Rosson’s Roundup

I spent the early part of this week in Oklahoma City at the Southwest Ag Issues Summit. Joe Outlaw was on the program to discuss the farm bill, and Mark Waller and I were there as well. The Agricultural and Food Policy Center co-sponsors the forum each year and plays a major role in planning the program. We also had the Honors section of AGEC 429 in attendance, along with their TA, Stephanie Mazurkiewicz. It was an excellent program, starting with water issues Sunday afternoon and concluding with trade policy and environmental issues Tuesday at noon. There were also students from Oklahoma State and Texas Tech who were involved as well. It was a great opportunity to network with many of our former students who are now commodity association executive directors, credit analysts and agribusiness firm managers. I’m already looking forward to next year when the event will return to Texas!

Tuesday evening was the Fall Kickoff event—and it was great! Casino Night was again a tremendous hit with the students, and some of our faculty and staff as well. Students who received scholarships were recognized and presented with certificates. Thanks to the Aggie Reps, Dusty Menzies and the Undergraduate Office for pulling together another successful Kickoff.

Wednesday, Donna Adcock, Pam Vernon, Fred Boadu and I journeyed to the Mays Business School to discuss Core Curriculum ideas and possible modifications to provide more flexibility for our students. We had complete agreement from our Mays counterparts, Marty Louder and Peter Drysdale, so we are moving forward. Thanks to Pam and Donna for a great job!!

Yesterday at the Dean’s 2013 Outstanding Achievement Awards, Rich Woodward received two awards for Educational Enrichment & Innovation and Interdisciplinary Research Team. Vicky Salin was recognized for her promotion to Professor. Several of our students were also recognized for various Student Awards. They were Drew Alders, Rolan Fields, Justin Benavidez, Deanna Bosse, Whitney Hinze, and Jake Riley. Congratulations to all these award recipients.

I also want to thank Candice Foster, Connie Moore and Ashley Stover for the pictures, plaques and other items they have placed in the hallways of our building. This effort has really paid off and given our space a warmer and more welcoming appearance. And, it wasn’t easy—I heard they had to use a level and some string to get all of these things aligned properly. If you haven’t seen it yet, take some time to walk the hallways of the second and third floors. Thanks again for these efforts.

Speaking of students, our graduate enrollment is now available: we have 134 total graduate students in the department. Of those, 64 are AGEC PhD students and seven are Agribusiness and Managerial Economics PhDs, more than double the previous high enrollment. We have 31 Master of Agribusiness students and 32 in the Master of Science. Thanks for Shelly Peacock, David Leatham, Vicky Salin and Jennifer Newsom for coordinating these programs.

Well, the big game is approaching, and the butterflies are fluttering big time. Remember, we have an Extension Farm Bill and Outlook program Saturday at 10 a.m. in the AgriLife Center, followed by the tailgate at 11, under the Big Tent just north of the Center, so come early and plan of having some BBQ. You can park in lots 111 and 113 with a university hang tag. We are expecting about 150 for the first event and 900 at the tailgate, so it should be fun. Many of our former students will be here.

Finally, Beat the Hell ‘Outa Bama!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, Colorado is currently advertising for a position for a recent graduate in economics. Interested individuals can view the position announcement at: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/351104500

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