Rosson’s Roundup

First, let me take this opportunity to welcome you back from the Holidays. I hope everyone was able to rest and relax, and do some visiting with family and friends. There’s not a lot to report this week, but there are a few important reminders.

The biggie this week is the 77th Cotton Bowl where the Aggies square off against Oklahoma, Friday, 7:10 p.m. on FOX. It should be a great game.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Conference starts Monday afternoon with a reception at the Bush Library to feature the Genome: The Secret of Life. Tuesday morning at 8:15 in Rudder Theater the Keynote Address will be given by Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Director of NIFA, USDA. It will be an excellent address, indicating some new priorities at NIFA and funding opportunities for the future. The Vice Chancellor’s Awards presentations will follow. Tuesday afternoon is the AgriLife Research general session and the state of the agency address by Dr. Nessler. The AgriLife Extension general session is concurrent with a similar address by Dr. Steelt.

We have our first 2013 faculty meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Dr. Doug Steele, Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, will provide us with some insights on his priorities for the upcoming year. The COALS general session will be held at 1:30 in MSC 2400.

Finally, Eric Foy will interview Thursday, January 10, for our attorney-at-law position. Please attend the seminar and faculty meetings. Tiffany Dowell had to reschedule her interview for a date later this month.

Steve Amosson

My primary responsibility is for the educational programming in the northern 22 counties of the Texas High Plains. More than 25 crops are grown commercially with a large percentage of the state’s corn, wheat, fed cattle, swine and dairy operations being located in these counties. In any given year, I’ll make 25 – 35 presentations and conduct 5 – 10 short courses for clientele in the areas of marketing, management, policy or community development. Water is the most critical issue we face due to the fact that agriculture accounts for 92% of total water use within the area. I maintain an active applied research program focused on water including policy, management and socio-economic impacts. In addition, I have recently been involved in projects dealing with air quality, biofuel production and wind energy. Funding for these efforts come from a variety of sources at the local, state and national levels.

Gig’em Aggies! BTHO of OU!
**Position Announcements**

**Assistant/Associate Professor**, University of Maryland at College Park, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics in collaboration with the Maryland Sea Grant College Program invites applications for a faculty position focused on fisheries, coastal and marine economics. The appointee will be expected to teach one course per year in the department. The position is a nine-month, tenure-track or tenured position at the assistant or associate professor rank with rank and salary commensurate with the candidate’s record. All candidates must apply online to both: 1) [https://jobs.umd.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=58269](https://jobs.umd.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=58269) and 2) [https://www.econjobmarket.org/AdDetails.php?posid=1943](https://www.econjobmarket.org/AdDetails.php?posid=1943). On [https://jobs.umd.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=58269](https://jobs.umd.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=58269), the applicant need only upload their curriculum vita, which should include contact information for three references. On [www.econjobmarket.org](http://www.econjobmarket.org) applicants should upload the following materials as separate documents: (i) curriculum vita, (ii) a statement of interest to develop an outstanding extension/outreach program supported by applied research and targeted at key audiences for marine resources, (iii) up to 3 publications and/or research paper(s) including a dissertation abstract for new Ph.D. applicants. Applicants must also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be submitted to [www.econjobmarket.org](http://www.econjobmarket.org). All materials must be submitted in pdf format. Application packages without all required documents may not be considered. Applications must be received by January 18 to be guaranteed full consideration but will be accepted until the position is filled.

[Click here for more position announcements](#)

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events. Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to [valnoyes@tamu.edu](mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu)

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**Upcoming Birthdays**

- David Ernses 1/12
- Suzy Pryor 1/20
- Sandra Norman 1/24

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**Thank You!! Undergraduate Office**

for hosting Friday coffee

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**Bye Angela! Good Luck! We will miss you!**