CHANGES TO K-STATE’S WIRELESS DATA NETWORK:
K-State’s wireless data networks are switching to a new form of security known as WPA2-Enterprise, which provides much better protection of K-State information, your personal information, and your electronic communications. Two new wireless networks are now available for you to use: (1) KSU Wireless (for all K-State faculty, staff, and students not living in on-campus housing); (2) KSU Housing (for students living in residence halls and Jardine Apartments). **You must switch to one of these networks before October 25 or your wireless connection will stop working.** On that date the wireless network named k-state.net will be removed. To configure your wireless device, visit [http://wireless.k-state.edu/connect](http://wireless.k-state.edu/connect) and follow the instructions. This is an automated configuration tool for Windows, Mac OS X, Ubuntu, Apple iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, and Android operating systems. For other devices, or if the automated configuration fails, use the manual configuration instructions at [http://wireless.k-state.edu/connect/manual_connect.pdf](http://wireless.k-state.edu/connect/manual_connect.pdf). For more information visit: [http://wireless.k-state.edu](http://wireless.k-state.edu). For assistance, contact the IT Help Desk at 785-532-7722 or helpdesk@k-state.edu, or go to Hale 214.

TRAVELS:
Dr. Wenqiao Yuan is attending the 2011 Algae Biomass Summit October 25-27 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The fifth annual Algae Biomass Summit will feature presentations and poster sessions from more than 200 experts from around the world, with exhibits by more than 60 companies and organizations. The event is expected to attract more than 800 participants, with 20 countries represented among the registrants as of October 17.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SEMINAR – OCTOBER 26, 1:30 p.m., 1029 DURLAND HALL:
Alan Weber will present *Growing Feedstock for a 2.5 Billion Gallon Biodiesel Market – Raising Means, Changing Genes, and Everything In-between*. Topics covered include:

- The Renewable Fuel Standard has a primary market driver for the biodiesel industry and the impact of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Creating virtual acres with current crops.
- What new crops or technologies will impact oilseed and lipid production in the future, and what the heck are halophytes?
- Can algae be a factor in the biodiesel industry?
- Economic modeling forecasts for biodiesel growth.

Alan Weber is a founding partner of MARC-IV, a consulting company that specializes in the development of industrial products from agricultural resources.

BAE 815 SEMINAR - 3:30 P.M. IN DUR 1061:
The presentations in BAE 815 this week will be given by Ms. Kelly Borgen and guest speaker Dr. Nazgul Sharshenova. Ms. Borgen’s presentation is titled *Comparing Physical Properties of Algal Biomass Co-products to Soy Products and Corn Starch*. Dr. Sharshenova’s presentation is titled *Irrigation Management in the Kyrgyz Republic*.

RESEARCH AND THE STATE – GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER SESSION:
Graduate student poster session begins at 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 31, for the first round of judging in the West Ballroom of the K-State Student Union. The top 16 presenters will be selected for the second round of judging which begins at 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. The top 10 presenters of the second round will present their posters at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in Topeka on February 16, 2012. Both sessions are open to the public. A program booklet may be accessed at [www.ksu.edu/grad/research](http://www.ksu.edu/grad/research).

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2012 HEALTH INSURANCE/FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS:
Now through October 31 is open enrollment for 2012 health insurance and flexible spending accounts. If you do not wish to change your plan, there are two items that require your action: (1) to receive the non-tobacco discount, you must re-certify your tobacco user status. If you do not re-certify tobacco user status or sign up for a cessation program, you will pay higher premiums; (2) to participate in flexible spending in 2012, you must re-enroll. If you had a “Benny” debit card in 2011, it will
automatically renew unless you contact ASI, the flexible spending account administrator. Go to: https://sharp.ks.gov/ to declare your non-tobacco user status or to make changes to your health insurance.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius.”
--Henri Frederic Amiel

LOOKING AHEAD:
October 23-25 – ABET Accreditation Team site visit
October 23-29 – Homecoming Week
October 29 – FE Exam, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
October 31 – Research and the State-Graduate Student Poster Session, Student Union, West Ballroom
November 2 – Assessment Showcase Fall 2011, 9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Student Union, second floor
November 3 – COE Faculty Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Fiedler Auditorium
November 4 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 4 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 18 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 18 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 21-25 – Fall break week
December 2 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 2 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 10 – COE Graduation Reception/Order of the Engineer initiation – Complex Atrium/Paslay Auditorium
December 12-16 – Finals week
December 15 – COE Holiday Luncheon – Alumni Center
December 16 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 16 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 23 – BAE Faculty annual evaluations due
December 26-January 2 – University Holiday—all offices closed

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