BAE E-News
Week of November 8, 2010

GUEST SPEAKERS:
November 9
Temple Grandin, livestock-handling equipment designer, is scheduled to speak on Tuesday, November 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Forum Hall, K-State Student Union. Ms. Grandin is a world-renowned animal behaviorist and a high-functioning autistic. Diagnosed in 1950 with autism, Ms. Grandin has designed the facilities in which half the cattle are handled in the United States. The lecture is free and open to the public; and will also be streamed live on the web at http://ome.ksu.edu/webcast/bci/blog/index.html.

November 12
Dr. Robert Walker, Professor of Geography at Michigan State University will lecture on Biofuels and the Green Energy of Amazonia beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room of the K-State Student Union on November 12. Information provided by the speaker: “Biofuels represent a renewable and green energy, but a downside exists. Dr. Robert Walker will discuss how the demand for biofuels is putting a strain on the ecology of Amazonia. Walker will show that more Amazonian land could be demanded than what is available given current conservation policy. Since the early 1990s, he has led a number of field activities in the Amazon basin, studying the land use decisions of households, the spatial-processes of road building, and most recently the impacts of land reform on tropical forests. Walker has a doctorate in regional science from the University of Pennsylvania and a master’s degree in environmental engineering from the University of Florida.” This lecture is free and open to the public.

TRAVELS:
Dr. Phil Barnes will attend a TMDL regional meeting in Baltimore on November 13-14.

SABBATICAL NEWS:
While spending part of his sabbatical at Texas A&M University, Dr. Phil Barnes was asked to present a Distinguished Lecture to talk about the work he is doing in Kansas. The title of his presentation was Can States Achieve EPA’s Proposed Sediment and Nutrient Standards for Streams and Lakes. Dr. Barnes also enjoyed talking with many of our former K-State students and faculty working at Texas A&M.

On his return trip to Manhattan, Dr. Barnes attended the North American Lake Management Society meeting in Oklahoma City. His team presented work completing their Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) titled, The Cheney Lake Watershed Project--16 years of Rural and Urban Partnerships to Preserve and Protect Water Quality. The first session included talks by Lisa French (Cheney Lake Watershed, Inc.), Jennifer Graham (Kansas USGS), and Lyle Frees (Kansas NRCS). The second session included talks by Michael Langemeier (KSU Ag Econ), Nathan Nelson (KSU Agronomy), and Phil Barnes presented his work, Monitoring Results from the Cheney Reservoir USDA CEAP Project.

PUBLICATIONS:


K-State BAE faculty Kyle Douglas-Mankin was editor of the recently released ASABE 2010 Special Collection "Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT): Current Developments and Applications" in this issue (Vol. 53, Iss. 5) of Transactions of the ASABE and next issue (Vol. 25, Iss. 5) of Applied Engineering in Agriculture. This is the first Special Collection of its type in ASABE journals and featured 20 articles of SWAT watershed modeling research. He also co-authored three articles in the Special Collection:


MASTER’S DEFENSE:
Mr. Chris Siebenmorgen will present Climate Change Impacts on Hydrologic Regimes in Northeast Kansas as part of his final examination for his Master of Science Degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering on Wednesday, November 10, at 1:30 p.m. in Seaton 133.

BAE 815 SEMINAR:
Mr. Seth Perkins will be the presenter in BAE 815 Seminar on Thursday, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Seaton 127.

BAE LAB Cleanup SCHEDULED:
The second “BAE Lab Cleanup” session will be on Friday, November 12. BAE Faculty, Staff and Graduate Students will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the center lab for clean-up assignments. With many hands, we will make a lot of progress in a short amount of time! Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated in making our labs more presentable!

FOOD DRIVE RESULTS:
For the second year in a row the ATM-BAE/BSE and Graduate Students won the department contest with the most donations – 402 cans/cash to Faculty/Staff donations of 333 (cans/cash)! BAE 020 point winners are: Alan LeDuc, Spencer Kepley and Chelsea Corkins. Thank you all for your donations. The Flint Hills Breadbasket is very appreciative of your efforts and generosity in helping them ensure that no one in the community goes hungry!

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION!
July Willingham, Extension Assistant, Kansas Environmental Leadership Program, will be retiring on December 11. A reception will be held for Judy on Wednesday, December 1, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Seaton 133. Letters and cards are being collected for Judy and can be sent to Cindy Casper, 147 Seaton Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506. If you plan to attend the reception, please RSVP to Cindy Casper, 532-5813 or e-mail ccasper@ksu.edu.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give.”

--Walt Whitman

LOOKING AHEAD:
Enrollment for Spring 2011 continues through November 19
November 8 – CASE Recruiting Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Seaton 142
November 12 – BAE Faculty/Staff/Graduate Students Lab Cleanup
November 19 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 19 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 19 – iSIS upgrade begins at 5:00 p.m. through Wednesday, November 24
November 22-26 – Student Fall Break
November 25-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1 – Judy Willingham Retirement Celebration, 4:00-5:00 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 3 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 3 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 8 – BAE Advisory Council Meeting, 133 Seaton Hall
December 10 – Graduate School Commencement
December 11 – COE Graduation Reception, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
December 11 – Undergraduate Commencement: COA-1:30 p.m.; COE-3:00 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum
December 13-17 – Finals week
December 13 – COA Holiday Party, Houston Street Ballroom
December 16 – COE Faculty and Staff Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Alumni Center
December 17 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 17 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 24 – University Holiday
December 31 – University Holiday

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