Campfire Delight

A new flavor of ice cream helps 4-H celebrate 100 years in North Carolina
Judge an ice cream “cone test?” Twist my arm. When North Carolina’s 4-H Youth Development Program asked me to help choose the organization’s centennial ice cream flavor, how could I refuse? Tough duty, tasting three top ice cream flavors vying for the honor.

And the winner is...Campfire Delight!

4-H is celebrating 100 years in North Carolina this year, and the organization decided to celebrate by choosing a centennial ice cream flavor. In conjunction with NC State's Creamery, which produces the already famed ice cream sold in the Talley Student Center and at the North Carolina State Fair, 4-H asked youth and leaders across the state to come up with winning flavors.

“Cone test” rules required that the flavor selections be worthy of manufacturing, said Gary Cartwright, Pilot Plant coordinator at the university. From the 62 flavors submitted by counties last fall, the field was narrowed to 10. 4-H’ers and supporters across the state voted for the top three choices from the field.

The top flavors were Campfire Delight, submitted by Tyrrell County; 100 S’More Years, submitted by Johnston County; and Clover Crunch, submitted by Gates County.
Cartwright said that each flavor presented its own challenges, and Creamery staff had to explore different ingredient options and how they would work. For instance, caramel pieces for Clover Crunch had to remain soft even in frozen ice cream.

By description, Campfire Delight and 100 S’More Years sounded like they would be variations on S’Mores, the campfire treat made with graham crackers, chocolate bars and marshmallows. But Campfire Delight was made from graham cracker-flavored ice cream, with chocolate pieces and marshmallow swirl, while 100 S’More Years was created from a chocolate ice cream base, with pieces of graham cracker and the marshmallow swirl. Clover Crunch was a different type of flavor, with a chocolate ice cream, caramel swirl and toffee pieces.

The panel of 19 judges included Andrea Weigel, food editor of the News & Observer; Larry Stogner, news anchor of WTVD; Dean Johnny Wynne in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; three Wake County 4-H’ers, along with an assortment of other 4-H supporters and leaders.

The bowls came out, numbered to ensure a blind competition, and judges carefully tasted each sample, judging the texture, flavor and appearance of each ice cream, then ranking the flavors in order of preference.

All agreed that there was not a bad flavor in the bunch, and Cartwright said that the Creamery reserves the right to occasionally produce all three flavors. The winning flavor will be available for sale to the public.

Andrea Weigel said this was her first opportunity to judge ice cream flavors, although she is no stranger to other types of food competitions. “It doesn’t surprise me,” she said, “The graham cracker ice cream was not something I’ve run into before. I’m not surprised it won.”

“It was hard to pick a winner, but the one I picked was the winner,” Larry Stogner said. “They were all good.”

4-H’er judges Clay Adams, 6; Anna Walser, 6; and Morgan Halvorson, 8, all of Wake County, smiled broadly and pronounced all flavors, “really, really good.” “I just thought it was pretty good tasting,” Clay said.

Tyrrell County 4-H Extension Agent Bridget Spruill came to watch the cone-test judging, with 4-H’er Katie Woolard, 12. After Campfire Delight was announced the winner, Katie called her mom, and Spruill called her county extension director with the news. The two returned to the county with some ice cream samples to share, along with a basket of ice cream party supplies.

“The flavor was as good as I thought it would be,” Katie said.

The winning ice cream flavor will be made available to the public through the NC State Creamery. It also will be offered at all 4-H events throughout the year, and at the state fair. To order the ice cream, available in pints and 3-gallon tubs, contact Sarah Ray at 515-9263 or sarah_ray@ncsu.edu.

**The Final Three**

“4-H Campfire Delight” (Tyrrell County): Graham cracker ice cream with chocolate chunks and marshmallow cream swirl.

“100 S’More Years” (Johnston County): Chocolate ice cream with graham cracker pieces and marshmallow cream swirl.

“Clover Crunch” (Gates County): Chocolate ice cream with caramel crunch pieces and butterscotch swirl.
Bulletin Board

Grants Available for Doctoral Research
NC State’s Institute for Nonprofits seeks to encourage student research, providing grants of up to $1,000 to doctoral students conducting research on or relevant to nonprofit organizations or the nonprofit sector. Up to six awards may be made. The deadline for proposals is March 9. Students in any stage of their doctoral program and in any academic unit of NC State are eligible to apply.

The proposal instructions are available online at http://nonprofit.chass.ncsu.edu/research/index.php. Interested students should contact jeff_leiter@ncsu.edu with any questions about the suitability of their research.

Upcoming Campus Recreation Classes
Fitness specialty classes begin the week of March 9. Sign up today. Classes include:
• Women on Weights, Monday and Wednesday from 12:10 to 1 p.m.
• Sports Performance Training, Tuesday from 5 to 5:45 p.m.
• Golf Conditioning Training, Thursdays from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

For more information, visit http://ncsu.edu/stud_affairs/campus_rec/fitness/group-fitness/specialty-classes.php.

State of NC State
Join Chancellor James Oblinger as he celebrates the accomplishments of the university over the past year and outlines the future of NC State. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 10, in Stewart Theatre.

Nasar to Speak
Dr. Sylvia Nasar, author of “A Beautiful Mind,” will be speaking at NC State at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in Stewart Theatre. Nasar will speak on the topic, “Globalization and Economic Shifts in the 20th Century.”

E-Waste Recycling Event
NC State will have an e-waste collection event sponsored by Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) and Synergy Recycling from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, on Research Drive between Venture I and the College of Textiles. Bring all of your electronics to recycle.

What can be recycled? Pretty much anything with a chord.
For more information please contact WRR at recycling@ncsu.edu.

Diversity Program Planned
The Office for Equal Opportunity sponsors several programs throughout the year to help the campus community learn more about equal opportunity and diversity. Upcoming programs include “Protected Classes of National Origin,” from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, March 11.

New Study Circles Program Funded
The Office for Equal Opportunity and Equity (OEO) is launching a new initiative, called the Moving from Dialogue to Action Program (MDAP), to encourage students, faculty and staff members at several Raleigh colleges and universities to discuss issues surrounding race and social justice.

MDAP will be modeled on OEO’s popular Study Circles on Race and Race Relations, a series of structured discussion groups in which eight to 12 participants meet regularly to examine racial attitudes and explore approaches to creating great equity and lasting change in their communities.

Thanks to a two-year, $80,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, each MDAP study circle session will include students, faculty and staff from Meredith College, Peace College, Saint Augustine’s College and Shaw University, as well as NC State. The diversity within these circles will engender rich discussions and follow-up.

Two trained study circle leaders will facilitate each group. Upon completion of the study circles, all participants will meet periodically to address a community social justice issue. Participants will share their experiences and accomplishments at a public symposium at the end of the second year of the program.

Students, faculty and staff members who are interested in participating, or who would like more information, may contact Janet Howard at 513-3250 or by e-mail at janet@gw.ncsu.edu.

Renewal Energy Awards
The N.C. Solar Center, along with Triangle Clean Cities and Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition, announced the third annual North Carolina Mobile Clean Air Renewable Energy (CARE) awards, which will recognize individuals, fuel and technology providers, fleets, and policy innovations that are advancing alternative fuel and transportation technology activities in North Carolina. Nominations will be accepted until March 13. The awards will be presented as part of 2009 Drive Clean and Green: A North Carolina Tour. This event will begin in Raleigh on April 15 at the 6th annual NC State Energy Office conference and continue April 16 in Greensboro and Charlotte. The Mobile CARE awards are supported by the North Carolina Division of Air Quality, State Energy Office, and the Department of Transportation.

Hillsborough Street Renaissance
For the first time since its original construction in 1972, Hillsborough Street will be closed for an all day eco-friendly arts and music festival on Saturday, March 14. The festival has been created to showcase the construction changes occurring on the street over the next two years, and to revitalize Raleigh’s famed Hillsborough Street. Proceeds from the festival will go to support student and community non-profit organizations focused on renewable energy research, sustainable development, and community improvement projects.

Wachovia Executive Lecture
Dr. Dennis Gillings, chairman and CEO of Quintiles Transnational, speaks at NC State as part of the Wachovia Executive Lecture series, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, in Nelson Auditorium. The lecture series is sponsored by the College of Management.

Tax Filing Assistance
NC State accounting students will help you file your taxes as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. It all happens from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 21, in the basement computing lab in Nelson Hall (Nelson B411).

Phi Kappa Phi Induction
The Spring 2009 induction ceremony for Phi Kappa Phi will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Stewart Theatre, followed by a dessert reception in the ballroom. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend.

Seminar on Biochemistry
Dr. Ferre-D’Amare will present a seminar titled, “Catalytic and gene-regulatory RNAs: Sophisticated biochemistry by a simple biopolymer,” at noon on Thursday, March 26, in Polk Hall, Room 128. Ferre-D’Amare is interested in the structural principles that underlie the stability and function of biological RNAs, particularly catalytic RNAs (ribozymes) and protein enzymes responsible for post-transcriptional RNA modifications. His experimental approach combines X-ray crystallography and biochemistry.
Encore Seeks Volunteer Projects

The Encore Center for Lifelong Enrichment seeks proposals for short-term volunteer projects that would utilize the talent and experience of Encore members. Part of the McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education, Encore provides non-credit programs for adults 50 and older. Priority is given to university needs and meaningful projects that would take advantage of members’ diverse areas of expertise.

For more information contact Joan Hardman-Cobb at 513-2049 or jcobb@ncsu.edu.

Perry Retirement Reception

Attend a reception to honor Dr. Katharine Perry, senior vice provost, on her retirement. The event will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, March 30, in the Atrium at the College of Textiles on Centennial Campus. To contribute a letter to be included in a book that will be presented to Perry, write to Vicki_Walton@ncsu.edu. Letters must be received by Friday, March 27.

Register for Technology Institute

Registration is now open now through April 3 for the 11th annual Teaching and Learning with Technology Summer Institute for Faculty. The event will be held May 11-15 in the D.H. Hill Library. The program is designed for faculty interested in Web-enhanced or online instruction. The program includes 20 hours of workshops, plus lunchtime seminars and optional lab sessions, spread over one week. Benefits include learning new ways to teach using technology, developing camaraderie with like-minded colleagues, listening to experienced lunchtime speakers, and receiving software and equipment in support of Web-enhanced teaching endeavors.

Apply at http://delta.ncsu.edu/summer_institute/apply.

Einstein Lecture Speaker Announced

Michael S. Waterman will be giving the American Mathematical Society’s annual Einstein Lecture on campus on Saturday, April 4. Waterman is professor of biological sciences, mathematics and computer science at the University of Southern California.

Faculty and Staff Notes

Krute Honored

Dr. Linda Krute is the 2009 recipient of the Joseph M. Biedenbach Distinguished Service Award from the Continuing Professional Development Division of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). The award was presented in February at the 2009 Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC) in Orlando, Fla.

Krute, director of distance education programs in the College of Engineering, also received the Biedenbach award in 2004. The award recognizes individuals who have provided exceptional leadership and value to their specialty and the professional advancement of engineers.

Krute, who came to NC State in 2002, leads the Engineering Online program at NC State.

Adams Paraprofessional of the Year

Tina Adams, a library technician in the circulation department at D. H. Hill Library, has been honored by Library Journal, the preeminent publication for professional librarians, as the best in her profession. As the winner of the 10th annual Paraprofessional of the Year award, Adams is the subject of a feature article in the March edition of the magazine, as well as the recipient of a cash prize and a reception in her honor at the American Library Association conference in Chicago this summer. The 2009 award recognizes the essential role of paraprofessionals, now the largest constituency of library workers, in providing excellent library service.

As course reserves supervisor in the access and delivery department at NCSU Libraries, Adams was instrumental in redesigning the reserves unit and merging it with circulation, resulting in substantially better service to library users.

New Assistant Dean of Research

Mitzi Montoya, Zelnak Professor of Marketing Innovation in the College of Management, has been named assistant dean of research for the college. In this added role, she will strengthen the college’s faculty research infrastructure. This includes helping faculty to identify new funded research opportunities involving companies and funding agencies and new opportunities for collaborative research involving the college’s faculty and colleagues across campus.

In addition to faculty research, Montoya will be developing new opportunities for companies to engage students in business research, including working with students in project-based classes and on an individual basis. This is in keeping with the college’s focus on bringing real-world experience to its students and value to its partner companies.
A day after he met with state legislators to argue against permanent budget cuts for North Carolina’s public university system, UNC system president Erskine Bowles told NC State’s staff senate that a potential 7 percent reduction in state funding would have a devastating impact on the 16-campus system.

“It’s going to hurt, it’s going to hurt real bad and it’s going to hurt real people,” he said at Wednesday’s meeting in the Talley Student Center.

Gov. Bev Purdue has mandated that all state agencies plan for a permanent reduction in state funding of up to 7 percent. Bowles told legislators the system could absorb a 5 percent cut without harming its academic core, if funding is restored after the current economic crisis ends.

He called the potential 7 percent permanent budget cut “unacceptable” and painted a sober picture of how it would undermine higher education in the state, impairing the system’s ability to educate a high-quality, highly skilled workforce.

A 7 percent cut would cost the University of North Carolina system $175 million and result in the elimination of 1,600 positions, affecting 1,000 current employees, he said.

“We would have to do things that would hurt our academic core,” he told the senate. “There would be less counseling and advising, larger classes, a higher ratio of students to teachers, and fewer course selections resulting in longer times to graduation.”

But it’s not just students who would suffer. Bowles said a 7 percent cut would force the system to consolidate programs, close centers and institutes, increase faculty workload, and reduce expenditures for repairs, supplies and maintenance. The loss of personnel in security, accounting, housekeeping and maintenance would adversely affect every aspect of campus life, he said. Other departments would likely face reductions in personnel as well.

Bowles said the economic picture continues to be clouded by unknowns, including the possible impact of stimulus money from Washington, the demand for need-based aid by incoming students, and the size of enrollment this fall.

“I’m using every bit of political capital and influence to help us protect our academic core,” he said. “But I’m a realist. I get it. These are tough economic times.”

Bowles has grim news for NC State’s staff senate on Wednesday after meeting with state legislators.

Bowles Fights Cuts

PERMANENT 7 PERCENT CUT IS ‘UNACCEPTABLE’
UNC SYSTEM PRESIDENT TELLS LEGISLATORS.

Article by David Hunt

BUDGET NEWS @ BUDGET CENTRAL

Keep up-to-date on the latest budget news and sign up for regular e-mail alerts at NC State’s new budget Web site: http://www.ncsu.edu/budget.
The Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources will host an Arbor Day celebration and open house from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, on campus.

Events will include a tree seedling give-away, a plant adoption center for youth, timber sports demonstrations from the NC State Forestry Club, and various presentations from faculty and members of the urban forestry community.

“We want to create a festive atmosphere where North Carolinians can come together to celebrate Arbor Day, as well as learn what our department has to offer those interested in a natural resource career. This also is an opportunity for faculty and students to share and discuss research projects and experiences with the public. We hope there is a little bit of something for everyone!” said Shannon Ford, undergraduate program coordinator for the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources.

Faculty will lead a guided campus tree walk, tours of the environmental technology labs, and the Turner House native plant garden. Exhibitors from various forest-related organizations will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. The 2009 North Carolina Arbor Day poster contest winner, from a selection of fifth grade poster entries across the state, will be announced at noon.

For a full schedule of events, directions, and parking information, visit http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/forestry/arborday. Sponsors include the Triangle Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, Weyerhaeuser, and the Encore Center at NC State.

WHAT IS ARBOR DAY?

A day is set aside each year in North Carolina, as in many other states, to show just how much trees are appreciated. In 1967 the North Carolina legislature ratified a bill stating in part “Whereas, it is desirable that the planting of seedlings and flowering shrubs be encouraged to promote the beautification and conservation of the vast and varied resources of North Carolina, and whereas the designation of a particular day each year as Arbor Day would encourage and draw attention to a concerted effort by North Carolinians to beautify and conserve the state’s resources by planting young trees and shrubs.”

Arbor Day in North Carolina has been designated as the first Friday following March 15. This year Arbor Day falls on March 20.