



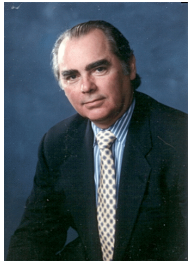
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The University of Georgia

Newsletter

Fall 2002

J.W. Fanning Lecture on December 11, 2002



This year's Fanning Lecture will focus on the future of international agricultural trade with an emphasis on poultry. The Lecture will be presented by Eric J. Joiner, who is President, Chief Operations Officer and Co-Founder of AJC International. One of the world's largest global food distribution services, AJC International markets poultry, pork, red meat, seafood, vegetables and fruits. The corporation procures goods from all major producing areas of the world and supplies all major consuming countries.

Mr. Joiner is active in numerous international trade associations. He is former chairman and a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Poultry and Egg Export Council. He is on the Advisory Board for the Goizueta School of Business at Emory University. Also, he is on the Board of Directors for the International Business Alliance at Georgia State University. Mr. Joiner received his BBA and MBA from Georgia State University.

The Lecture will be at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens at 10:30 a.m. in Rooms K/L on Wednesday, December 11, 2002. Registration and reception will be at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd floor concourse. The AEAG Board meeting will precede the Lecture at 9:30 a.m. in the 2nd floor Executive Conference Room.



The luncheon and awards ceremony will follow at 12:00 p.m. in the banquet area of the Georgia Center. Gaylord Coan, a distinguished alumnus of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department, will be presented the CAES Alumni Association 2002 Award of Excellence. 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. Registration deadline for the luncheon is December 4, 2002. For more information call 706-542-2481.



Alumni Awards for Excellence

The Agricultural and Applied Economics Department nominated two candidates - Hsi-huang Chen and Gaylord Coan - for the CAES Alumni Association 2002 Awards for Excellence. The two candidates were so outstanding that they both received awards. No other candidates could compare with our two nominees, so only two awards were given in 2002.



Hsi-huang Chen: The Department's first Ph.D. graduate, Hsi-huang Chen (1971 MS and 1974 PHD - Agricultural Economics), received the 2002 Award for Excellence from the CAES Alumni Association as an international leader in agricultural development and policy analysis. As head of Taiwan's Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Chen devised and implemented a massive international development program that has been successful in numerous countries in Africa and Latin America. He led Taiwan into a new realm of international trade through accession to the World Trade Organization.

Gaylord Coan: The CAES Alumni Association selected Gaylord Coan (1959 BSA in Agricultural Economics) to receive the 2002 Award for Excellence for distinguishing himself as an innovative Agribusiness leader. He was Chief Executive Officer for the giant farmer cooperative Gold Kist, which has over \$2 billion in revenue annually. He formed the world's largest peanut handler, Golden Peanut Company. Mr. Coan is a director of numerous Agribusiness and financial institutions. The award will be presented to Mr. Coan at the Fanning luncheon on December 11, 2002.

Approval of New Minors

The University System of Georgia has approved two new minors in Environmental Economics and Management and Environmental Law. These new minors, which were developed by the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department, should be attractive to a number of good students throughout the UGA campus.



Alumni Directory

A database of Agricultural and Applied Economics alumni is now available on the Internet. The database provides valuable information on alumni careers for use by current and prospective students and other alumni. Check out the alumni directory for the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics from links on our home page <<http://www.agecon.uga.edu/>>. If your name is not listed in the directory, please let us have your name, address, county, job title & duties, firm, and permission to post the information on the Internet. You can complete the survey on the Internet at the alumni website or send this information to the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509. We'll help get you back in touch!

Employment Website - CareerwiZe.org

For career opportunities in agricultural and applied economics visit **CareerwiZe.org** on the web. The site lists jobs and internships, highlights current information on employment trends and provides links to numerous job search engines related to agricultural and applied economics.

Enrollment in Fall 2002

Undergraduate enrollment in Agricultural and Applied Economics is 136 majors, which is up slightly from a year ago. The department has 36 agricultural economics majors, 46 agribusiness majors, and 63 environmental economics and management majors. The department has 50 graduate students - the largest number in several years.

Faculty Awards

The Secretary of Agriculture's Team Award for 2002 was presented to the USDA Marketing Assistance Project in

Armenia. Dr. Bill R. Miller, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Applied Economics, the University of Georgia, was the Project Director and Coordinator, 1998-2000.

Staff News



Doris Strickland Has Retired: With over 30 years of exemplary service to the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department, Doris Strickland retired September 30, 2002. Such longevity and excellence of service are truly remarkable. She joined the department as a secretary soon after graduating from high school and worked her way through several positions.

She received numerous departmental awards for her distinguished service, particularly as Degree Program Assistant. She served in that position during the challenging conversion from the quarter system to the semester system, playing a critical role in the transition. Since 1999 she served as Office Manager with responsibilities for the daily operations of the department. Her most notable accomplishments in that position related to hiring new faculty and staff. The entire department owes a great deal of gratitude for her effort, dedication, and service. We all send Doris our thoughts and prayers and best wishes upon retirement.

Student Recognition

Student Leaders: Students in the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department hold key leadership roles in the College. Emily Howard is Ag Hill Council President for 2002-03. Carol Spruill is President of Sigma Alpha, the agricultural sorority. Raina Brathwaite is 2002-03 President of the Minorities in Agriculture, Nature Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) program.

"Jeopardy!" Winner: Eric Floyd, a senior majoring in Agribusiness, was a contestant on "Jeopardy!" -- the nationally televised game show. Eric was an impressive contestant, winning four days in a row. His knowledge of a wide range of subjects is remarkable.

Undergraduate Returns from Summer in Brussels: John Paul Martin, Agribusiness major, spent the summer as an intern with the Georgia Department of

Agriculture in the European office in Brussels. He learned a great deal about the attitudes of the Europeans toward genetically modified organisms (GMO's), as well as other agricultural matters on the continent. He also had the opportunity to see several countries during his internship.

Congressional Internships: Three students from the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department served as Congressional interns in Washington, D.C. for summer 2002. Madison Coley, Agricultural Economics major, served as the Saxby Chambliss Agricultural Intern. Cam Kirbo, Agricultural Economics major, served as the Sanford Bishop Agricultural Intern. Emily Howard, Agribusiness major, served as the Jack Kingston Agricultural Intern. These were great learning experiences.



Alumni News

Steve Newton is FSA Director: Steve Newton (1979 BSA - Agricultural Economics) is the new State Executive Director (SED) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Georgia. Steve takes over a very important job that includes responsibility for all farm programs in Georgia. Prior to being named SED, Steve was Executive Vice President for the Forest Landowners Association. As an undergraduate Steve was also president of Ag Hill Council.

John Meier is VP for Albany Synovus: John Meier II (1978 BSA - Agricultural Economics) of Synovus Financial Services in Albany, Georgia has been promoted to vice president. He joined the Trust Division in 1999 and previously was associated with Security Bank and Trust Company as the residential lending manager. Meier is the president of the St. Teresa School Board, and a director and past president of Easter Seal of Southwest Georgia. He is also a member of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, Dougherty Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia.

Bella Ablaeva's New Job with USAPEEC: The department's first Edmund S. Muskie & Freedom Support Act graduate student, Bella Ablaeva (2001 MS - Agricultural Economics), wrote a thesis on the U.S. - Russian Poultry Trade Dispute. Bella returned to Russia under the rules of the Muskie program, but a trade association in Georgia, USA Poultry and Egg Export Council (USAPEEC), knew about her research and abilities. USAPEEC has hired Bella to work with them in their Moscow office. She will be a translator and guide for

the Russian inspection teams coming to the U.S. to inspect our poultry processing plants under the new trade agreement with Russia, ending the Russian poultry meat embargo. This is an example of how the U.S. can benefit from our international students.

Biography Details Life of J.W. Fanning



The late John William Fanning (1927 BSA and 1928 MS - Agricultural Economics) dreamed of following in his Wilkes County father's footsteps as a farmer. His father, however, hoped Fanning would leave the cotton fields and become a journalist. His mother would rather her son be a preacher.

And according to *Alive as Long as He Lived* (Stratford Press), written by Gene Younts, former UGA vice president for public service and outreach, Fanning had a chance to do all three and more during his 92 years. But nothing stirred him more than visions of being just a "dirt farmer." That's why he earned two agricultural economics degrees from UGA. Following college, he spent 43 years with his alma mater.

As vice president for services at UGA, Fanning visited communities in all of the state's 159 counties. During those travels he developed a keen sense of how to assist in shaping the state's future. In 1972 he teamed up with H.G. "Pat" Pattillo to form Leadership Georgia, a program that allows young people from small communities to understand the problems of Atlanta's inner city while helping young urbanites see the challenges of making ends meet in the state's rural areas.

As lead biographer, Younts's writings include Fanning's formative years, university training, professional and personal life. Alumnus Dink NeSmith contributed a chapter about Fanning's work with Leadership Georgia.

The book is available at the Fanning Institute on South Milledge. If you wish a copy, please call Suzanne Smalley at 542-1108. The cost per copy is \$32.05 including tax. Much is said about J. W.'s work in agricultural economics.

Faculty Leaves

Faculty Leave: Terence J. Centner has been selected as a Fulbright Senior Scholar and is teaching for the Fall 2002 semester at the University of Mannheim, Germany.

Return from Leave: Luanne Lohr returned from the University of Minnesota. As an Endowed Chair in Agricultural Systems, Dr. Lohr evaluated the potential for a regional organic food system.

Timothy Park returned from the Sloan Industry Center at the University of Minnesota. He spent a year analyzing key business and productivity trends in food retailing.

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: aaecon@agecon.uga.edu or mailed to the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Rm. 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

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Membership and Registration Form

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2003 Membership Options

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

2002 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 **December 4, 2002**. 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: _____
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