FALL 2012 COMMENCEMENT:

GOOD LUCK TO TWO BAE FACULTY MEMBERS!
Dr. Randy Price is now an assistant professor at Louisiana State University in the Ag Center, Central Region.
Dr. Kyle Douglas-Mankin has begun working as a senior hydrologist, Everglades Program Team, Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Good luck to both Drs. Price and Douglas-Mankin; we wish you the best!

CONGRATULATIONS!
Dr. Ikjae Kim, former doctoral student of Dr. Stacy Hutchinson, has been offered a two-year position at The World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He will be working with the Sustainable Development Network as part of the water unit. Dr. Kim’s focus will be analytical and policy work for middle income countries so he can share his experience in Korea.

TRAVELS:
Dr. Ronaldo Maghirang will travel to Los Baños, Philippines to visit Rice Institute, the University of the Philippines, and to attend the PAASE Conference at Mariano Marcos University, January 27-February 3.

AGRI-INDUSTRY CAREER FAIR:
The 2013 Agri-Industry Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 30 in the K-State Student Union Ballroom from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More than 75 businesses, agencies and organizations will be in attendance to discuss job and internship opportunities. Interested students are encouraged to wear business professional or business casual attire, and have copies of their updated resumes.

WEBINAR SERIES – MANAGING DROUGHT RISK ON THE RANCH:
A series of free, one-hour, professional development webinars will be offered on the last Wednesday of each month from January through May 2013. All webinars begin at 10 a.m. and will include a briefing on current drought status followed by a session on a specific topic or tool related to drought planning. Registration is required to receive the Adobe Connect webinar link. Register at http://go.unl.edu/uwk. Dates and topics are:

January 30 - Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch: The Planning Process
February 27 - Avoiding Analysis Paralysis: Monitoring and Setting Critical Dates for Decision Making During Drought
March 27 - The New Cumulative Forage Reduction (CFR) Index: Assessing Drought Impacts and Planning a Grazing Strategy
April 24 - Using a Drought Calculator to Assist Stocking Decisions
May 29 - Economic Factors to Weigh in Making Decisions During Drought

More information can be found at http://drought.unl.edu/ranchplan or by contacting Tonya Haigh at 402-472-6781, thaigh2@unl.edu. The webinar series is sponsored by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

TIME TO CHANGE PASSWORD FOR eIDs:
January 1 through February 13 is the timeframe to change your eID password. To change your password, sign in at: https://eid.k-state.edu/eProfile/summary.do. Click “Change your eID password” and follow the steps. After changing your K-State eID password, please update your College of Engineering password to match your new eID password at: http://password.engg.ksu.edu. Passwords can be 7 to 30 characters (letters, numbers, and/or punctuation marks); and must contain characters from 3 of the 4 following categories: uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, special characters (!, @, #, $, %, ^, &, *, etc.); must have at least 5 different characters; cannot be based on a computing ID or real name; cannot be an identifiable work, name, eID, acronym, or K-State related name; can be a multi-word phrase; cannot be one of the 4 million+ words known and used by hacker programs to break into accounts. Go to https://eid.k-state.edu/eProfile/jsp/password/faq.jsp#required for password requirements. REMEMBER: K-State will NEVER ask for your password via e-mail. Any message that asks for your password is a phishing scam and should be deleted immediately.
GROUNDHOG DAY:
Groundhog Day, February 2nd, is a popular tradition in the United States. It is also a legend that traverses centuries, its origins clouded in the mists of time with ethnic cultures and animals awakening on specific dates. Myths such as this tie our present to the distant past when nature did, indeed, influence our lives. It is the day that the Groundhog comes out of his hole after a long winter sleep to look for his shadow. If he sees it, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole. If the day is cloudy and, hence, shadowless, he takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground.

--The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club

LOOKING AHEAD:
January 28 – Last day to ADD a course without instructor and advisor permission
February 1 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Seaton 133
February 1 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Seaton 133
February 11 – Last day to DROP with 100% refund
February 11 – Last day of enrollment on iSIS (need to complete Add/Drop Form)
February 12 – Engineering Career Fair, K-State Student Union, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
February 12 – Reverse Career Fair – COE Host Career Fair Companies – TBD (Alumni Center or Atrium)
February 13 – Engineering Career Fair-Day Two, K-State Student Union, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
February 14 – K-State 150th Kick-Off Celebration (weekend activities)
February 15 – Engineering Day – Forum Hall, Engineering Complex, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
February 15 – Summer/Fall 2013 course schedule on web
February 18 – Last day to DROP with 50% refund
February 18 - Last day to DROP a course without a “W” being recorded
March 18-22 – Spring Break
March 25 – Enrollment for Summer/Fall 2013 begins
April 1 – Last day to DROP a course
April 19 – Engineering Open House
April 20 – All-University Open House
May 10 – Last day of Spring 2013 classes
May 13-17 – Finals Week
May 17 – Graduate School Commencement
May 18 – Undergraduate Commencement

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