MASTER OF SCIENCE DEFENSES SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK:
Mr. Arthur James will defend his Master of Science thesis on Thursday, May 3, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Seaton 133. The title of his thesis is The Effect of Biomass, Operating Conditions, and Gasifier Design on the Performance of an Updraft Biomass Gasifier.

Mr. Seth Perkins will also defend his thesis, Crop Model Review and Sweet Sorghum Crop Model Parameter Development, at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 4, in Seaton 133.

PUBLICATIONS:


BAE 815 SEMINAR:
The final two presentations will be given this week in BAE 815 Seminar. Mr. Ke Zhang will give his presentation, Thermal Prosperities and Cellulose Yield Efficiency of Big Bluestem as Affected by Ecotype and Planting Location Along the Precipitation Gradient of the Great Plains; Mr. Spencer Kepley’s presentation is titled Developing Mobile Apps with App Inventor. The first presentation begins at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday in DUR 1063.

DEPARTMENTAL PICNIC SCHEDULED:
The BAE Student-Faculty picnic has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, at Tuttle Creek State Park-Shelter 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

NEWS FROM DR. BOB WOLF, BAE PROFESSOR EMERITUS:
Word was received last week that Dr. Bob Wolf’s 18-month old grandson, Ashton, underwent surgery on April 24 at St. Louis Children’s Hospital to remove two cysts on his left kidney. As the surgeons predicted, they could not save the kidney. Ashton also had a small growth on the lower part of his left lung. The growth was removed without any damage to the lung or diaphragm. They are awaiting lab results to see if Ashton is clear of cancer. Dr. Wolf reports that Ashton is doing very well. Grandma and Grandpa are okay as well, and enjoying their four grandchildren. If you wish to send Bob and Julia a message, Bob’s e-mail address is rewolf@ksu.edu.

GRADE SUBMISSION DEADLINES:
Grades for the Spring 2012 semester are due by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 15. The deadline to copy grades from K-State Online into iSIS is 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, which allows sufficient time for back-end processes to complete. Grade rosters will be available in iSIS for grade entry after 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 11. Students will be able to view grades for regular courses in iSIS starting at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 16.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“You will recognize your own path when you come upon it, because you will suddenly have all the energy and imagination you will ever need.”
--Jerry Gillies

LOOKING AHEAD:
May 1 – BAE-BSE/ATM Picnic, Tuttle Creek State Park, Shelter 4, 6:00 p.m.
May 3 – BAE Graduate Student Ice Cream Party, 4:30 p.m., Call Hall Dairy Bar
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 9 – BAE Advisory Council Meeting, Seaton 133
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
July 29-August 1 – ASABE Annual International Meeting - Dallas, Texas
August 20 – Fall 2012 Semester begins
September 28 – State of the University Address, 3:30 p.m., Alumni Center Ballroom

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