It’s been a short week, and I departed for Guatemala Thursday night. John Penson and I are here to finish our classes, returning to Aggieland Sunday afternoon.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome our newest faculty member, Tiffany Dowell, to the department and to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Tiffany begins her new role as Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist – Attorney at Law on Monday and will be located in Room 337 AGLS. Please stop by and welcome Tiffany to the department.

Wednesday I received notification that the new course evaluation results had arrived. The IDEA pilot program seems to have worked quite well, and in fact, there will be a ‘special’ meeting for all department heads in early June to showcase the system and explain how it works. Many thanks and much appreciation to Kerry Litzenberg and Gene Nelson who ‘volunteered’ to have their spring 2013 courses evaluated using this new system.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: May 31 is the deadline to have all non-faculty evaluations completed and entered in GreatJobs for finalization. Please be sure this task is done before the weekend. Thanks to those of you have already finished this.
New Publications


Friday Coffee

Thank you Dr. Hayenga for hosting Friday coffee in honor of your new twin grandbabies, Ethan and Lauren. Congratulations to you and your family!

Just For Laughs

A man's car stalled on a country road one morning. When the man got out to fix it, a cow came along and stopped beside him. "Your trouble is probably in the carburator," said the cow. Startled, the man jumped back and ran down the road until he met a farmer. The amazed man told the farmer his story. "Was it a large red cow with a brown spot over the right eye?" asked the farmer. "Yes, yes," the man replied. "Oh! I wouldn't listen to Bessie," said the farmer. "She doesn't know a thing about cars."

Position Announcements

Lecturer, University of Florida, Food and Resource Economics Department. This is a 12-month non-tenure-accruing position that will be 100% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences). Duties will include teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses in one or more of the following areas: finance, applied statistics and data analysis, microeconomics and other relevant fields of agricultural economics. Duties will also include undergraduate student advising and possible supervision of extra-curricular student activities (e.g. NAMA Marketing Team, Academic Quiz Bowl, Departmental student club). An M.S or M.A. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Agricultural Economics, Economics or Finance or a closely related field is required. Candidates with a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Finance or a closely related field are invited to apply. Previous teaching experience is required. Individuals wishing to apply should go online to http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/41503 and submit: Application, Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, Curriculum vitae. Unofficial transcripts showing receipt of the M.S. or M.A. degree and three letters of recommendation should be sent to: Kelly Grogan, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, University of Florida, Food and Resource Economics Department, PO Box 110240, Gainesville, FL 32611-0240, Phone: 352-294-7633, Fax: 352-846-0988, Email: kellyagrogan@ufl.edu  Please refer to Requisition # 0903120.

The Department of Agricultural Economic and Agribusiness at the LSU Agricultural Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana has the two following position announcements:

Water Policy/Economist

Instructor/Assistant/Associate Professor

To view job descriptions and for application instructions go to:
http://www.agecon.tamu.edu/department/department_faculty_positions_announcement.html

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