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Upcoming Events

April 2015

24th-SAAER GSA Symposium
29th-Spring Fling

May 2015

15th-Graduation

Rosson's Roundup

The week was marked by two major activities. First, Thursday evening was the spring meeting of the Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE) Club, held at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center. There were 25 students, faculty and business representatives in attendance. Let me thank the past officers for their service to the organization and also welcome the new leadership for the coming year. Thanks to Vicky Salin for advising the Club, Nathan Harness for his participation and Deborah Webb for attending, and for bringing three prospective students from Blinn to the event. These students are eager to join us in the Department-most leaning toward some aspect of Finance, Sales or Rural Entrepreneurship. Thanks to Global Event Group for catering this event.

Friday morning, I was back at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center for Master of Agribusiness Symposium on Cooperatives. The theme was Cooperative Business Strategy: What is Working and the Road Ahead." We had 53 registered for this event, with an excellent slate of speakers and panelists. Mark Waller and I welcomed the participants, then turned things over to Vicky Salin who chaired the Symposium. Speakers included Michael Boland, University of Minnesota, Sanjib Bhuyan, Rutgers, John Park, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Greg McKee, North Dakota State, Rod Kelsay, MidAmerica Coop Council, Greg Taylor, D. Williams & Co., P.C., Cody White, CoBank, Bully Curb, USDA, Tony Grasso, Moontower Coop, Tamra Reynolds, CoBank and Richard Carrera, University of Texas – Pan American. It was a great event, with a mix of presentations about life experiences, business strategy and cooperative operations in the global environment. There were joint student/business small group sessions throughout Friday afternoon. The Symposium was to culminate with baseball and softball at the athletic complexes. We will need to wait on the weather to see how that turned out. Thanks to Jennifer Newsom, John Park and Vicky Salin who orchestrated this great event!! Also thanks to John Park and John Penson who advised students during the day. The Master of Agribusiness Symposium represents one of those high impact learning activities that positively impact our students in so many ways. One of the most unique features of the program was being able to watch the live Tweets coming in from around the world as panelists made their remarks. We can truly say the MAB has a global reach. Thanks to all for making this a huge success!

I hope everyone has a great weekend, and that we get some timely rain. But, we still need to sweep; Mississippi State in baseball and Auburn in softball, so we'll see how it goes.

**SYMPOSIUM FOR
AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED
ECONOMICS RESEARCH**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2015
TAMU EQUINE COMPLEX
3240 F&B ROAD
9:00AM-4:30PM**

REGISTRATION LINK: TX.AG/TAMUSAAER

**Keynote Presentation Delivered By
Dr. Henry Kinnucan Professor, Auburn University**

Presentations from Industry Leaders

**Troy Thomposn Business Planning and Analytics Manager, Chevron
Jimmy Dodson Chairman, Farm Credit Bank of Texas
Board of Directors**

Upcoming Birthdays

Ron Lacewell 4/15

Yvette Zhang 4/15

Ximing Wu 4/26



Thank You!!

Caroline, Emmy,

Mark, and John

for hosting Friday coffee



Position Announcements

Assistant Professor in Agribusiness, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

The University of Georgia. Full-Time Tenure Track, 9-Month Appointment, 60% extension and 40% teaching split. Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics or a closely related field is required with a strong knowledge of economic theory and quantitative methods, willingness to work in a team environment, and excellent oral and written communication skills. The position is located on The University of Georgia campus in Athens, a city of 67,000 and located 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. Additional information about the department can be found at <http://www.caes.uga.edu/departments/agecon/>. Interested candidates are also encouraged to visit the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences' website at <http://www.caes.uga.edu/> and The University of Georgia's website <http://www.uga.edu/>. The position is located on The University of Georgia campus in Athens, a city of 67,000 and located 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. Additional information about the department can be found at <http://www.caes.uga.edu/departments/agecon/>. Interested candidates are also encouraged to visit the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences' website at <http://www.caes.uga.edu/> and The University of Georgia's website <http://www.uga.edu/>. Please send a cover letter, vita, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, a job market paper, and arrange for three reference letters to be sent to: Dr. Cesar L. Escalante, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Phone: 706-542-0740. Email: cescalan@uga.edu. Electronic submission of applications is required. Please indicate "UGA Faculty Position Application" in the subject line of your submission. Review of applications will begin on **April 30, 2015**. Expected Start Date: August, 2015.

Assistant Extension Professor, Center for Farm Financial Management, Department of Applied Economics, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Minnesota. Twelve-month, 100% non-tenure track appointment with promotional track within the Extension system. The person in this position will work as part of a vibrant team at the Center for Farm Financial Management to strategically plan, develop, and deliver farm financial management educational programs. Qualifications: Masters degree in agricultural economics, applied economics, economics, finance, agricultural education or a closely related field by the date of appointment. Applicants must be able to pass a background check. Starting date July 1, 2015. Review of applications will begin on May 15, 2015. Apply online at: <http://z.umn.edu/effmposition>. Cover letter and CV must be attached online. Other required documents can be mailed to address listed below. A COMPLETE application must include: 1) Letter of application that explains how your career goals, training and experience support your candidacy; 2) A complete curriculum vitae; 3) An official graduate transcript; 4) One or two examples of written or published work or a Power Point you have presented; and 5) Names and contact information for three individuals who can comment on your abilities and experience. Send all materials that cannot be submitted online to: Robert Craven, Director, Center for Farm Financial Management, University of Minnesota, 1994 Buford Ave., Rm 130, St. Paul, MN 55108, rcraven@umn.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