190 or jmg@ag.arizona.edu

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