



Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The University of Georgia

Newsletter

Spring, 2006

ConnerConnects Banquet on April 13, 2006

The 5th annual ConnerConnects Banquet for Agricultural and Applied Economics students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the State Botanical Gardens, Georgia Visitors Center in Athens, Georgia. The cost of the banquet is \$17 per person. A reservation form is enclosed. If you plan to attend, please respond by April 7. For additional information, please contact Jo Anne Norris at (706) 542-0730 or jnorris@agecon.uga.edu.



Tom Frazier Memorial Golf Tournament on April 14, 2006

The third annual Tom Frazier Memorial Golf Tournament for Agricultural and Applied Economics alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2006 at the UGA Golf Course in Athens. The tournament will be a four-man Lauderdale with tee times beginning at 9:00 a.m. Cost of the tournament is \$55 per person or \$220 per team. If you plan to participate, please respond by April 10, 2006. A registration form is on the back page of the newsletter. For additional information, please contact Jo Anne Norris at (706) 542-0730 or jnorris@agecon.uga.edu.

Seminar by George Frisvold on March 27, 2006

George Frisvold, Associate Professor, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Arizona, will present a seminar on "Welfare Effects of Climate Change: Ricardian, Partial Equilibrium, and General Equilibrium Measures" at 1:30 p.m. on March 27, 2006 in room 310 Conner Hall. Dr. Frisvold's credentials include serving as an investigator with the Institute for the Study of Plant Earth 's (ISPE) Climate Assessment for the Southwest project (CLIMAS), a visiting scholar at the National Institute of Rural Development in Hyderabad, India, a lecturer at John Hopkins University, chief of the Resource and Environmental Policy Branch of USDA's Economic Research Service, and on the senior staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisors with responsibility for agricultural, natural resource, and international trade issues.

Rod Ziemer Lecture on April 4, 2006

James Dufield will present the Rod Ziemer Lecture on April 4, 2006 on the subject of alternative fuels in room K/L at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens, GA. There will be a reception at 9:30 a.m. and the lecture will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Seminar by Jayson Lusk

Jayson L. Lusk, the Willard Sparks Endowed Chair at Oklahoma State University, presented a seminar at Conner Hall in February 2006 entitled "Do Your Neighbors Know You Better than Themselves? A Prediction-Based Non-Market Valuation Method." Following the seminar, there was a roundtable discussion with graduate students and a group of the students accompanied Dr. Lusk to dinner.

Seminar by Lutz Laschewski

Lutz Laschewski, visiting scholar from Rostock University, Germany, presented a seminar entitled "On the Search for a Policy Model: Agri-Environmental Policies in the European Union - Experiences from the Region of Brandenburg." Dr. Laschewski presented the seminar on March 8, 2006 in room 310 Conner Hall. He visited the University of Georgia from March 3 to March 12.

Congratulations CAES

UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences ranks Number 2 in the nation in journal articles published and number 5 in citations. Congratulations to our researchers!

Alumni News



David Brown (B.S. in Agricultural Economics - 1959) was presented the Private Lands Stewardship Award by the Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation

Commission (GSWCC) for his conservation ethic and actions carried out on his Longview Farm in Coweta County, Georgia. David entered into a voluntary partnership with the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and the GSWCC in an effort to improve water quality and benefit fish and wildlife resources in the watershed and improve habitat conditions for several threatened and endangered mussels found on his land in Coweta County.

Ecio Costa (M.S. in Agricultural Economic - 1998 and Ph.D - 2001), has accepted a permanent faculty position at the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Departamento de Economia. He has recently opened a café in a mall near the university. His time is spent teaching/research, coordinating a master's program in international trade and running the café.



Wilbur Mull (B.S., 1963 and M.S., 1965 in Agricultural Economics) won 3rd place in the Georgia auctioneers statewide championship bid calling contest.

Randy Nuckolls (B.S. in Agricultural Economics - 1974) was presented the Friend of Extension Award from National Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), the Extension Professionals' Organization, at their national conference in Colorado Springs, CO. The award recognizes truly outstanding support and personal involvement in Extension efforts. Randy is one of only three individuals to receive this honor.



Student News



Mark Byrd (B.S. in Environmental Economics and Management - 1999 and M.S. in Agricultural Economics - 2005) received the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award presented by the Southern Agricultural Economic Association. The title of his thesis is "Farm-Level Approach to the Methyl Bromide Phase-Out: Identifying Alternatives and Maximizing Net Worth Using Stochastic Dominance and Optimization Procedures." Mark's major professor was Dr. Cesar Escalante and other members of his advisory committee included Dr. Michael Wetzstein and Dr. Greg Fonsah.



Fariz Ahmadov has been chosen to receive the 2006 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from the University of Georgia. He will be recognized for this distinction at the UGA Honors Day program. This award recognizes teaching assistants who have excelled in the performance of their teaching responsibilities and rank in the top ten percent of all teaching assistants serving the university. This recognition is a result of the excellent work Fariz did in "Intermediate Economic Principles" (AAEC 3580) as a TA teaching laboratory and exam review sessions during spring 2005 and as the instructor during fall 2005.

Faculty News



John Bergstrom is a member of a USDA and multiple university team which was presented the Outstanding

Public Issue Education Program Award by the Farm Foundation National Public Policy Education Committee. Also, Dr. Bergstrom was appointed to Governor Perdue's Advisory Council for the new State Land Conservation Program.

James Epperson received a certificate of congratulations for greatly contributing to the career development of UGA students from UGA's Career Center.



Greg Fonsah was presented the 2005 Young Professional Award of the Southern Region and the Service Award for his service as Senior Director by the Georgia Association of County Agricultural Agents (GACAA).



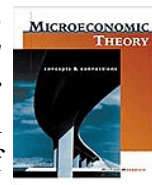
Curt Lacy received special recognition from the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity for risk management efforts with Georgia Beef Challenge.



Forrest Stegelin received the American Society of Horticultural Science Extension Materials Award for Outstanding Slide Set on starting a greenhouse business.



Michael Wetzstein's textbook, *Microeconomic Theory - Concepts and Connections (with Economic Applications)*, has achieved a high level of adoption from a number of universities in its first year of publication.



Obituaries

Thomas Lanier Frazier

Thomas Lanier Frazier, 90, passed away February 01, 2006. He was a retired assistant director of resident instruction, College of Agriculture, University of Georgia. Frazier joined the U.S. Air Force where he trained pilots and flew in combat in the Pacific during World War II. His B-25 plane was shot down, but all six people on board survived. Frazier was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service. Following the war, Frazier received his B.S.A. in 1950 and his M.S. in 1951, both in agricultural economics from the University of Georgia. He worked as a farm manger for a private company for two years. In 1953, he returned to the Agricultural Economics Department at the University of Georgia to teach farm management. He was an innovative teacher, taking his students on field trips for firsthand observation of agricultural related businesses, and he served as faculty advisor for several student organizations. He was the first in his department to use computers and developed a graduate-level, computer-based course on farm management in the late 1950s. In 1972, Frazier became the assistant director of resident instruction for the College of Agriculture, University of Georgia. He also remained on the faculty of the Department of Agricultural Economics, where he continued to teach his popular graduate-level farm management course until he retired in 1981. Memorial contributions to the Thomas Frazier Scholarship Fund may be sent to the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia, 301 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602-7509. Make checks payable to the Arch Foundation.

Sykes (Si) Emil Trieb

Sykes (Si) Emil Trieb, 76, of Gainesville, Georgia passed away Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006. Trieb received his B.S. from Kansas State College in 1950, his M.S. from Kansas State University in 1960 and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1967. He was platoon leader and company commander during his military career from 1951-53 and a self-employed farmer until accepting a position at Kansas State University in 1958. He remained at KSU until joining the faculty at the University of Georgia in 1971. He was Professor and Head, Extension Marketing, University of Georgia from 1971-1984. He was Professor and Head, Extension Economic Development Department, University of Georgia from 1984 until his retirement in 1989. He was the recipient of a number of awards, including the Superior Service Award for Educational Programs, the Food Retailing Award, the Education Award, the Soil Conservation Award and the Georgia Agribusiness Award.

Request for Alumni News

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics is interested in hearing from our alumni. Please inform us of your current job position or other significant accomplishments. This information can be sent by e-mail to the following address: info@agecon.uga.edu or mailed to the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Rm. 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

T-Shirts



The new Agricultural Economics logo t-shirts are ready at a cost of \$10.00 each including delivery.

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T-Shirt Order Form

Please indicate the number of t-shirts in desired sizes below:

Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

Checks should be made payable to Arch Foundation and sent to the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UGA, 301 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

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CONNER CONNECTS REGISTRATION

(Due by April 7, 2006)

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

_____ Yes, I would like to attend Conner Connects on April 13th. I will be bringing guests, and I am enclosing a check for _____ (\$17.00 each). I am also enclosing _____ to help support the event.

Guests' Names:

_____ No, I will be unable to attend, but I am enclosing a check for _____ to support the event.

Make checks payable to Arch Foundation. Mail to: ConnerConnects Registration, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509

GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

**Tom Frazier Memorial Golf Tournament
Hosted by
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
University of Georgia**

Entry Fee: \$ 55.00 per player or \$220.00 per team

Name:

Email:

USGA Handicap: _____ or Average 18 hole score: _____

Additional Team Members:

Name:

Email:

USGA Handicap: _____ or Average 18 hole score: _____

Name:

Email:

USGA Handicap: _____ or Average 18 hole score: _____

Name:

Email:

USGA Handicap: _____ or Average 18 hole score: _____

Note: Singles and Teams less than Four Players will be paired up to complete a four man team.

**Make checks payable to Arch Foundation. Mail to: ConnerConnects Registration, 301
Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509. (Deadline is April 10, 2006.)**