BAE E-News
Week of August 22, 2011

MEET & GREET BSE/ATM INCOMING FRESHMEN:
To welcome the BSE and ATM freshmen, BAE hosted an ice cream social in Seaton 142 on the afternoon of Monday, August 22. Dr. Joe Harner welcomed the incoming freshmen and gave a quick overview of the department. Breanna Stout discussed BAE 020; Brent Ware talked about the Robotics Team; Lori Bejot described the activities of the Fountain Wars Team; and Brett McClain talked about the ¼-Scale Tractor Team. Welcome to all of our freshmen!

BAE WELCOME BACK PICNIC:
The annual “BAE Welcome Back Picnic” begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 26 at Tuttle Creek State Park, Shelter 4. Dinner is anticipated to be served around 6:00 p.m. BSE, ATM and Graduate students, faculty, adjunct faculty, staff, and retirees are welcome to attend! Please add this event to your calendars.

RESEARCHERS RECEIVE GRANT TO STUDY BIOENERGY POTENTIAL OF SORGHUM:
Three faculty members from the Department of Agronomy and one from the College of Engineering recently received an $800,000 grant from DOE and USDA under the Plant Feedstocks Genomics for Bioenergy research program. The grant funds a three-year study that will provide the genetic groundwork for potentially turning sorghum into biofuel by increasing the plant’s biomass yield. The research team consists of Jianming Yu (associate professor in Agronomy and leader of the study), Tesfaye Tesso (assistant professor of Agronomy), Scott Staggenborg (professor of Agronomy), and Donghai Wang (professor of Biological and Agricultural Engineering). Researchers from the University of Minnesota and the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service plant genetic resources conservation unit are also part of the team. K-State is one of nine universities chosen nationally to participate in genomics studies related to bioenergy. Potential benefits from these university studies range from decreasing oil imports to optimizing crops that can tolerate drought, poor soil, and other unfavorable conditions. Congratulations to all.

TIME TO CHANGE PASSWORD FOR eIDs:
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”

--William Arthur Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:
August 22 – First day of fall semester classes
August 22 – Meet & Greet BSE/ATM Incoming Freshmen, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Seaton 142
August 22 - $50 special handling fee for late enrollment begins
August 23 – COE faculty/staff meeting with President Schulz, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Fiedler Auditorium
August 26 – BAE Welcome Back Picnic, 5:30 p.m., Tuttle Creek State Park, Shelter 4
September 5 – University Holiday
September 8 – COE Fall Convocation, 3:00 p.m., Fiedler Hall Auditorium
September 8 – COE Faculty/Staff Welcome Back Picnic, 5:30 p.m., Engineering Complex Plaza
September 16 – Leadership in Action Seminar, Astronaut Steve Bowen, 9:30 a.m., Forum Hall
September 17 – KSU Family Day
September 20-21 – All-University Career Fair, Bramlage Coliseum
September 20 – Career Fair Engineering Banquet/Reception, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Center
September 30 – Eyestone Lecture, Dr. James Michael Duncan, 1:30 p.m., Fiedler Auditorium
October 5 – Entrepreneurial seminar and panel discussion, Mike Manley, 2:30 p.m., Union Little Theatre
October 6-7 – College of Engineering Advisory Council
October 10 – Engineering Scholarship Day
October 23-29 – Homecoming Week
October 23-25 – ABET Accreditation Team site visit
November 21-25 – Fall break week
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 23 – BAE Faculty annual evaluations due
December 26-January 2 – University Holiday—all offices closed

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