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Upcoming Events

September

- 26th-Southwest Classic
- 29th-Ice Cream Social
- ACE Career Day

Rosson's Roundup

Tuesday morning our Undergraduate Office hosted an open house. Sandwiches, cookies and cold drinks were provided to many of our students who stopped by to take a break from the classroom routine. Thanks to Fred Boadu, Donna Chester and the office staff.

Tuesday night we had the Aggie REPS Fall Kick-Off at the Memorial Student Center. About 250 people attended, the majority was undergraduate students. After brief opening remarks, sponsors were introduced and recognized. This year's sponsors included: Mark and Kaye Janik; Piranha Fitness; Percheran Capital: John Ed and Michele James; and Gary and Nancy Christian. Thanks to all of our sponsors who helped us have a great event. Thanks to the faculty and staff who attended, and also many thanks to our departmental Aggie REPS who organized and orchestrated the festivities. Also a big thank you to Dusty Menzies who always does a great job of coordinating our Fall Kick-Off!

Wednesday morning, Mark Waller, Leslie Ruyle, Kelly Prendergrast and I met with a delegation from the Eastern Cape Province of the Republic of South Africa. This delegation, along with our College Administration, is developing an agreement under which two focal points have emerged: the development of distant courses for credit to enhance university curriculum and the other to train Extension professionals to improve their educational and technical skills. We will see where this leads, but I'm optimistic our department will have a role in both of these areas.

Our student numbers for the fall semester are now final. We have 769 undergraduates, with 444 in Agricultural Economics and 325 in Agribusiness. This is about 10 percent above last fall. New freshmen account for 112 of these students. Graduate enrollment is also strong. We have 73 PhD students, 42 Masters of Science, 50 Masters of Agribusiness and four non-degree students for a total of 169. This is also above last year. The Department received some additional funding from the College for strategic investment in the PhD program, leading to higher numbers of PhD students. Thanks to this support, our program looks strong, and we also now have eight PhD students in the Agribusiness and Managerial Economics (ABME) program who have entered the Mays Business School for the final part of their program. This is more than we have ever had reach this level and we anticipate some new ABME graduates soon. Thanks to David Leatham and Vicky Salin for moving this important part of our graduate program forward.

The pictures from the Ball State Tailgate are posted: www.facebook.com/TAMUAgEcon. Thanks to Jennifer Newsom for providing these great photos.

Rudy Nayga, former faculty member in the Department, will be here Friday, so please stop by Marco Palma's office to say Howdy.

Have a great weekend, AND BTHO Arkansas!



Ag Economics Dept.

"Ice Cream Social"

Tuesday, September 29, @
2:30pm in Room 301

Faculty & Staff
Grad. Students &
Student Workers



Upcoming Birthdays

Dusty Menzies	9/26
Vicky Salin	9/28
Jim Mjelde	9/29
Rich Woodward	9/29
Craig Wellington	9/29



Thank You!!
Connie S., Caitlin O.
and Eleni R.

for hosting Friday coffee



Position Announcements

Assistant Professor of Agribusiness, Sam Houston State University, Department of Agricultural Sciences and Engineering Technology. Tenure-track, nine month appointment (with potential for summer employment). An earned doctorate in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, or closely related field is required. Persons ABD will be considered with evidence of completion by start date. Seventy-five percent teaching, twenty-five percent research appointment with service activities required for promotion, merit pay increases, and tenure. Primary teaching and research responsibilities are in the discipline of Agribusiness. Electronically submit the following to <https://shsu.peopleadmin.com>: State of Texas employment application, Letter of interest, Curriculum vita, Teaching philosophy, Research philosophy, Service philosophy, Official transcripts of all university work, Three letters of recommendation. Contact: Dr. Foy D. Mills, Jr., Agribusiness Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural Sciences and Engineering Technology, Sam Houston State University, P.O. Box 2088, Huntsville, Texas 77341. Phone: 936-294-1207. Email: foymills@shsu.edu All application materials must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm, October 30, 2015 for consideration. Starting Date: September 1, 2016.

Postdoctoral Research Associate (Agricultural Economics), Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Vernon, Texas. Assist the project leader (Associate Professor/Agricultural and Natural Resource Economist) with the development and implementation of research projects related to water resources management and water quality on crop, life cycle analysis, sustainable rangeland bioenergy production, and livestock production systems under semi-arid environment. Required Education: Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or closely related field at the time of appointment. Application: All applicants must apply in GreatJobs.tamu.edu. The quick link is greatjobs.tamu.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=191922. Review of applications will begin October 1, 2015 and will continue until an appropriate candidate is found. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Seong C. Park at scpark@ag.tamu.edu.

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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.

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