
The J.W. Fanning Lecture is scheduled for November 14, 2007. The guest speaker will be Ken Stewart who was appointed Commissioner, Georgia Department of Economic Development by Governor Sonny Perdue in January 2007. As chief marketing officer for the state of Georgia, Mr. Stewart leads the state in efforts to recruit new businesses and expand existing ones; grow the state’s tourism, international trade and entertainment industries; and support the growth of small businesses and entrepreneurs. Previously, Mr. Stewart served as director for the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) for slightly over two years, where he focused the agency and the state’s 24 million acres of forest land on new markets and products such as biofuels, as well as niche and specialty products. Commissioner Stewart’s lecture will address his vision for the economic development of Georgia, specifically as it relates to agribusinesses and rural economic development.

Schedule and Locations of Events on November 14, 2007:

9:30 a.m.  Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia Board of Directors meeting – Four Towers Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Registration & Refreshments – Fireside Lounge in Rooker Hall at East Campus Village

10:30 a.m. J.W. Fanning Lecture – Fireside Lounge in Rooker Hall at East Campus Village

12:00 noon Luncheon and Awards – East Village Commons Vista Room (second floor)

1:30 p.m.  Adjourn

*A map to all locations including parking is on the back page of this newsletter.
Registration: To register for the luncheon, please send $25 to the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia, 303 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509. Registration deadline for the luncheon is October 31, 2007. For additional information, please call Audrey Hudson at 706-542-0763 or Jo Anne Norris at 706-542-2481.

2007 J. W. FANNING LECTURE & LUNCHEON REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION: Lecture attendance is free. A registration fee of $25 is required for the luncheon. Please register no later than October 31, 2007 for the luncheon. 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 _______________________________ Telephone _______________________________

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Greetings from the Department Head

This newsletter is short because we mainly want to convey the information for events surrounding the upcoming Fanning Lecture. The speaker will be Ken Stewart, former Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission and current Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Economic Development. We are lucky to have such a great speaker who will be addressing the role of agribusiness and rural development in the future economic development of Georgia. Please attend if you can. You can also find news on two of our alumni who won prestigious awards recently. If you have news to include in future newsletters, send it our way; we love to keep in touch with our alums. Also, without belaboring the point, we have enclosed an envelope you can use to make donations to the department’s various funds. Please continue to bless us with your generous financial support. There is much we do that we cannot do without your help as those funds all support things that we cannot legally do with our other funds. We are making the appeal now to be at the front of your year-end giving line, so please reward the early bird. Thanks and I hope to see you on November 14 at the Fanning Lecture.

Jeffrey Dorfman
Student News

Fall Enrollment

Student enrollment for Fall 2007 is as follows:

**Undergraduate Students**
- Agricultural & Applied Economics – 26
- Agribusiness – 122
- Environmental Economics and Management – 56
- Total – 204

**Graduate Students**
- M.S. in Agricultural Economics – 18
- M.S. in Environmental Economics – 8
- Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics – 15
- Total – 41

Alumni News

**Laci Banks** (M.S. in agricultural economics from UGA in 2004) is the winner of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Association’s 2007 Young Alumni Achievement Award. Laci is an Agricultural Statistician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistical Service in Raleigh, North Carolina. She has received recognition for her work on several occasions and has been chosen to enter the U.S.D.A.'s Mathematics Statistician program. She will take additional classes at North Carolina State University.

**Steve Turner** (M.S. in agricultural economics from UGA in 1981 and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Virginia Tech in 1986) is the winner of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Association’s 2007 Award of Excellence. As a faculty member in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at UGA from 1986 to 2003, Dr. Turner won numerous teaching awards. He is Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University and is currently serving as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE).

*Congratulations to our award winning alumni!*
Campus Map with Locations for AEAG Board of Directors Meeting, the J.W. Fanning Lecture, Luncheon and Parking

(E03 is an hourly pay parking lot.)