MAPS POSTER PRESENTATION:
The Multicultural Academic Program Success Poster Presentation will be held on Wednesday, July 25, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Engineering Complex Atrium. There will be 11 teams of engineering, agriculture and business students presenting their research on the biofuels industry. Each team will highlight a different biomass and how it is integrated into the biofuels industry. Refreshments will be provided.

K-STATE CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE GREAT PLAINS:
The conference is scheduled for September 5 at the K-State Student Union. To learn more about the conference, go to: http://www.k-state.edu/today announcement.php?id=4077&category=events&referredBy=email. This conference is scheduled the day before the Sustaining Kansas: The 2012 Kansas Higher Education Sustainability Conference (http://sustainability.k-state.edu/conferences/2012/). You may register for the conferences through the Division of Continuing Education around August 1.

FURNITURE AMNESTY DAY – July 27:
This event is an opportunity for anyone to drop off unwanted furniture and to take home free furniture. Furniture Amnesty Day was organized to remind us to properly dispose of household items and to keep furniture out of the landfills. Furniture can be dropped off from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Friday, July 27. The public can check out and take furniture home from noon until 5:00 p.m. The event will be located in the parking lot by the Wilson baseball fields in Manhattan City Park.

IT SECURITY TRAINING FOR 2012:
K-State faculty, staff, and student employees, State of Kansas policy requires that all state employees receive annual training in IT security. The 2012 version is now available and must be completed by all employees, including student employees, by July 31, 2012. This year’s training builds on the foundation of last year’s introduction to basic IT security topics. It contains a single module, has no narration, and should only take 20-30 minutes to complete. To take the training, go to http://secureit.k-state.edu/secureit, login with your eID and password, and click on part 1 of “2012 Secure IT @ K-State Training.” If you do not have green checkmarks next to all four parts of the 2011 training, which means you didn’t complete last year’s training and you must finish it first.

FERPA TRAINING:
The Office of the Registrar has developed a short FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) Self-Assessment that can be completed on-line in approximately 15 minutes. Knowledge of FERPA is required for all faculty, staff, and student employees accessing student data as part of their work duties. This Self-Assessment will employ a broad range of real life situations that have been and can still be encountered by faculty and staff in the course of their duties. Since FERPA is a federal law that is directly applicable to educational institutions, it is in the best interests of faculty and staff to be aware of the typical, everyday situations that can have FERPA implications. The Self-Assessment may be accessed at the following url: http://www.k-state.edu/registrar/ferpa/self-assessment/.

The Self-Assessment includes 14 questions. The correct answer is displayed after you make a selection for each question. Satisfactory completion of this assessment does not require that you answer a specific number of questions correctly. However, it is important to read the correct answers and any accompanying explanations. This component serves as a teaching/training tool. It is designed to be able to click through quickly but the questions/answers are sufficient to compel thought and perhaps provoke additional questions, which may be directed to the Office of the Registrar (registrar@ksu.edu). To assist in appropriate routing of any questions or training requests, please include FERPA Self-Assessment in the subject line of your email.

The Self-Assessment will remain open for a year. However, faculty, staff and both graduate and undergraduate student employees dealing with student data are strongly encouraged to complete it as soon as possible in order to be informed and forewarned prior to encountering any FERPA-related situation. Completion of this Self-Assessment will be noted on your Human Resources Training Summary within HRIS. Please note that no grade or score is saved or reported. Please visit the Registrar’s Office FERPA information either before or after completing the assessment for additional information about FERPA at Kansas State University (http://www.k-state.edu/registrar/ferpa/ferpa.html).
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“We never stop investigating. We are never satisfied that we know enough to get by. Every question we answer leads on to another question. This has become the greatest survival trick of our species.”

--Desmond Morris

LOOKING AHEAD:
July 29-August 1 – ASABE Annual International Meeting - Dallas, Texas
August 1 – Summer Undergraduate Research Poster Session, Fiedler Hall Atrium, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
August 17 – BAE Faculty meeting, 133 Seaton Hall, 1:30 p.m.
August 17 – BAE Teaching Faculty meeting, 133 Seaton Hall, 2:30 p.m.
August 19 – Engineering Welcome Rally, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
August 20 – Fall 2012 Semester begins
August 29 – Byron Jones “Congratulations Reception,” Engineering Atrium, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
September 13 – Fall Convocation, 3:00 p.m., Fiedler Auditorium
September 13 – COE Welcome Back BBQ
September 18 – COE Banquet, Alumni Center, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
September 18-19 – All University Career Fair, Bramlage, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
September 28 – State of the University Address, Alumni Center Ballroom, 3:30 p.m.
October 8 – COE Scholarship Day, Forum Hall, Engineering Complex, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
October 25-27 – COE Advisory Council
December 7 – Graduate School Commencement
December 8 – Undergraduate Commencement
December 10-14 – Finals Week

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