Rosson’s Roundup

Saturday’s football game against Mississippi State concluded our tailgates for this season. The feedback from former students, current students, friends of the department and others is that they greatly enjoyed the activities and would like to see them continue. Part of what made the tailgates a huge success was the catering services provided by Matt (Ty Timm inductee) and Cassie Bobbitt who own Global Event Group. Thanks to Matt, Cassie and their dedicated staff. I also want to thank Norma Pantoja, Ed Rister and Mark Waller who worked to coordinate and execute all of our events this fall. We will be meeting with the planning group over the next few weeks to debrief and discuss what we learned, and how to make these events better. If you have any thoughts, please let us know.

I had the opportunity to meet with the AGEC 481 students this week to receive feedback on our programs from our graduating seniors. One of the things I let the students know was that we are in the process of reviewing the curriculum for both of our degree programs. The response was positive and I received much feedback on how to fix things. One of the messages that came through clearly was the desire of the students for more electives in the Agribusiness program. I’ve had similar feedback informally from former students indicating that’s one very positive aspect of the Agricultural Economics degree, and a primary reason many of them chose to study that field. As we move forward with our curriculum review, there will be opportunities to modify what we offer in order to better meet the needs of many of our students, while maintaining the rigor and standards of both degrees.

Finally, I’m going to be in Williamsburg, VA this weekend to attend the USAID Higher Education Solutions Network TechCon 2013. This international event is designed to showcase the many projects that development labs from around the United States and other countries are designing. The purpose of the event is to improve the understanding of development problems and identify key solutions that can be replicated globally. Some of the focus is on technological adoption, while part is on innovation. Entrepreneurship is a key area of work and one that the students seem to gravitate toward. It should be a great event, and I’ll report more on this next week.

Have a great weekend!!
Congratulations Dr. Michelsen! The American Water Resources Association recognized Ari Michelsen with the Fellow Member award for his service to the association and his outstanding contributions to the water resources community. The award was given at AWRA’s annual conference held last week in Portland, Oregon.

Agricultural Economics Department Seminar

When: Friday, November 22 at 9:00 am
Where: AGLS 301

coffee and light refreshments provided beginning at 8:45

Who: Sophia Villas-Boas

Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics

University of California-Berkeley

The Impact of Retail Mergers on Food Prices: Evidence from France

Position Announcements

Assistant/Associate Professor, University of Maryland at College Park, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics invites applications for a faculty position focused on food and agricultural issues. The successful applicant is expected to develop an extension/public education/policy-support program working with local, state, regional and national counterparts in the agricultural business and financial management issues. The appointee will also be expected to develop an outstanding applied research program that supports their extension program. 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://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/22032 and (2) https://econjobmarket.org. On https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/22032, the applicant need only upload his or her curriculum vita, which should include a list of three references. On https://econjobmarket.org, applicants should upload the following materials as separate documents: (i) curriculum vita, (ii) a statement of interest about developing an outstanding extension/outreach program, supported by applied research and targeted at key audiences in one or more focus areas, and (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 https://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 December 2, 2013, to be guaranteed full consideration, but will be accepted until the position is filled. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Teaching Instructor, University of Arkansas, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Non-Tenure Track – Instructor, 100% teaching – 9 month appointment – possible summer work, Date Available: January 6, 2014. An M.S. in Agricultural or Applied Economics or closely related field and teaching experience at the collegiate level are required. The candidate must demonstrate excellence in teaching and the ability to mentor undergraduate students. A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics is strongly preferred. Application Process: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is selected. Interested candidates are requested to submit a letter of application including a statement of qualifications, a curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, and name, complete address, and telephone numbers of at least three professional references to: Dr. Steve Halbrook, Department Head, C/O Tonya Foster, University of Arkansas, 217 AGRI Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701. For more information go to: http://hr.uark.edu/jobdetails.asp?ListingID=7060

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