Rosson’s Roundup

Last Tuesday evening I met with nine of the ANRP Interns who are spending the summer in Washington, DC. Interns from the Department are Justin Benavidez, Stephen Cain, Kasey Kram, Michael Nepveuz and Cade Schimek. Other interns at dinner were Jon Ray Bocanegra, Rachel Bedinger, Emily Buckley and Kaitlyn Craft. They are all doing well, enjoying their new roles and responsibilities, and excited about getting back to Aggieland in the fall. Interns are working on the House Agriculture Committee, for Representatives Brady, Carter, Cuellar, Sessions and Vela, and serving with the Foreign Agricultural Service and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

This Wednesday, Tiffany Dowell and I attended a meeting at the Texas A&M School of Law, meeting with Maxine Harrington, Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Aric Short, Vice Dean. We discussed several ways to enrich the experiences for students. In the near term, it’s most likely the Law School will offer two survey courses with topics including energy, natural resources and environment law, and business organization, entrepreneurship, finance and real estate. For the longer term, we discussed the possibility of student and faculty exchanges, certificates in areas such as rural law, and a 3+3 program in which our students would complete a law degree at Texas A&M School of Law. We agreed it best to begin with a couple of courses, assess student interest, and then pursue more in-depth engagement. We also received a tour of the building where the law school is located, right across the street from the Convention Center. It’s a great facility, with large classrooms, an auditorium, moot court rooms, and an excellent law library. They also have their own bookstore, with lots of Texas A&M School of Law items, such as shirts, caps, mugs, pullovers and ties. They have made a very quick transition to Texas A&M and their enrollment is up 25% this fall, approaching 750 students.

I’m off to AAEA in Minneapolis tomorrow, and hope to see many of you, and our students there. We have two Academic Bowl teams competing, so I’m very much looking forward to their success.

Have a great weekend!
Upcoming Birthdays

Ed Rister 7/28
Emmy Williams 8/8
Oral Capps 8/13
Desmond Ng 8/16

In order to give the Commons Committee, and the people that make the coffee every Friday morning, a bit of a break, we have decided to only provide coffee this summer on August 1st. Rm 209 will be open for any of you that would like to still gather at 10 o’clock to visit, but please bring your own coffee!

Position Announcements

Economist-Extension Associate, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics. Bachelor’s degree, three years professional experience, previous farm management experience, and ability to travel frequently required. Master’s degree, and knowledge of fundamental farm management decision-making tools and principles of natural resource economics with applications to water quality and watershed management preferred. Apply via email to Mary Winnie at mwinnie@ksu.edu, letter of application, resume, transcripts, three reference letters. Screening of applications begins September 1, 2014. Direct questions to: John Leatherman 785-532-4492, jleather@k-state.edu. For more information, go to: http://www.ageconomics.k-state.edu/p.aspx?tabid=38

Economist Position, Policy Analysis and Development Staff (PAD), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The Policy Analysis and Development (PAD) staff will be announcing in August one or more economist positions at the master’s and Ph.D. levels. As a PAD staff member, the incumbent will perform a variety of economic analyses of regulatory proposals and policy issues concerning animal and plant health. Requirements include a solid background in analytical economics and technical expertise, as well as proficient writing and oral communication skills. PAD’s Assistant Chief, Frank Fillo, will be present at the AAEA Employment Center, July 27-29, to speak with interested individuals. He can be contacted beforehand by email: frank.fillo@usda.gov.

Iowa State is hiring! We have vacancies for a Farm Management Extension Specialist and an Ag Business teaching/research professor. Both are tenure track positions and are being advertised at both the assistant professor and the associate/full professor levels. The job descriptions are essentially the same at either level. The first position is 60% extension, 25% research, and 15% teaching (one course per year). The second position is 50% teaching, 50% research. Here are the full announcements: Extension assistant professor, Extension associate/full professor, Teaching and Research assistant professor, Teaching and research associate/full professor. We are also searching for a full-time department chair: Department chair

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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