

Vicki Osis Honored with Johnston Award for Excellence in Extension Education

Vicki Osis was awarded the 1998 Alberta B. Johnston Award for Excellence in Extension Education on September 16 at the Oregon State University Extension Association Awards breakfast. Vicki received an engraved wood plaque and a check for \$1,000. Her name will be added to a permanent plaque displayed in Ballard Extension Hall.

This award, endowed by Alberta Johnston upon retirement from her Deputy Director position of the OSU Extension Service, recognizes outstanding performance by Extension educators, administrators and program assistants. Award nominees were evaluated on their demonstrated excellence in planning, conducting, evaluating, and sharing with colleagues, extension educational programs that have made a >significant difference in the lives of Oregonians.

Extension Sea Grant had no difficulty proving that Vicki makes a significant difference in the lives of Oregonians. The nomination was powerfully supported by letters of recommendation from agency leaders, administrators, and national peers.

Excerpts from her letter of nomination state, "Those who have worked with Vicki can attest she's creative, visionary, innovative, resourceful, and dynamic. She is truly a "mover and a shaker." When opportunity knocks, Vicki's quick to open the door. She continuously searches for funding to support her endeavors and since 1992 has acquired over \$1.6 million in grants and gifts to develop and carry out her programs. These grants support an array of graduate students, research and program assistants, and volunteers who help carry out the many diverse educational programs she's designed." "Vicki's intuitiveness, ingenuity, and her ability to guide, direct, and orchestrate others is evident in her projects. She fosters collaboration with other university educators, state and federal agencies, branches of the government, military, education departments, as well as private and public foundations." "Vicki has a national reputation for programming excellence! She has developed a very large network of educators and relies on them to substantiate and complement her educational concepts. Educators, in turn, rely on her to provide them with the latest scientific research findings and investigative methods, curriculum that interprets complex science into teachable terms, and unique elements of program delivery and innovative use of technology that support today's school reform guidelines. In just the past five years, nearly 1,200 teachers and 33,000 students directly participated in Vicki's formal educational programs, workshops, and training. During that time, thousands have visited her Internet sites, heard her coastal education messages delivered at coastal parks, and have visited and participated the many educational programs on site at HMSC." "Vicki firmly believes young people of today who understand our earth and how it works will be better stewards of tomorrow. We believe that Vicki's educational efforts have truly made a significant difference in Oregon and the Northwest with many of her Extension education programs adopted nationwide."

First Annual HMSC Picnic A Great Success: 1999 Already in Planning Stages

On Saturday, September 19, 1998 we revitalized an old tradition and held the first annual HMSC picnic at Moonshine Park. Approximately 150 staff, faculty, volunteers, friends and family participated in a rousing good time. Although the first rain of the season threatened early, and some participants drove through cloudbursts on the way to Moonshine (hmmmm... are we crazy!!), the morning clouds cleared and the afternoon sun shone brightly. Picnic-ers quickly were consuming heaping portions of savory food barbecued marinated tuna, pork loins, steamed sweet corn, salads, pasta, and delectable desserts. Thirsts were quenched with three kegs of Rogue Ale and coolers filled with juice and soda.

After eating, drinking, and posing for group pictures, the games commenced. The children took over the central field and provided great entertainment as they raced with such encumbrances as sacks, ropes, and bad parental advice. Every child won "Gold Medals" and ribbons (chocolate coins and ribbons generously provided by Sherry Nordyke, COMES Coordinator). While children laughed their way toward the finish line, horseshoe-ers clanked ringers, badminton-ers whistled shuttlecocks, volleyball-ers spiked their cowering opponents, and Frisbee-ers spun saucers out of control. The crazy volleyball games were never scored and there weren't many rules dogs, children, babies in backpacks, toddlers on sore shoulders, and overly "enthusiastic"-but-no-talented-picnic-organizers all had opportunities to hit, bounce, chew, or slobber on the ball, opponents, and teammates. The day ended too quickly with a final round of drinks, food, and a renewed sense of HMSC camaraderie.

There are many people to thank including the picnic committee for yeoman work (Ken Hilderbrand Sea Grant, Bob Dziak NOAA, Cliff RyerNMFS, Ted DeWitt EPA, Sherri Nordyke COMES, Steve Berkeley COMES), and Bruce Mate (whale truck) COMES, Dan CutterSea Grant (whale truck driving), Paul "Pork Loin" RenoCOMES, and all the rest of the participants who chipped in with setting and cleaning up. Special thanks to Lavern Weber and the HMSC for financial support.

We will hold a bigger and better picnic in 1999. If you would like to participate in organizing or if you have any ideas, contact Gil Sylvia or Ted DeWitt. We look forward to seeing you at the Second Annual HMSC Picnic next summer!

It's Time to Give the Gift of Life

HMSC Blood Drive October 14

Our October Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the mobile unit and it will be parked outside the back door of the Education Building (by the dumpster). Your building recruiters will be out knocking on doors to make sure you are scheduled

at the time of your choice. With the smaller mobile unit, we have room for only two or three people every 15 minutes, so sign up right away to reserve your spot. Recruiters are:

EPA - Mitch Vance (867-5024)

ODFW - Jodene Summers (7-0300)

NAL - Kym Jacobson (7-0375)

RSF - Jessica Waddell (7-0274)

Main Bldg -Pam Rogers (7-0212)

We need several people to serve as canteen hosts and registrars and cookies and crackers for the canteen. Those unable to give blood can really help out there by bringing in a box of crackers or cookies to the Switchboard.

Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 105 pounds and be in good general health. More than 800 pints of blood must be collected daily to meet regional patients' transfusion needs. Although all types are needed, the need for type O blood is especially critical. In emergencies, it can be given to people with any blood type, and it is almost always given to infants. Only seven out of every 100 people have O-negative blood.

Health Care Open Enrollment Meeting

October 26 9:00 a.m.

HMSC Meeting Room 9

An informational meeting about your choices during the October 1-October 31 open enrollment period for health insurance will be held at the HMSC Public Meeting Room on Monday, October 26, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is one hour long and is for all employees, both BUBB and SEBB. A PEBB representative will conduct the meeting and will discuss the PEBB program, future strategies, and the changes in the BUBB and SEBB programs for 1999. Insurance plan representatives will also be available to answer questions.

Open enrollment information will be available on the PEBB website after October 1. The location is PEBB.DAS.STATE.OR.US.

Understanding Medicare: A Free Seminar

October 21 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

HMSC Auditorium

Medicare Northwest, OMPRO and SHIBA are presenting a free seminar to all interested persons on understanding Medicare. Topics to be covered include:

- How to understand your Medicare bill
- What Medicare covers
- The new benefits Medicare offers
- Your rights as a Medicare beneficiary
- How to avoid fraud and abuse
- Who to call when you have a question
- Who to call if you have a complaint

To reserve your space, please call 1-800-344-4354. Refreshments will be provided.

The Sampsons' Summer in England

In mid June, David Sampson, with his wife Nicky and children Jessica and Daniel, travelled to England to begin a summer-long sabbatical. They stayed with Nicky's mother in Storrington, West Sussex, a small village (population ~4,000) at the edge of the South Downs, about 40 miles south of London. There are many interesting sites nearby to visit and London is only an hour and a half away by train. Jessica and Daniel had a wonderful time playing in Granny England's large yard and walking her chocolate Labrador, "Skipper." Nicky's sister and her brother and sister-in-law and their two children also live in Storrington; there were numerous family gatherings, especially when warm summer weather finally arrived in August.

While in England David continued with most of his normal fisheries research activities, but via email from an office at the Centre for the Economics and Management of Aquatic Resources (CEMARE) at the University of Portsmouth. His office was several doors down the hall from the office that he occupied for two years before moving to the Marine Science Center in 1990. David commuted to Portsmouth by train (one hour each way), past two castles, dozens of swans, hundreds of acres of flowers in greenhouses, numerous cows and sheep, countless rabbits (There is a rabbit population explosion under way in the south of England.), and the occasional fox and deer.

The researcher staff at CEMARE, many of whom David knew and worked with when he was a CEMARE Research Associate, are involved in a wide variety of projects, including fisheries development in Nigeria, marketing of aquaculture products, bioeconomic modelling of fisheries, and various aspects of European Union (EU) fishery policy. (More information about CEMARE is available from its website, <http://www.pbs.port.ac.uk/econ/cemare/>). Of particular interest to David were some recent projects studying the activities in the United Kingdom of the so-called Producer

Organizations, the institutions to which that the EU grants shares of the national fish quotas to administer to their members.

For a week in August David attended a meeting in Aberdeen, Scotland of the ICES (International Council for the Exploration of the Seas) Study Group on the Assessment of Other Fish and Shellfish Species. This group of stock assessment scientists has the impossible task of trying to develop stock assessments for all the ICES stocks that don't have enough data available for proper analyses. Attending the meeting were scientists from Scotland, England, France, and Canada. For most of the week the participants worked in small groups on a few case studies, including "assessments" using several different methods for lemon sole in the North Sea and edible crab in the Western Channel. David spent the week applying the length-based version of the Stock Synthesis program, which is widely used with groundfish stocks on the US west coast, to some monkfish data from Atlantic Canada. David was favourably impressed with the professional approaches that were being taken by the group and the very relaxed and congenial atmosphere of the meeting. Stock assessment workshops that David has attended on the US west coast in recent years have often been competitive and rather tense. David was somewhat surprised, however, that there was not more probing discussion amongst the Study Group participants of the assessment results.

The grand finale to David's sabbatical came on his last day at CEMARE, when he joined the staff for a trip aboard a tugboat to view the hundreds of tall ships, yachts, and naval ships (including two aircraft carriers and several missile cruisers) that were berthed in Portsmouth Harbor for the International Festival of the Sea.

HMSC Safety Committee Minutes Available

The members of the HMSC Safety Committee: Lavern Weber, Tony Watson, Chris Langdon, Maureen Collson, Jessica Waddell, Bill Hanshumaker, and Dave Johnson want everyone to know that the minutes of the past Safety Committee meetings are on file and available in the Director's Office. In addition, if you have any safety concerns, please contact one of the members of the committee.

Special SCUBA Certification Class in Newport

October 17-18, & 24

Dive into the PADI Open Water Diver course, the single most popular diving course in the world. Open Water Diver is the first level of PADI scuba certification. The course includes academics, skill practice in a pool and actual scuba diving in open water, all under the guidance of a PADI Instructor. Because it's performance based, you get as much time as you need to practice your new skills prior to certification. After successfully completing the course, you'll be issued a PADI Open Water Diver certification card.

The class begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 in the Barry Fisher Room of the Guin Library. After class work is completed at 4 p.m., the class will go over to the YMCA pool until 8 p.m. Certification dives will take two entire days on October 31 and November 1 in Florence. The cost of the class is \$275 with no additional fees. Minimum age is 12 years and minors must have a written parental approval.

To sign up, call Central Coast Watersports at 800-789-3483 in Florence.

Personnel Notes

Congratulations to **Sherry West Wehner** and her new husband, Keith Wehner! They were married on September 25 in a beautiful garden wedding in Sherry's home state of Tennessee. Keith is the manager of the Newport Holiday Inn, though by training he is a wildlife biologist. Sherry is one of our graduate student aquarists.

Welcome aboard to **Colin Chapman**, a graduate student working with Steve Berkeley! Colin is in Fisheries & Wildlife, working on his master's in the area of the effects of maternal age on the fitness of black rockfish offspring. Colin is a native of the San Francisco area, but comes to us after finishing his B.A. at University of California, Riverside. His wife Nazy is a cell and molecular biologist who is contemplating medical school. They enjoy fishing and skiing, mountain biking, hiking and making home brew.

Sara Heimlich-Boran is offering her services doing freehand and computer graphics for scientific presentations. She can be reached at her email address or at 265-8236.
