



Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
The University of Georgia

Alumni Newsletter

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New Department Head Appointed



The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics will welcome a new department head, **Dr. Octavio A. Ramírez**, effective June 1, 2008. Since 2003, Dr. Ramírez has led the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Before that, he served as an associate professor of agricultural and applied economics at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. Ramírez holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in food and resource economics from the University of Florida. He has published numerous papers in important journals of his discipline and in many other prestigious disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals edited in the United States, Europe and Latin America. He has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate level courses in econometrics and quantitative methods and directed the research of numerous graduate students.

The faculty, staff and students in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics welcome Dr. Ramírez and the quality of leadership he will bring to the department.

ConnerConnects Banquet - April 15, 2008

The 7th annual ConnerConnects Banquet for Agricultural and Applied Economics students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends will be held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the State Botanical Gardens Visitors Center in Athens, Georgia. For the first time, the annual awards ceremony will celebrate accomplishments of both undergraduate and graduate students. The banquet offers a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to make new friends. The cost of the banquet is \$25 per person (\$10 per currently enrolled student).

Please see the registration form in this mailing for opportunities to attend or pay for students to attend the banquet. For additional information, please contact Audrey Hudson at 706-542-0763 or email ahl@uga.edu.

**Conner Hall Centennial
Celebration - April 11, 2008**



The 100th birthday of Conner Hall will be commemorated on April 11, 2008 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the building. The event will include the unveiling of a Conner Hall original watercolor by Athens artist Jill Leite. Alumni, friends and special guests of UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will gather to rededicate the building that has long served as the administrative headquarters for the college.

The building was erected in 1908 and named Conner Hall in 1909 in honor of Georgia State Representative James T. Conner of Bartow County who introduced the 1906 bill which led to the creation of the Georgia State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts and the construction of the building. Conner Hall was rededicated in 1976 following an extensive renovation project.

**Great Southland Stampede Rodeo -
April 17 - 19, 2008**



The UGA Block & Bridel Club is presenting the 34th annual Great Southland Stampede Rodeo April 17-19, 2008 at the Animal Science Arena on South Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA. Ticket prices are as follows:

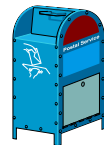
Presale: \$12 (adult)/\$10 Child
(Presale begins March 31, 2008.)

At the Gate: \$15 (adult)/\$12 (child)
UGA Students: \$10 (with ID!)

For more information, please call Jake Wilcox at 706-338-0765 or the GSSR Ticket Office 706-542-9374.

Change in Newsletter Delivery

Due to the high cost of mailing the Alumni Newsletters through the U.S. Postal Service, the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics is phasing out the physical mailing of the newsletters. We will begin implementing the practice of delivering our newsletters through email once we have acquired the email addresses of our alumni. Of course we realize that some of you who do not have access to computers will still want your newsletters mailed to you, and we will continue to mail your newsletters if you let us know that is your preference. We ask that each of you send your email address to aaecnews@uga.edu and in the subject line please enter "Newsletter" so that we can begin compiling our email list. In addition, we will continue to post the newsletter on the web at <http://www.caes.uga.edu/departments/agecon/newsletters/newsletters.html>.



If you do not have access to a computer and prefer to have your newsletter mailed to you, please fill out the form on the following page and return it to Audrey Hudson, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UGA, 303 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

Request to Have Alumni Newsletter Sent Via US Mail



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Degree _____

Year Degree Earned _____

ConnerConnects Registration

(Due by April 4, 2008)

State Botanical Gardens Visitors Center, Athens, GA on April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____ **Email:** _____

____ Yes, I will attend.

_____ No, I will not be able to attend.

Make checks payable to Arch Foundation and specify that it is for ConnerConnects. Mail to: ConnerConnects Registration, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

_____ Student Tickets (\$10 each) \$ _____
Quantity Total

_____ Non-Student Tickets (\$25 each) \$ _____
Quantity Total

Donation to help defray department's
\$15 contribution for student tickets \$ _____

Guests' Names

Faculty News



Professor Terry Centner is the recipient of the 2007 D. W. Brooks Faculty Award for excellence in Research. His research has led to numerous changes in laws and regulations. One of the most significant involved protecting Vidalia onions against counterfeiters.



Dr. James Epperson is the recipient of the 2007 J. W. Fanning Distinguished Professional Award presented by the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia. Dr. Epperson is an outstanding researcher and teacher in agribusiness marketing and management

in the department.

Alumni News



Emily K. Kubala (B S E S in environmental economics and management - 2005) is the recipient of the 2007 J. W. Fanning Distinguished Young

Professional Award presented by the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia. Emily is the Director of Resource Conservation Management at Baldor-Dodge-Reliance at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Staff News

Jo Anne Norris was absent from her office most of the month of October because she had foot surgery. She is still recovering from the surgery, but back at work. Everyone in the department is happy that Jo Anne is once again in her office taking care of all the duties she so ably performs.



Request for News



We want to hear from you! If any of our alumni, faculty, students, staff, or friends have any news or announcements you would like to share in the newsletter, please notify us. We want to know if you have a new job, if you have moved to a new address, if you have married, if you have had a baby, or any other important events in your lives that you would like to share with the readers of the newsletter. Please email the information to Audrey Hudson at aaecnews@uga.edu with the word “news” in the subject line, or mail the information to Audrey Hudson, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UGA, 303 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

Obituaries

Dr. Stephen J. Brannen, former Chairman of the Division of Agricultural Economics at the University of Georgia, passed away January 24, 2008. Dr. Brannen provided exemplary leadership to agricultural economics at UGA and the agricultural and agribusiness sectors of Georgia in his professional career that spanned four decades. He was inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2004.

We are so grateful to our alumni and friends for their financial support of the department. Listed below are the names of those who have made financial contributions to the department from June 30, 2007 through February 29, 2008.

Ag Economics Special
Events
Kenneth Beasley
Keith Boyett
S.J. Brannen &
Lonnelle Brannen
Warren Brannen
Ronald G. Breen
Dr. & Mrs. Josef Broder

Carol L. Brumby
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis James &
Bryant Campbell III
Nancy Donald
Walter J. Drabantowicz, Jr.
Dr. James Epperson
William Archie Flanders
Rodney Fowler
Dr. & Mrs. William D. Givan
Green Acres Baptist Church
William A. Hancock & Joanna
Cooke Hancock
Mr. Desmond Wright Harp
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Harrison
Maurice K. Horowitz
Robert E. & Dorothy Howell
Huber Engineered Woods
LLC
Johnson & Johnson Fam. of
Com. (Co. Match for Leah
Camp)
Mr. William E. Kibler
Dr. Yvonne J. Kumi
Alex G. Lebedeff
Oliver Mahone
Monsanto Fund (Co. match
for Sharon Gabel
Buchanan)

Wilbur C. Mull - Classic
Groundcovers
Dr. David Bruce Narrie
Dr. James Nix
Mr. George Scott Patton
Harold Fraser Powers &
Addie Rainwaters Powers
Lt. Col. Ret. Harold James
Ragan
Joseph Sean Ragsdale
Ralph H. Sandeford
Mr. Ruel Max Sellers
(Maxwell Farms, LLC)
Thomas G. Stokes
Dr. Steven C. Turner
Triangle Community
Foundation, Inc. (Anne Firor
Scott-Scott Family
Endowment Fund)
Drs. Michael & Hazel
Wetzstein
Jonathan C. Wicker
Mr. Albert Williams
Mr. Charles Edward Williams
& Elizabeth L. Byce
Williams
Dr. & Mrs. F. Wen Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen S. Wolf

Invitation to Support the Department

Your tax deductible contributions to the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics programs help to ensure the continued quality educational experiences that are an integral part of student life in the department. Your contributions will aid the department in providing scholarships and resources for students to travel and compete in professional programs, develop leadership skills and generally improve the department's teaching programs. Additional support is needed for the Improvement Fund, as well as endowments for scholarships, leadership awards, and a distinguished professorship. Many employers will match employee contributions to their alma maters. Please check with your company to see if it will match your contributions to the department.

Please consider making an investment in future economic leaders by supporting our educational programs. Checks should be made payable to the Arch Foundation and mailed to 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509. Please see the following page to select the funds you want to support.

**My Contributions to The University of Georgia
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics**

Agricultural Economics Improvement Fund
(supports general department activities).....\$ _____

Stephen J. Brannen Student Leadership Fund.....\$ _____

Tom Frazier Scholarship Fund.....\$ _____

Wen Williams Scholarship Fund.....\$ _____

Evan Brown International Education Fund.....\$ _____

William Firor Memorial Scholarship Fund.....\$ _____

Roy Proctor Memorial Scholarship Fund.....\$ _____

Tate Brookins Scholarship Fund.....\$ _____

Total \$ _____

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Contributors of \$500 or more will receive one commemorative item of their choice from the list below at no charge.

- Poster – Agribusiness, Environmental Economics & Management, or Agricultural Economics
 - T-shirt – Agribusiness, Environmental Economics & Management, or Agricultural Economics
- (Please indicate size: small___ medium___ large___ extra large___.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Thank you for your contribution!