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## Dave Barker Earns Advising Award



**Dr. David Barker earned the 2005 Price Advising Award for his work with Crop Science majors and the Crops and Soils Club.**

**Dr. David Barker** has earned the 2005 Price Advising Award from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences in recognition of his dedication to outstanding student advising. **Dr. L. H. Newcomb**, Senior Associate Dean and Price Chair in Teaching, Advising and Learning, congratulated Dr. Barker and thanked him for his outstanding contributions to the college.

"Since joining our department in 2000, [Dr. Barker](#) has become one of our most active and effective advisors. In addition to teaching H&CS 200, 412 and 602, Dr. Barker serves as advisor to approximately 10 Crop Science majors each year and has specialized in advising transfer students from ATI or other institutions," explains **Mark Bennett**, Professor and Interim Chair of the Horticulture & Crop Science Department. "He has demonstrated a natural ability to nurture students and confers frequently with faculty colleagues to get additional input on advising issues or ensure that his advice is sound."

An associate professor who researches forage physiology and ecology, Dr. Barker has served as faculty advisor to the Crops and Soils Club since 2001. The student club has thrived during his tenure and the annual Plant Sciences Banquet has become of the major events of the year for the department. A less-known fact is that Dr. Barker also serves as faculty advisor for the [OSU Mountaineering Club](#) and makes an annual trek with the group to climb to the "Windiest Place On Earth," the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire.

"Dr. Barker personifies the philosophy of our College that students should be advised, and advised well by faculty who care about them. Dr. Barker cares deeply about students and takes his advising responsibilities seriously," said Bennett.

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