K-State Research Forum 2012:
Congratulations to Mr. Vahid Rahmani, BAE doctoral student, in being awarded first place in the 2012 Interdisciplinary Research Award session during the K-State Research Forum. Mr. Rahmani’s presentation was titled *Intense Rainfall Event Distribution Patterns in Kansas*.

Dissertation Scheduled:
Mr. Feng Xu will give a special seminar as part of his final examination for the Doctor of Philosophy in Biological and Agricultural Engineering on Wednesday, March 28, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Seaton 133. The title of his dissertation is *Ethanol from Photoperiod-Sensitive Sorghum: A Study on Biomass Structure and Process Optimization*.

BAE 815 Seminar:
Two presentations this week in BAE 815 Seminar:

- *Effectiveness of Solid Surface Amendments on Minimizing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Pen Surfaces in Beef Cattle Feedlots* will be presented by Mr. Orlando Aguilar.
- *Comparison of AERMOD and WindTrax Dispersion Models in Determining PM_{10} Emission Rates from an Area Source* will be presented by Mr. Henry Bonifacio.

The first seminar begins at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, in DUR 1063.

ATM Club Lawn Mower Clinic:
The annual ATM Club Lawn Mower Clinic will be held on Friday (3-8 pm) and Saturday (8 am-3 pm), March 30 and 31, 2012. Routine maintenance (cleaning of mower, oil change, spark plug replacement, blade sharpening, cleaning or replacing air filters as needed) will cost $35 (taxes included). For an additional $20 fee, pickup/delivery of mowers is also available to the first 50 callers. Call 785-532-2913 between the hours of 9 am–2 pm March 26-28 to schedule a pickup. Payment will be due upon receipt of your mower. Proceeds will benefit the K-State ATM Club activities.

Make Plans Now to Attend the College of Engineering 90th Open House:
Plans are currently underway for the 90th College of Engineering Open House scheduled for April 20-21. Members of the Steel Ring Engineering Honor Society are working to locate items of the College’s past (memorabilia of the St. Patrick and St. Patricia Engineering awards as well as photos of past parades and exhibits, etc.). The event kicks off with a parade beginning at 12:20 p.m. on April 20, starting at Cardwell Hall, down Mid-Campus Drive to Bosco Plaza (north of the K-State Student Union). Immediately following the parade, skits will be performed at Bosco Plaza featuring each of the engineering departments. A special anniversary celebration for engineering students, faculty and alumni will be held Friday evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the atrium in Rathbone Hall. Many activities will be available for children including a train from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad that visitors can ride through campus. Other activities include student displays in the Engineering Complex and Seaton Hall, student design teams, department showcases highlighting student projects, along with many fun activities for all. In keeping with the State’s University Engineering Initiative Act (the plan is to increase K-State’s engineering graduates by 30 percent), many activities will be geared toward the elementary, middle and high school students to get them interested in engineering. More information on the College of Engineering Open House is available at: [http://www.engg.k-state.edu/steelring](http://www.engg.k-state.edu/steelring); for information on the All-University Open House, go to: [http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse](http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse).

Thought for the Week:
“A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, though, awakens your own expectations.”

--Patricia Neal

Looking Ahead:
March 26 – Summer/Fall 2012 enrollment begins; last day to drop a course
March 31 – Seaton Society
April 6 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Seaton 133
April 6 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Seaton 133
April 20 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Seaton 133
April 20 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Seaton 133
April 20 – Engineering Open House
April 21 – All-University Open House
April 23-24 – Orientation/Enrollment for new transfer students for Summer/Fall 2012
April 25 – COE Staff Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30-1:00, Alumni Center
April 26 – Black & Veatch Leadership Day
May 4 – Last day of Spring 2012 term
May 4 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Seaton 133
May 4 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Seaton 133
May 7-11 – Finals Week
May 11 – Graduate School Spring 2012 Commencement, 1:00 p.m. Bramlage Coliseum
May 12 – Undergrad Commencement: COA 2:15 p.m.; COE 6:15 p.m.--both at Bramlage Coliseum
May 12 – Order of the Engineer, Graduation Reception
May 15 – Final grades deadline, 5:00 p.m., for submitting into iSIS (4:00 p.m. through KSOL)
May 16 – Grades available in iSIS
May 18 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Seaton 133
May 18 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Seaton 133
May 21 – Summer 2012 classes begin
May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday
May 28-June 1 - ESSI

Please submit your news and travel information to Barb Moore bjmoore2@ksu.edu