Rosson’s Roundup

Much of my time this week was spent welcoming our undergraduate students back to campus. In fact, I’ve visited with AGEC 105, 105 Honors, 315, 340, 453, 429 and 481. So far I’ve met with more than 1,000 students, and I hope to get to more classes late next week. I let them know that the Department is glad they are here, and that they chose Texas A&M for their studies. I also emphasize the importance of getting involved in our activities, such as Fall Kick-Off, September 10 and our Tailgate events. One of the important things for them to understand is that the Department is here to support them and ensure they receive an excellent education, including the opportunity to meet with former students, business leaders and others who can help shape their future. The feedback on these visits has been positive, and in fact, many students will stop me on campus and ask questions or thank me for coming to class. So, I plan to keep doing this.

Tuesday evening Justin Benavidez and I attended the New Fellows Social, sponsored by the Office of Professional and Graduate Studies. There were 42 new graduate Fellows who were welcomed by President Loftin, and a number of previous Fellows who also attended. Justin was the only Fellow from our department and represented us extremely well at this event. I also had the opportunity to meet other Fellows from several other departments across the campus.

Welcome Levi Russell to the Department. He began his duties Thursday as Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Corpus Christi. If you have a chance please welcome him to the Department.

I would also like to welcome Dr. Liangming Feng, professor at the School of Economics, Fujian Agricultural and Forest University. Dr. Feng will be visiting the Department for one year.

We are in the final preparations for the Alabama – Texas A&M Tailgate. So far we have just over 300 signed up to attend. I have highlighted the event in all of the classes and interest seems high, especially when I mention free food. Please encourage your students to RSVP – they have all received an invitation. If you plan to attend, also please let us know. Remember, you can park in Lots 111 and 113 (near Texas A&M Transportation Institute) free of charge with a University hang tag. I hope you can make it to the event.

Finally, we do have Sam Houston State University here for a game this Saturday, so let’s not overlook them! Have a great weekend!!

*Correction to last week’s Ag Eco Friday, Laura Pena is the GSA President.*
**New Publication**


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**Position Announcements**

**Assistant / Associate Professor** Position In Agricultural Business for the College of Agriculture California State University, Chico. The College of Agriculture is searching for a tenure track Assistant or Associate Professor in the Agricultural Business program to start January or August, 2014. California State University, Chico is seeking faculty who are competent in their field, collaborative with colleagues and staff, and committed to student success. Position is contingent on funding. The minimum education requirement for appointment to this position is a PhD in Agricultural Economics or related area such as Marketing, Finance, or Business. Candidates nearing completion of the doctorate may be considered. However, completion of the earned PhD is required before the first day of hire to the tenure track position. This tenure-track position carries responsibilities in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service (including student advising). Teaching assignments are based upon qualifications of the individual and the needs of the department. All applicants must complete the Application for Academic Employment Form, which is available on-line at: [http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/facultyrecruit/facultyapplication.docx](http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/facultyrecruit/facultyapplication.docx) to be submitted with CV, teaching philosophy, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Eric Houk, Search Committee Chair, College of Agriculture (Zip 310), 400 West First Street Chico, California 95929-0310, (530) 898-4146, ehouk@csuchico.edu

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**Upcoming Birthdays**

Gene Nelson 9/9
Rebekka Dudensing 9/14
David Leatham 9/15
Bruce McCarl 9/22

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**Thank You!!**

**Commons Committee**

for hosting Friday coffee

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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