



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
University of Georgia



Alumni Newsletter

Fall, 2003



J. W. Fanning Lecture on November 11, 2003

"Trade Negotiations and Agriculture: What Can Georgia Farmers Expect?" is the title of this year's Fanning Lecture. The Lecture will be presented by Paul A. Drazek, an

agricultural trade policy specialist providing counsel to U.S. agricultural groups and businesses regarding their interests in foreign markets. He is a founding partner of DTB Associates, which focuses principally on the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international trade agreements. The group advises clients on existing trade rules and assists them in their participation in multilateral trade negotiations.

Mr. Drazek draws on more than thirty years of experience in the field of international trade policy and an extensive knowledge of domestic and international trade issues. Prior to forming DTB Associates, Mr. Drazek was Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs. As personal advisor to the Secretary, Mr. Drazek was involved in numerous bilateral and multilateral consultations and negotiations involving agricultural trade issues in every region of the world. He represented the Department on behalf of the Secretary in interagency meetings to formulate U.S. trade policy and coordinated policy-level groups to develop strategies for resolving trade disputes with foreign countries.

The Lecture will be at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens at 10:30 a.m. in Rooms K/L on Tuesday, November 11, 2003. Registration and reception will be at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd floor concourse.

The luncheon and awards ceremony will follow at 12:00 noon in the banquet area of the Georgia Center. The Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia will recognize agricultural economists who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership. The AEAG Board meeting will precede the Lecture at

9:30 a.m. in the 2nd floor Executive Conference Room. To register for the luncheon please send \$20 to the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509. For more information call 706-542-2481.

75th Anniversary Celebration

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia is celebrating its 75th anniversary. For more information watch the department's Website <<http://www.agecon.uga.edu/>> over the next few months. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the following events!

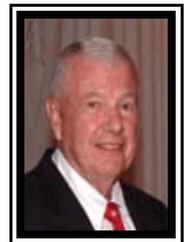
Nov. 11, 2003 J.W. Fanning Lecture (Paul Drazek) and Awards Luncheon with first Agricultural and Applied Economics distinguished professional awards

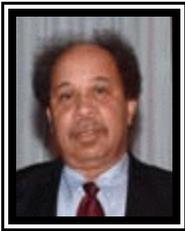
Apr. 14, 2004 Rod Ziemer Lecture (John Baffes, World Bank)

Apr. 15, 2004 Spring Banquet

Alumni News

Agricultural Hall of Fame Award: Garland Thompson (1963 B.S.A. in agricultural economics) was inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame at the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) Alumni Association's annual banquet on September 5, 2003. He has distinguished himself through selfless public service in the areas of natural resource conservation, community and economic development, and banking and finance. He has dedicated much of his personal time to the promotion of agribusiness and economic development throughout the state of Georgia.





Fred Harrison, Jr. was presented the 2003 Award of Excellence by the CAES Alumni Association. Dr. Harrison is Dean of the College of Agriculture, Home Economics and Allied Programs at Fort Valley State University (FVSU) and the administrator/director of the Cooperative Extension Program.

His graduate studies at the University of Georgia in agricultural economics and agricultural education led to a masters degree (M.Ed.) in 1972. He received a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1979.

Stephen M. Newton (1979 B.S.A. - Agricultural Economics) was presented the 2003 Award of Excellence by the CAES Alumni Association. Steve is the State Executive Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Georgia. In this position, he serves Georgians through a myriad of programs



conducted by the agency, including export credit programs, farm commodity programs, and various conservation and environmental programs.

Climate Protection Award: Dr. Seunghun Joh (1998 Ph.D. - Environmental Economics), an Associate Fellow at the Korean Environment Institute in Seoul, Korea, was awarded the US EPA's 2003 Climate Protection Award for co-benefit analysis associated with mitigation of green house gases.

Enrollment in Fall 2003

Undergraduate enrollment in Agricultural and Applied Economics is 163 majors, which is up considerably over last year. The department has 45 agricultural economics majors, 74 agribusiness majors, and 44 environmental economics and management majors. The department has 35 M.S. students and 16 Ph.D. students.

Faculty Recognition

Don Shurley, a professor/economist in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in Tifton, Georgia, is the winner of the 2003 D. W. Brooks Faculty Award for Excellence in Extension presented by the College of Agricultural & Environmental



Sciences. His education and research duties encompass all areas of economics dealing with cotton, including price outlook, marketing decision-making and price risk management, production economics, and policy analysis.



Nathan Smith was recently presented two awards – Farm Service Agency Administrators Award for Excellence and National Public Policy Education Committee Outstanding Public Issues Education Program Award. These awards recognized his meritorious program on the 2002 farm bill.

Stan Fletcher is President-Elect for the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST). CAST communicates science-based information on food, fiber, agricultural, natural resource, and related societal and environmental issues. Dr. Fletcher is the first agricultural economist to serve in this position.

Student Recognition

Student returns from Summer in Brussels: Brandon Henry, a fourth year agribusiness major, spent twelve weeks of the summer of 2003 as an intern with the Georgia Department of Agriculture in Brussels, Belgium. While there, Brandon researched how the grocery market across Europe functions and how Georgia products could penetrate this market, the European Union's ending its moratorium on genetically modified crops, the enlargement of the E.U. from 15 to 25 countries, and the recently drafted E.U. Constitution.



Congressional Interns: Three students from the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics served as congressional interns in Washington, D.C. during the summer of 2003. Caley White served as agricultural intern for

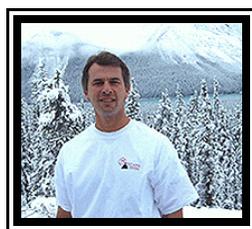


(from left to right) Representative Max Burns, Caley White and Vice President Dick Cheney

Representative Max Burns, Jay Thorne served as agricultural intern for Senator Zell Miller, and Cam Tribble served as agricultural intern for Representative Jim Marshall.

75th Anniversary T-Shirts

Bryan Tolar is shown wearing his 75th Anniversary t-shirt in the Canadian Rockies. The photo was taken on September 16 in Banff National Park, Alberta, just after the first snow of the season. Yes, he was very cold.



Support student enrichment activities by ordering t-shirts for a minimum donation of \$12 each (which includes postage). These t-shirts have the 75th Anniversary logo on the front and the Agribusiness illustration on the back. Send us a photo of you wearing the t-shirt in interesting places.

These photos will be posted on the Internet to spotlight our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. Send orders with t-shirt sizes to Agricultural and Applied Economics Department, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

Alumni Directory Now Searchable

The department's alumni directory can be searched over many factors, including companies and career fields. Check it out using the ALUMNI link on the department's web page <<http://www.agecon.uga.edu/>>! You can participate by adding your information. The survey for the alumni directory can be downloaded from the same web site. Otherwise, we will send you a copy of the survey if you call 706-542-2481 or email aaecon@agecon.uga.edu. Your answers to this short alumni survey will help prospective and current students with some of the most important decisions they'll ever make – choosing the right major and the right career. Thank you for your participation!

Family Traditions

Many brothers, sisters and children of our alumni come to this department for their education. There is no higher form of praise than for students to major in this department because alumni family members think so highly of our programs and the career opportunities they provide. Here are pictures of two fathers and their

sons who graduated in Agricultural and Applied Economics.



L to R - Lewis Bryant Campbell, III (BSA Agribusiness, 2003) and Lewis **Bryant** Campbell, Jr. (BSA, Ag Econ, 1972)



L to R - Ron Marchant (BSA Ag Econ, 1998) and Ronnie Marchant (BSA, Ag Econ, 1974)

If you would like your family connections with this department featured on our web site and newsletter, please send us a photo.

Visitors from Brazil

Drs. Ecio Costa (1998 M.S. and 2001 Ph.D in agricultural economics) and Jose Lamartine Tabora, faculty members at the Economics Department of the Federal University of Pernambuco in Brazil visited the department for two weeks (July - August 2003). This is part of an academic exchange arrangement under the Farmer-to-Farmer Program of the Partners of the Americas.

Personnel Changes

Steve Turner, a faculty member in the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department for 17 years, became Department Head, Agricultural Economics Department, Mississippi State University effective August 1, 2003.

Teresa Byrd, who worked in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics as a senior secretary for fifteen years and administrative secretary for the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development four years, has accepted a position as senior administrative secretary at Avian Medicine at UGA.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA
Membership and Registration Form

Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____
Employer _____
Position _____

2004 Membership Options

- 1. Individual/Regular Membership () \$25 annual
- 2. Corporate/Business Membership () \$150 annual
- 3. Associate Member** () \$10

**Available to individuals who have graduated within the past three years.

F03

2003 J. W. FANNING LECTURE

REGISTRATION: Attendance to the lecture is free. A registration fee of \$20 is required for the luncheon. Please register no later than **November 4, 2003**. Make check payable to the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia and return with this form.

I plan to attend the lecture.....() I plan to attend the lecture and luncheon..... ()

Name: _____
(Please print)

Please return all forms to the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia, Dept. of Agricultural and Applied Economics, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509.