Greetings from Chris Zoller

I have been a member of ESP for approximately six years and have found the experience to be very positive. My first exposure to ESP was as a co-presenter at a national meeting. I was impressed by the quality of the presentations and enjoyed the opportunity to hear about the high quality educational programs my colleagues in other program areas were conducting. These national meetings are also relatively small in terms of the number of attendees as compared to other professional association national meetings. This smaller group atmosphere also allows for the opportunity to meet with other Extension professionals from across the country. If you have not taken the opportunity to participate in one of these meetings, I encourage you to do so. For the last several years I have had the opportunity to serve on the Ohio Alpha Eta Chapter of ESP as an East District representative to the board, President-Elect and now as President.

Your ESP chapter provides a number of valuable benefits, including professional development programs, scholarships, and recognition opportunities at both the state and national levels. In our chapter there are ten committees that serve as the heart of the organization and several more are available if you are interested in serving at the national level. All of these committees are looking for good people to assist with activities. I encourage you to contact me or your district representative for additional information.

It has been several years since the Ohio ESP Alpha Eta Chapter had a website to post information, award forms and other information of interest to its members. One of my goals when elected was to develop a website for the chapter. I am happy to report that Garee Earnest, President-Elect, has taken the lead for developing a site for our chapter. We will let you know when all of the details are finalized. A second goal is to develop a database of all members. A comprehensive database will alleviate problems with identifying potential, present and past members. Finally, I hope to work cooperatively with the other professional associations to coordinate a program in conjunction with the December Connectedness and Recognition Event that recognizes the accomplishments of our members.

It is my hope that the Ohio Alpha Eta Chapter of ESP will continue to offer its members valuable opportunities by carrying out its mission – To Foster Standards of Excellence in the Extension System and to Develop the Extension Profession and Professional.

ESP Website
www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~esp
Team Teaching Awards

Take the opportunity to celebrate the efforts of your team by submitting an application for the ESP Team Teaching awards. These awards recognize teams of educators, of which at least one is an OSU Extension professional, from one or more program areas, who have completed their program since July 1, 2002.

Selections will be made according to the criteria listed on the application form and winners will be announced at the awards ceremony. There are many wonderful programs being put together by creative teams. We look forward to acknowledging them.

The 2003 application is found at www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~esp

Applications must be received by September 5, 2003, in the Fulton County office. For more information, please contact:

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Galaxy II

Galaxy II is just around the corner, and promises to be an excellent annual meeting for Extension professionals. The theme—Exceeding Expectations through Teamwork will be used throughout the conference as keynote speakers. Cam Marston addresses the topic of Intergenerational Issues in the Workplace and Thurl Bailey (former center for the Utah Jazz) shares his thoughts on teamwork. Super Seminar speakers will address a wide variety of topics including professional image, diversity issues, a school for homeless children in Salt Lake City, economics and a special presentation by the President of Utah State University on his work as a member of the Kennedy panel.

Traditional components of meetings including concurrent and research sessions, exhibits, and posters will be included as well as an Ohio State’s Night Out on Tuesday evening. Ohio VPs are working on the event, and at last count 80 - 100 will be attending.

For those doing poster sessions, the poster backboard will be provided this year as well as a half table space. Visit the Galaxy website for additional details. Other evening and special events will include Friendship Night at Heritage Park, the ESP Auction and buffet, a Big Band era group and buffet on Sunday night and a special presentation by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The Ruby Luncheon (as well as the Sunday evening buffet) will help commemorate the 75th Anniversary of ESP, complete with a birthday cake.

So—it looks like a full week, hope you will plan to attend. For additional information on the conference, visit the Galaxy website @ http://www.cnr.usu.edu/galaxy2

For more information, please e-mail Cindy Oliveri oliveri.1@osu.edu
Many of you might be saying, “What is EQ?” Well, EQ stands for emotional intelligence. In 1995, Daniel Goleman wrote his book “Emotional Intelligence” based upon Salovey and Mayer’s (1990) work. Since then, emotional intelligence has become one of the hottest leadership topics in corporate America, and has filtered into the not-for-profit, and educational arenas as well. It is through an individual’s emotional intelligence that he/she will be able to deal with life, and lead others in a more positive manner.

Garee W. Earnest, and Rose Fisher Merkowitz attended a three-day training in Golden, Colorado on emotional intelligence (EQ), and Rose to use the BarOn EQ-i (emotional intelligence instrument) and provide feedback to participants.

Rose and Garee received partial funding to attend the training from the Epsilon Sigma Phi Leadership Fund Creativity Grant, and the National ESP Professional Development Mini-Grant.

Garee and Rose are planning an in-service for Extension professionals this fall. They are having conversations with numerous businesses about potential training opportunities. Rose completed an EQ training for youth-at-risk in March and Garee has been conducting individual sessions with Extension professionals upon request. The results from the training assist the participants with future personal development strategies.

Garee and Rose are very excited about the potential opportunities the BarOn EQ-i training will provide businesses and individuals for professional and personal development. If you are interested in additional information on Emotional Intelligence contact Garee or Rose. They will be more than happy to talk about EQ and the impact it has for programming and professional/personal development.

What is Your EQ?

by Rose Fisher Merkowitz
Thanks to $828 from the December 2002 silent auction, and other contributions of $1235, the leadership fund principal is about $1300 away from the $70,000 goal. Earnings from the fund support the annual Excellence in Extension Award ($1000), and the Creativity Award ($1500).

“...My goals for the position are to work directly with the chairs to help them achieve levels of competence in each of their new responsibilities, says Bill, “so that they might lead, and administer their units in a fair, equitable, and effective manner.” Bill hopes to work with each county chair sometime in the next calendar year.

Julie Dalzell recently interviewed Bill and he said “I think working with the chairs on an individual basis will be a little bit different than how we’ve characteristically worked. Up to this point, we’ve tended to do things in group settings because, I suppose, we think that’s more efficient. I think this change over to the chairs having complete responsibility for their units warrants a little more individual attention when needed to insure that the administration of the units is being carried out competently, and effectively. I will also be encouraging chairs to be more entrepreneurial in their leadership, and management through effective marketing, use of new technologies, and strategic planning for their units.”

Leadership Fund is Close to Goal of $70,000

by Carolyn McKinney

This year, fund-raising opportunities are limited but you always can contribute in honor or, in memory of someone. Make your check payable to The Ohio State University and note the ESP Leadership Fund on the memo line. Send contributions to ESP Leadership Fund, 109 Agricultural Admin. Bldg., 2120 Fyffe Rd., Columbus, OH 43210-1084. Contacts are Carolyn McKinney, Chair, ESP Leadership Fund Committee mckinney.6@osu.edu or at (614) 451-7994 or Garee Earnest earnest.1@osu.edu or at (614)292-3114.
Did you receive your application for the 2003 ESP Tools for Teaching awards? The applications are due September 1, 2003. Applications are available on the ESP website http://The 2003 ESP Tools for Teaching Committee has reviewed the judging categories and criteria and updated them. For more information, please contact Joyce Brown brown877@postoffice.ag.ohio-state.edu or Nancy Recker, recker.22@osu.edu

What we are today cannot be separated from who we were in the past. What we will be in the future depends on what we do today.

-ESP Historical Note

National ESP 75th Anniversary Celebration

by Doris Herringshaw

National ESP is celebrating their 75th anniversary at Galaxy II. You can be part of the fun and excitement and contribute to the national organization endowment campaign. The money will create the opportunities to have funding for mini-grants, scholarships, awards and recognition programs as well as provide support for the regional and national meetings. Take an active role in the National organization. To learn how to contribute go to the national ESP website at http://espnational.org

Ohio is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Epsilon Sigma Phi. For seventy-five years the national professional honorary fraternity has held high the standards of the Extension organization. Locally and nationally the organization is dedicated to the development of professionals of the organization.

Watch for a chance to learn about the history of the organization and the advantages of being an ESP member. We will all celebrate at the December 9 Extension Connectivity event. To help Ohio celebrate this great milestone you can contribute to the ESP endowment Fund in Ohio. The money is used for scholarships, awards, and recognition, contribute to the organization and don’t forget to apply for the awards. ESP Leadership fund and send to the Leadership Center.

75 Years of Excellence

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Check out the Ohio ESP website
www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~esp

SAVE THESE DATES

August 28, 2003
Board Conference Call

September 21-25, 2003
Galaxy Conference in Salt Lake City

September 30, 2003
10 a.m. Board Conference Call

October 23, 2003
Board meeting

December 9, 2003
Extension Connectivity Event

Technological Connectivity

Make plans now for the
December 9th Connectivity Event.
Plans are now being made for a new era in Extension using technology to stay connected.
National Friend Of Extension Awarded to James L. Dailey

Each year three friends of Extension receive national awards for their significant contributions of time and talent. James L. Dailey has made significant and long-term contributions to the Ohio 4-H youth development program as a member of the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board. Although never a 4-H member or volunteer in a local club, he has become a volunteer extraordinaire in 4-H/Youth Development programs. As a highly successful businessman, he has been most generous with his time, talents, and money in the support of the 4-H youth program in two states.

Mr. Dailey has been a driving force behind many successful fund-raising programs to support the Ohio 4-H program including the Ohio 4-H Master Endowment Fund, the Ohio 4-H Center, Canter’s Cave 4-H Camp, and the Ohio Valley Bank 4-H Scholarship Program. As a member of the County Endowment Committee, he has made personal visits to counties to explain the advantages of establishing an endowment with The Ohio State University. He has personally given and recruited many other individuals, and companies to invest in positive youth development programs.

Mr. Dailey is described as a “visionary who has the ability to take a thought or an idea and turn it into a tremendous opportunity for young people...and hopes that his investments will lead to a new generation of individuals who contribute to youth communities across the world.”

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Fast Facts

• 63 of the 500 Galaxy presentations were facilitated by OSUE Professionals.

• Garee Earnest, OSU Leadership Center, received the Regional International Service Award.

• In 2003, Dave Miller, East District Office, served on the National ESP Development Board of Trustees.

• Ohio Voting Representatives at 2003 National Meeting
  Garee Earnest
  Steve Hudkins
  Chris Zoller

National Representatives for 2004 are:

Member Services:
Judy Villard, Richland Co.

Public Issues:
Steve Hudkins, Trumbull Co.

Interested in serving on a National Committee in 2005? Applications are due on March 1, 2004. Additional information and forms are available on the National ESP website espnational.org
Nominations for Officers

President Elect

Bev Kelbaugh, Franklin County
Years of Membership in ESP: 14

Treva Williams, Scioto County
Years of Membership in ESP: 12

Treasurer Elect

John Barker, Knox County
Years of Membership in ESP: 7

Maurus V. Brown, Richland County
Years of Membership in ESP: 1

Greg Davis, West District
Years of Membership in ESP: 3

East District Representative

Nancy Snook, Noble County
Years of Membership in ESP: 8

Vicki Schwartz, East District Office
Years of Membership in ESP: 16

South District Representative

Scott Kleon, Pickaway County
Years of Membership in ESP: 15

Christine Olinsky, Montgomery County
Years of Membership in ESP: 18

Joyce Shriner, Hocking County
Years of Membership in ESP: 7

Additional information about the candidates can be found on the ESP website:
http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~esp/index.htm

GoBucks: A New Generation

Plan to attend GoBucks on December 9th. OSU Extension is entering a new era as we use innovative technology to stay connected to each other. Using live stream video, six sites in Ohio will participate in a day of renewal as well as celebrating extraordinary work by Extension Professionals. Join us as we honor ESP award winners for 2003. Stay tuned to find out who will be our ESP officers for 2004.
Welcome New Members

2003
Rebecca Baer, Meigs Co.
Maurus Brown, Richland Co.
Nadine Fogt, Fayette Co.
Cora French, Lake Co.
Janice Gordon, Medina Co.
Jason Hedrick, Ottawa Co.
Gregor Homan, Van Wert Co.
Mark Landefeld, Monroe Co.
Joseph Maiorano, Jefferson Co.
David Marrison, Ashtabula Co.
Robert McCall, NW District
Laura Murphy, Lawrence Co.
Brian Raison, Montgomery Co.
Edrice Robinson-Wyatt, Summit Co.
Scott Scheer, HCRD
Kathryn Schroeder, Miami Co.
Rebecca Wheelersburg, South District
Curtis Young, NW District

2004
Eric Barrett, Washington Co.
Deborah Carney, Hamilton Co.
Jennifer Dobbs, Washington Co.
Mary Donnell, A.B.E. Center
David Dugan, Brown Co.
Mark Erbaugh, International Prog.
Larry Hall, Knox Co.
David Hansen, International Prog.
Melissa Heiselt, Human Resources
Katharine Herb, Holmes Co.
James Hoorman, Hardin Co.
David Kelch, North District
Andrew Kleinschmidt, Van Wert Co.
Ed Lentz, West District
Steven Lichtenstiger, West District
Heather Neikirk, Portage Co.
Rich Sherman, Scioto Co.
Janine Yeske, Jefferson Co.

Message from Chris Zoller

The year is coming to a close and it has been a pleasure serving as President of Ohio’s Alpha Eta Epsilon Sigma Phi Chapter. The board and committee members have worked hard to make this a productive and successful year. A few of the accomplishments include development of a website, representation at PILD, one of the largest delegations at the annual meeting, frequent dialogue with administration and working with the GO BUCKS planning committee.

Because of the format of this year’s Annual Conference the ESP Board voted to conduct elections for candidates on-line. Judy Villard is putting the finishing touches on this and you will soon be seeing information about how to compete the process. A new Treasurer-Elect position was suggested and created by the board to assist the treasurer and provide the person with experience prior to becoming treasurer.

Ohio was well represented at the Galaxy II conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. In addition to a significant number of poster and oral presentations by OSU Extension Agents and Specialists, Jim Dailey was recognized as a National Friend of Extension.

Also at this year’s meeting Ohio received certificates in two new award categories from the ESP National Board. These included certificates for “Achievement in Chapter Membership Participation” and “Chapter of Merit – Gold Standard Plus.” These were accomplished as a result of the hard work of everyone in the organization.

There are countless opportunities for members to be involved in the organization at the state and national level and I encourage everyone to contribute to the organization at some level. There are a number of awards, scholarships and grants available to members for professional improvement and recognition. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.

As you plan for next year, make sure to put September 19 – 24, 2004 on your calendar for the ESP National Conference – “Midwest Magic on the Mississippi: ESP Marks the Way.” The conference will be held in Moline, Illinois.
Epsilon Sigma Phi

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9  GoBucks Conference

ESP National Conferences
2004  Quad Cities, IL  (Sep. 14-19)
2005  Colorado Springs, CO  (Nov. 8-13)
2006  Annapolis, MD  (Nov. 12-19)

Have you paid your membership dues for 2004? Contact Steve Hudkins <hudkins.1@osu.edu> for more information.