Rosson’s Roundup

First, congratulations to Gene Nelson who received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at the Annual Meetings held in Atlanta, GA this past week. This is certainly a great honor, so please congratulate Gene and thank him for his service to the profession.

Pam Vernon’s retirement ceremony was held Tuesday afternoon in the Department. We had a great turnout and an excellent send-off (see picture). Kerry Litzenberg, Fred Boadu and I made some preliminary remarks, followed by Pam’s synopsis of her 36 career at Texas A&M, focusing mostly on her time (25 years) in the Department. Hunter Goodwin, Ty Timm member, provided a written testimonial to Pam and what a tremendous positive impact her mentoring and guidance had on his success in school and later in life as well. Congratulations Pam, thanks for the great job you did for us and all the best in the future! Thanks to the Undergraduate Office for organizing the program, and especially to Donna Chester who made sure everything ran smoothly.

Jason Shogren is visiting us from the University of Wyoming as part of the Presidential Initiative on the Energy Grand Challenge. He arrived Thursday and will be in the Department both Thursday and Friday. We have scheduled two open faculty meetings, one on Thursday at 1:45 p.m. in Room 301 AGLS and the another Friday at 10 a.m. in the same room. His seminar, entitled “Behavioral Underpinnings of Environmental Policy” will be held at 3 p.m. in Room 129, AGLS Building. Please plan to attend and you may want to arrive a bit early since we’ve invited people from across campus. Refreshments will also be available.

I hope you all have a great weekend!
Position Announcements

**Division Director**, Colorado School of Mines, College of Earth Resource Sciences and Engineering (CERSE). The Division of Economics and Business invites applications for a full-time Division Director. The Division offers four degrees within three distinct degree programs: MS and PhD degrees in Mineral and Energy Economics; an MS degree in Engineering Technology Management; and a BS in Economics. The Division Director will lead a world-class faculty and staff in maintaining and enhancing the department’s reputation. Applicants must possess an earned doctorate in economics or business, a record of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service, and the national and international professional reputation commensurate with appointment to full Professor with tenure. Leadership experience is essential. Applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, research sample, teaching evaluations, and names and addresses of three professional references to: Colorado School of Mines, Human Resources Office, Search # 15-DHEB00, 1500 Illinois Street, Golden, CO 80401, Fax: (303) 384-2025. Electronic applications are encouraged and will be accepted at fsearch@mines.edu. If using this method of application, please put the search number as indicated above (in bold) in the subject line to ensure that your materials are properly forwarded to the search committee. Review of applications will begin by **March 1, 2015**.

**Assistant Professor and Extension Economist** – Management, District 12, Weslaco, Texas. 100% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) through the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is a permanent, full time, non-tenure track position. Responsibilities involve district leadership and coordination for Extension education programs and applied research in management, marketing, resources, and policy by providing technical expertise and educational program development for industry audiences such as farmers and ranchers, merchandisers, processors, irrigation districts, lenders, and users. A Ph.D. degree, either completed, or all but dissertation, in Agricultural Economics or closely related field along with coursework in one or more of the following areas; farm management, management, marketing, policy, and risk management is required. Closing Date for Applications: March 15, 2015. Application Process: Go to greatjobs website to apply electronically. **https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/** Refer to Notice of Vacancy (NOV) # 08177. Please send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and have letters of reference sent to Dr. Rosson at the address below. Parr Rosson, Professor and Department Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2124, Phone: 979-845-2116; fax 979-862-1563 E-mail: PRosson@tamu.edu

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