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## Upcoming Events

### October

- 24th-Aggies @ Ole Miss
- 27th-SKYP Lunch
- 28th-*Unbranded* screening
- 29th-Kanayo Nwanze Seminar
- 30th-Reid Stevens Seminar
- 31st-AGEC Tailgate
  - Aggies vs South Carolina
  - Halloween

## ***Rosson's Roundup***

Tuesday morning, Jody Hall (AGEC '89) visited my International Trade and Agriculture class. Jody is the Director of Global Sourcing at H.E.B. Jody was here as part of H.E.B. Day sponsored by the Mays Business School. He has spent the last 25 years working in numerous countries locating exciting new products that we see on the store shelves. He was accompanied by two H.E.B. recruiters and his son, Ben, who is going to be an Aggie next fall. His eldest son, Josh, is an Agribusiness major and Guidon bearer for Company H – 1 in the Corps of Cadets. Jody discussed his career progression from store operations along the Texas/Mexico border to advertising, business development and then sourcing. Jody is in constant search for unique products, such as all natural crust-less bread from Italy or organic tomato paste from Spain. He provided a number of video vignettes that had been filmed in both countries to not only highlight the products, but how they were produced, processed and merchandized at retail. What impressed me the most about how H.E.B. operates was the constant focus on excellence and quality at every step from farmer to consumer. The other important commonality between H.E.B. and Texas A&M was emphasis on the importance of ethics and values. As a result, there appears to be a very strong tie between the two organizations. Jody and the recruiters from H.E.B. were planning to visit about 3,000 students Tuesday, so I'm sure it was very busy for them, but productive as well. I know he was in several of our classes and I think presentations such as his bring an element of realism to the classroom that would not otherwise exist. Thanks to all of you who participated in H.E.B. Day.

Friday morning, I had the opportunity to visit with several of our former students during the AgriLife hosting of selected members of the Aggie 100. Dan Haile '96 of Texas Pride Fuels was there to be recognized by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Layne '81 and Brenda Smith of 3 – C Valve and Equipment, Hunter Goodwin '96 and Casey Oldham '02 of the Oldham Goodwin Group could not be present, but were mentioned at the breakfast meeting.

Next week Ben Thamer AGECEC '11 will be featured as one of three Aggies in the film *UnBranded* which will have a screening at the Annenberg Center, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. This is the story of three Aggies who trekked horseback across 3,000 miles of rugged desert and mountain back country through the American West. I plan to be there!

Finally, I'd like to mention that Reid Stevens will be giving his first seminar in the Department on Friday, October 30, 11:00 a.m. on "Manipulation in Physical Commodity Markets." Details on location will follow early next week.

Have a great weekend! And BTHO Ole' Miss!!



**UNBRANDED**  
*Four Men and Sixteen Mustangs. Three Thousand Miles across the American West.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swX4BLbmBNU&feature=youtu.be>

BEN MASTERS





President  
**Kanayo F. Nwanze**  
International Fund for Agricultural Development

**October 29th at 3pm**

*"Current and Future Challenges for Sustainable Food Security"*

The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum  
Orientation Theatre (adjoining the Rotunda)

Please join us for an afternoon seminar and discussion with IFAD President Kanayo Nwanze – a thought leader in global development with over 33 years of experience across three continents, focusing on poverty reduction through agriculture, rural development and research.

Under Nwanze's guidance, IFAD has stepped up advocacy efforts and heightened its field presence to ensure that agriculture remains a central part of the international development agenda.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

<i>Parr Rosson</i>	<b>10/24</b>	
<i>Dee Cochran</i>	<b>11/6</b>	
<i>Brian Herbest</i>	<b>11/12</b>	
<i>Jeanelle Windham</i>	<b>11/12</b>	

**Thank You!!**

*Dept. Head Office*

*for hosting Friday coffee*



### *Position Announcements*

**Forest Taxation and Economics Outreach Specialist**, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources, University of Georgia. This is a 12-month, 75% outreach, 25% research appointment offered at the rank of Public Service Assistant. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an active outreach program supported by extramural funding to deliver relevant and current science, policy, and literature-based forest taxation and economics information to the state and region. Applicants should hold a graduate or professional degree (MS/MF/MFR/MBA/JD/PhD) beyond the bachelor's level with a focus in forest taxation, forest economics, forest management, accounting, agricultural economics, business, or a closely related quantitative area of study. To ensure full consideration, candidates must submit a PDF file including a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of outreach and research interests and experience, and a PDF file including unofficial transcripts of all college-level work, copies of up to three recent publications, and contact information for three references by **December 15, 2015**. Individuals selected for our short list will be required to submit official college transcripts and three letters of reference. University policy requires all candidates to consent to a background investigation ([www.hr.uga.edu](http://www.hr.uga.edu)). Finalists will be required to provide a signed consent form authorizing the University of Georgia to conduct a background check. The background investigation will be conducted on a post offer/pre-employment basis. The starting date is negotiable, but before July 1, 2016 is preferred. **Send applications electronically as two PDF files to:** Dr. David Dickens, Chair, Forest Taxation and Economics Outreach Search Committee, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia, [ddickens@uga.edu](mailto:ddickens@uga.edu), PO Box 8112, GSU, Statesboro, GA 30460.

**Tenure-track Faculty Positions in Environmental or Resource Economics.** The School of Sustainability and Department of Economics at Arizona State University invites applications for 2 open rank, tenure-track or tenured appointments in environmental or resource economics. We seek candidates with research and teaching interests in the fields of environmental or resource economics. Candidates must possess an earned doctorate in Economics or a related field at the time of appointment; demonstrate excellence in research commensurate with appointment at the level of assistant, associate or full professor; and present a record of, or potential for, publishing in top journals. Desired qualifications: Preference will be given to candidates with: 1) demonstrated excellence in university-level teaching, mentoring, and other educational activities; 2) a compelling vision for continued research and demonstrated potential to support this scholarship through external grants; 3) experience in conducting interdisciplinary research and communicating economic research to non-specialist audiences; and, 4) a capacity to deliver on the design aspirations of ASU's New American University (see <http://newamericanuniversity.asu.edu>). To review and apply to this position, please visit: <http://apply.interfolio.com/32418>. The application deadline is November 12, 2015, if not filled; reviews will occur every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Applicants must submit: 1) a cover letter that addresses the above criteria; 2) a Curriculum Vitae; 3) a statement of research accomplishments and future goals; 4) a writing sample; 5) a statement of teaching philosophy and experience, and; 6) the name, phone number, address, and e-mail address of three references. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Any inquiries should be addressed to [asuwringleyhr@asu.edu](mailto:asuwringleyhr@asu.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.

Please send your information to [valnoyes@tamu.edu](mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu)