Rosson’s Roundup

Ed Rister and I attended the Junction A&M Club events last Friday and Saturday honoring the members of the 1954 Texas A&M football team, now referred to as the ‘Junction Boys.’ This was the first time the team has reunited at Junction. Thanks to the Bierschwale family for organizing this tremendous event. Carmen (AGEC ’02), as President of the A&M Club, coordinated the two days of activities, including the dedication of the Texas historical marker at the entrance to the former Texas A&M Adjunct at Junction, which now belongs to Texas Tech. She also orchestrated a press event Friday afternoon, dinner Friday night, adjunct reunion and Junction Boys autograph session Saturday, and the closing dinner Saturday evening. Her husband, Justin (AGEC ’02), presided over several sessions. Father-in-law Paul, (AGEC ’74), was the MC Saturday night and brother-in-law Aaron (AGEC ’99), was the head chef in charge of appetizers Friday evening—the best Axis deer I’ve ever tasted. Aaron’s wife, Tiffany, produced a great video of the Junction Boys practices back in 1954, using film footage never before seen. We have several copies of this video if anyone would like to use it in class or for educational programs. Paul and Justin are Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry members, and the entire family is to be congratulated and thanked for their leadership and roles in making the 60th Junction Boys Anniversary an event to be remembered! As part of our trip, Ed and I also had opportunities to visit with Drs. Ivan ’66 and Luanne ’75 Schmedemann in Kerrville and Robert ’46 and Doris Kensing near Menard.

This week I met with the fourth, and final, group of 23 transfer students. This brings the total number of transfers to 131. There were also many parents in each of the sessions. I emphasized the Aggie Core Values, provided a brief overview of the department, campus life and Aggie traditions, such as Muster and Silver Taps. But, the major focus was on the importance of academics, getting off to a good start, planning for their future careers and being sure to seek help if they need it. All of these sessions were very well organized and our Undergraduate Office did a great job of helping all of these students work through the rigors of registration and class scheduling. Thanks for a job well done!

Friday, I’m attending a development workshop, meeting with all of our Texas A&M AgriLife Development Officers and other Department Heads. We will be discussing how to pursue successful development programs, relationship building, stewardship of donors, developing solid proposals, and donor recognition. I’m looking forward to seeing what others are doing and how we might improve our own efforts to be more effective.

Have a great weekend, and remember, Sunday is move in day so some streets on main campus will be blocked and/or re-routed.
You’re Invited…

6:30PM Thursday
September 11, 2014

Please join us as the Center on Conflict and Development celebrates its official designation as a Center with a screening of the documentary “Virunga” followed by a reception at The Village Cafe. Dress is casual.

Palace Theater - 6:30PM Virunga Screening
105 S Main St, Bryan TX 77803

The Village Cafe - 8:30PM Reception
210 W 26th St, Bryan TX 77803
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Upcoming Birthdays

Connie Smotek  8/22
Greg Kaase    8/25
Debbie Childs 8/31
John Penson   9/1

Special Kick-off Friday Coffee
August 29th, 10 a.m., 209E

Please join us as we kick off the fall semester!

Position Announcements

Assistant Professor of Agribusiness, Texas A&M University-Commerce, The assistant professor of agribusiness is a tenure track position and will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in agribusiness, agricultural economics, and general agriculture. The assistant professor will serve as advisor for undergraduate agribusiness majors. Ph.D. or DBA in agribusiness, ag economics, or closely related discipline, with at least 18 semester hours of graduate coursework in agribusiness or agricultural economics. Contact Person: Dr. Jose Lopez Phone: 903-886-5623
Email Address: Jose.Lopez@tamuc.edu Apply URL: https://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/74612

Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University, Agricultural Marketing, Agribusiness, Production. This is a 12-month, 85% Extension, 15% teaching tenured track appointment in the Department of Agricultural Economics. A Ph.D. in agricultural economics or economics with specific training in agricultural marketing, agribusiness management, production economics, farm management, and/or related topics. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all college and university work, and have three professional letters of reference sent to: Mrs. Debra Price, Department of Agricultural Economics, Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762 (or by email to Price@agecon.msstate.edu). Applicants must complete the Personal Data Information form found at www.jobs.msstate.edu. (Search postings for PARF# 7880). For more information about this position and the Department of Agricultural Economics contact Steve Turner (turner@agecon.msstate.edu, 662-325-2049). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled with initial screening and interview arrangements to begin on October 15, 2014.

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The College of Agriculture at California State University, Chico is looking for a new Tenure Track Assistant Professor, California State University-Chico, College of Agriculture, Agricultural Business Program, Tenure Track position. For more information and application instructions, go to: http://careers.aaca.org/jobseeker/job/18942999/Assistant%20Professor%20of%20Agricultural%20Business__/?vnet=0&str=26

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Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu