WINNERS:
Two BAE graduate students placed in the 2013 K-State Research Forum. They are Mr. Vahid Rahmani, doctoral candidate, receiving first place in the Interdisciplinary Oral Presentation; and Ms. Chelsea Corkins, master’s student, placed second in the Engineering, Mathematics, and Physical Sciences Session I Oral Presentation. Congratulations, and thank you for representing our department in the K-State Research Forum!

CONGRATULATIONS:
Mr. Vahid Rahmani was chosen from a group of very well qualified applicants to participate in the Studies of Precipitation, flooding, and Rainfall Extremes Across Disciplines (SPREAD) workshop. The workshop will be held in Fort Collins, Colorado from June 16 through 21. Vahid will be part of a group of students and early-career scientists who are passionate about studying precipitation and flooding from a variety of perspectives. Congratulations, Vahid, for being selected to participate in this workshop!

KSRE OGALLALA AQUIFER SUMMIT - APRIL 9:
Be informed, know where we stand, and learn how we can help. This is essentially the main goal of the upcoming Kansas Research and Extension Ogallala Aquifer Summit. It is intended for K-State’s research and extension personnel (faculty, county/district agents, area and state extension specialists, researchers, and administrators) who are directly or indirectly working in this area of interest. The summit is scheduled on April 9, 2013 at the Southwest Research and Extension Center in Garden City, KS. The morning session (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) will be a series of presentations regarding the recent developments in the aquifer with regards to its legislative, technological, economic, environmental, and social issues. The afternoon session (1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) will be devoted to facilitated discussion and planning aimed at developing programs to address the relevant issues in the region. Participants are encouraged to engage in this constructive planning and discussion session. Participation is free and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Jonathan Aguilar jaguilar@ksu.edu or Dan Devlin ddevlin@ksu.edu

BIOENERGY SYMPOSIUM – APRIL 11:
The K-State Center for Sustainable Energy’s 2013 Bioenergy Symposium, Update on K-State Research and Educational Programs Relating to Sustainable Bioenergy Resource Development and Utilization in the Central Great Plains, will be held on April 11, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Fiedler Auditorium. For more information on the symposium, go to www.cse.ksu.edu and click on “Education.”

AWARD RECEIVED:
During the 2013 Institute of Biological Engineering Annual Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina (March 7-9), Dr. Lisa Wilken received a Presidential Citation award for service to the society. Congratulations, Dr. Wilken!

ATM CLUB LAWN MOWER CLINIC:
The Lawn Mower Clinic will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 5-6 in the Seaton Hall Courtyard. The hours on Friday are 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Services to be performed are: cleaning mower, oil change, blade sharpening, replacement of filters and spark plugs. The cost for these services is $35 per mower. All work is guaranteed. Only push mowers will be accepted. Pickup and delivery is available for the first 50 requests and there will be an additional $20 charge for this service. To schedule a pickup, please call 785-532-2913 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. beginning April 1 through 4. Payment is due upon delivery. Proceeds will benefit the ATM Club at Kansas State University.

FREE TAX SERVICE:
Appointments are now being scheduled for low and moderate income taxpayers who need assistance preparing their federal and Kansas income tax returns. This free service, located at the Riley Senior Service Center on Fourth and Leavenworth Streets in Manhattan, is sponsored by the AARP Tax-Aide program and staffed by certified local volunteers. Tax returns will be electronically filed, allowing for faster refunds. Your tax questions can also be answered by calling 785-537-4040. Appointments, available Monday through Friday until April 14th, can be scheduled by calling the Senior Center at 785-537-4040. If you have any questions, please call Dr. Jim Koelliker at 785-323-7157.
BAE 815 SEMINAR:
Presenters and titles of presentations are Mr. Kyle Linnebur, *Torrefaction of CRP Biomass*; and Ms. Yaritza Sanchez Gil, *Characterization of Polysaccharide Gums*. The first presentation begins at 3:30 p.m. in DUR 1063 on Thursday, April 4.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
“Individuals play the game, but teams win championships.”
--Source Unknown

LOOKING AHEAD:
April 1 – Last day to DROP a course
April 6 – Seaton Society
April 19 – Engineering Open House
April 19 – Kansas Section Meeting, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Seaton 142
April 19 – BAE Reunion Dinner: Reception at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Seaton 142
April 20 – All-University Open House, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
April 20 – BAE Pancake Feed, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Seaton 142
April 20 – BAE Celebration Dinner: Reception at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Purple Wave Event Center
May 10 – Last day of Spring 2013 classes
May 13-17 – Finals Week
May 17 – Graduate School Commencement, Bramlage Coliseum, 1:00 p.m.
May 18 – Undergraduate Commencement, Bramlage Coliseum (COA at 2:15 p.m.; COE at 6:15 p.m.)

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