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31st-Fall Semester Begins
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5th-Aggies @ Arizona
12th-AGECE Tailgate
Aggies vs Ball State

Rosson's Roundup

This week has been busy with preparation for the fall semester well underway. Wednesday I met with our last group of transfer students and some of their parents. Aside from stressing the importance of academics and managing their time, I emphasized the importance of living the Core Values of Texas A&M: Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect and Self-Less Service. I really wanted the students to understand that these values are not simply words on a slide, but guidelines for life at Texas A&M and more importantly, life after Texas A&M. I also mentioned that the Department will be hosting two tailgates: Ball State (September 12) and the University of South Carolina (October 31). Finally, I passed along a message to the parents to let them know that we value the trust they have placed in us to prepare their children for careers in their chosen areas, we are a 'transfer friendly' department and we are here to help in whatever capacity we can. I believe the message was well received.

Thursday, I traveled to Houston with Patrick Williams and Jon Rigelsky to visit with Ken Hogan, one of our former students, a Senior Vice President and Head of Foreign Exchange for Cadence Bank. Ken took us through his trading floor with real-time currency quotes and the capability to pull up historical comparisons on the 'big screen' (52 inch), and do analysis on the spot. We discussed how we might try to get something like this in the Department at some point, but in the meantime, Ken offered to have some of our students visit his facility this fall and to consider conducting a currency analysis and trading internship program during the winter break. I'm going to explore doing both of these, and hope we can do them this next semester.

Saturday, Texas A&M AgriLife Research is holding its strategic planning workshop at the College Station Hilton. The Vice Chancellors Office, Department Heads and Directors of the Research and Extension Centers will attend. Our main task will be to conduct a SWOT analysis of the agency and to then formulate that into action items for the strategic plan. I'll share this with you as it comes together later this fall.

Have a great weekend and be ready for Move-In Day this Sunday!

Call for Papers & Proposals

The Missouri Valley Economic Association will be holding its 52nd annual meeting in Kansas City MO, October 22-24, 2015. For more information and to submit, go to: www.MVEA.net

All papers presented at the Annual Meeting are eligible for publication consideration in the MVEA's refereed journal, *The Journal of Economics (MVEA)*. **Deadline for Submissions:**

EXTENDED August 28, 2015

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Next Friday Coffee

September 4th



AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY

AGEC Tailgate

September 12, 2015

Ball State vs. Texas A&M

Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Connie Smotek</i>	<i>8/22</i>
<i>Greg Kaase</i>	<i>8/25</i>
<i>Debbie Childs</i>	<i>8/31</i>
<i>John Penson</i>	<i>9/1</i>
<i>Gene Nelson</i>	<i>9/9</i>
<i>Rebekka Dudensing</i>	<i>9/14</i>



Position Announcements

Associate Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mississippi State University Extension Service. Mississippi State University Extension Service seeks nominations and applications for the position of Associate Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Associate Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) reports to the Director of Mississippi State University Extension Service (MSU-ES). Visit <https://www.jobs.msstate.edu> to view qualifications required for this position. Applications must be submitted online at jobs.msstate.edu (PARF #8773) and should include: 1) a curriculum vita; 2) letter of application; 3) names, addresses and telephone numbers of five references; and, 4) academic transcripts. On-line, electronic applications are required, so visit the Mississippi State University web site (<https://www.jobs.msstate.edu>) for more information and instructions regarding this position, inquiries and nominations should be directed to Dr. C.W. "Bill" Herndon, Associate Vice President, Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine, P.O. Box 9800, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762-9690; Phone: 662-325-2630 or cwh1@msstate.edu.

Director, The Food Innovation Center of Oregon State University invites applications for a full-time (1.0 FTE), 12-month, fixed-term Director position. Established in 2000, the Food Innovation Center (FIC) is a unique partnership between Oregon State University (OSU) and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to foster the success of food and agricultural enterprises by supporting food innovation throughout all industry sectors. The Director position oversees the FIC Experiment Station and manages the facility, a 33,000 sq. ft. building. Further details are available at <http://bit.ly/1HWoE6Z>. For questions about this position, contact: Cathy Durham, Applied Economics, Food Innovation Center, Oregon State University, 1207 NW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97209, Work 503-872-6671.

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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