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ONCE AGAIN: A College in Transition

**A planned retirement will have to wait.
Work on important initiatives will not.**

THE TESTIMONIAL SPEECHES had been given. The banquet dishes cleared away. All that stood between Neal Jorgensen and retirement was the tying up of a few loose ends.

As it turns out, the tying-up will take a little more time than expected.

Following the unexpected resignation of Dean Roger E. Wyse on June 23, UW-Madison Chancellor David Ward named Jorgensen, executive associate dean for the College, to serve as interim dean.

Wyse's resignation is the latest of a series of changes that will lead to a major administrative transition within the College in the months ahead.

Resignations and Jorgensen's retirement have created four vacancies in the administrative suite. Veteran faculty members have stepped in to fill those spots until permanent replacements are selected.

Here is the roster:

- Margaret Dentine, Department of Dairy Science, will serve as interim associate dean for research, filling a vacancy created June 30 when Robert Steele resigned to become dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University.

- Edward Jesse has agreed to continue in his position as associate dean for extension and outreach until his replacement is named. Jesse had planned to leave his administrative post July 1 to resume his teaching, extension and research responsibilities in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics.

- Douglas Maxwell, Department of Plant Pathology, will serve as interim executive associate dean, the position Jorgensen vacated to become interim

dean. Maxwell will serve on a half-time basis.

Permanent replacements for these three positions will not be named until a new dean is selected, within six to twelve months.

Interim Goals

As Jorgensen plans for his interim term, two goals dominate his thoughts. First, he wants to manage the budgets in ways that protect the hard-won progress that has been made in balancing the College's accounts.

"I do not want to leave a budget deficit for the new dean to deal with," Jorgensen said. "This means managing expenditures carefully and not making commitments to existing or developing programs that cannot be fully funded."

Second, Jorgensen will work to clear the College agenda of long-standing issues.

Reorganization of the Department of Landscape Architecture and transfer of the Department of Health and Biomedical Sciences to the School of Veterinary Medicine are two such issues. Another is the effort to strengthen Upper Midwest dairy research and educational facilities at Marshfield — a project delayed by siting problems. The private funding component for the research greenhouses needs attention, as does strengthening leadership in campus biology programs.

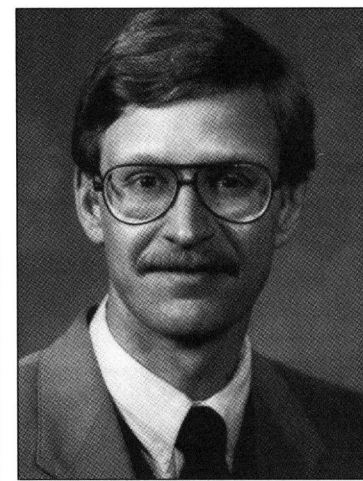
Although the College has resolved a substantial operating budget deficit and dealt with cutbacks in state funding, efforts must continue to strengthen both the College's base and operating budgets. That will require continued close cooperation with College client groups to build back needed support.

Now that the College and Cooperative Extension have forged a new and highly positive relationship, Jorgensen wants to implement plans to increase coordination of research and extension programs in areas of agricultural, natural resources and nutritional sciences.

The Search for a New Dean

Chancellor Ward has named Mike Pariza, chair of the department of food microbiology and toxicology, to lead the search for a new College dean. Pariza will chair the search and screen committee. Other College faculty on the committee are Richard Amasino, biochemistry; Michael Carter, agricultural and applied economics; Margaret Dentine, dairy science; Thomas Lillesand, forest ecology and management; Brent McCown, horticulture (also University Committee representative); and John Wedberg, department of entomology. Others university members are Hamilton McCubbin, dean of the School of Human Ecology; Gary Ostermeier, Middleton (graduate student representative); Linda Graham, botany; Wilton Sanders, physics; Dan Schreiner, Shawano (undergraduate student representative); and Bambi Wilson, biochemistry. Members from outside the university are Ed Brooks, a Reedsburg dairy farmer and board chair of Foremost Farms USA, and Tom Lyon, Cooperative Resources International, Shawano. The committee will make recommendations to the Chancellor, who will make the final selection.

A nationwide search will be conducted, with applications and nominations accepted through October 1.

**AHLQUIST NAMED
HOWARD HUGHES
INVESTIGATOR**

Paul G. Ahlquist, a CALS plant pathologist and chair of the Institute for Molecular Virology, has been named an investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Such appointments are coveted and allow biomedical scientists unprecedented freedom in the conduct of their work.

Ahlquist, who will remain at Wisconsin and continue his work here as a faculty member, has an international reputation for his studies of gene expression and replication in viruses, and the use of viruses for engineering higher organisms. In 1993, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences while still in his 30s, an extraordinary accomplishment for a young scientist.

His work focuses on forging an understanding of how viruses take over cells and commandeer cellular machinery to replicate and express genes. He likens viruses to guerrilla fighters who, having few resources of their own, invade cells and use the material and functions of the cell to spread infection. Understanding these processes, he says, is a key to improving prevention and treatment of viral diseases.

"Viruses are also the premiere tools in nature to introduce and express new genes in specific cells. These are important goals in modern medicine and biotechnology," says Ahlquist, whose work, while basic in nature, has the potential for widespread application in biology and medicine. The class of viruses he concentrates on includes viruses that cause hepatitis, encephalitis, polio, hemorrhagic fever, polio, yellow fever, rubella and other diseases.

Ahlquist becomes the third UW-Madison scientist appointed as an HHMI investigator.

Since joining the faculty in 1984, Ahlquist has received numerous honors, including a National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award, a National Institutes of Health MERIT Award, the Allen Research Award from the American Phytopathology Society, and the Milwaukee Foundation's Shaw Biomedical Scholar career development award.

Ahlquist credited co-workers — post-doctoral fellows, graduate students and faculty colleagues — for his research group's success.

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WELCOME

Cliff Dillhunt, CALS Administrative Computing.

Barbara Ingham, Food Science

Tomas Prolla, Genetics

Gail Snowden, Human Services

John Stier, Horticulture

CONGRATULATIONS

Larry Bundy (Soil Science) and **John Fett** (Agricultural Journalism) received the Second Mile Award from the Wisconsin Association of County Agricultural Agents. The award recognizes individuals who have gone the "second mile" in support of the programming efforts of county agents.

Gary Jackson (Soil Science) received the Mid-America Crop Protection Association's Educator Award for distinguished service to America's high technology agriculture.

Keith Kelling (Soil Science) received the Outstanding Researcher Award from the Wisconsin Forage Council for research and extension efforts relating to soil fertility of forage production. He also received the Conservation Achievement Award from the

Wisconsin Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society.

David Mladenoff (Forest Ecology and Management) received the Award for Outstanding Paper from the International Association for Landscape Ecology. His paper dealt with landscape analysis and prediction of favorable gray wolf habitat.

Mike Pariza (Food Microbiology and Toxicology and Food Research Institute) has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists.

John Peters (Marshfield Soil and Forage Analysis Lab/Soil Science) recently attended a workshop on soil fertility management in Niamey, Niger. His abstract, *Soil Fertility Status of Gambian Soils*, was named as one of the top poster presentations.

Dick Straub (Biological Systems Engineering) received a 1997 Distinguished Service Award from the Wisconsin FFA Association.

Jerry Tyler (Soil Science and director of the Small Scale Waste Management Project) received a Presidential Citation from the National Environmental Health Associates. Tyler was honored for his contributions to on-site treatment educational programs for NEHA members.

Richard Wolkowski (Soil Science) received the Researcher of the Year from the Fluid Fertilizer Foundation.

Diane Doering, Wolfgang Hoffmann and **Bob Mitchell** (Ag Journalism) won a Gold and two Silver awards in publication competition sponsored by Agricultural Communicators in Education.

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Swanson, Food Science died in May 1997.

Hans Kubler, Forestry-Emeritus died in March 1997

Stanley Beck, Entomology-Emeritus died in July 1997.

H. D. Bruhn, Biological Systems Engineering died in July 1997.

RETIREMENTS

Earl Shrago, Nutritional Sciences, June 1997

John Fett, Agricultural Journalism, June 1997

Jack Gorski, Animal Sciences and Biochemistry, July 1997

Herb Hopen, Horticulture, July 1997

Paul Williams, Plant Pathology, July 1997