



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
University of Georgia



Alumni Newsletter

Fall, 2004



J.W. Fanning Lecture Scheduled for January 14, 2005

The J. W. Fanning lecture will be presented by Joseph W. Glauber, Deputy Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens at 10:30 a.m. in rooms K/L on January 14, 2005. The title of Dr. Glauber's lecture is "U.S. Agricultural Policy and the World Trade Organization." 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. The luncheon registration deadline is January 7, 2005. 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.



Mark Your Calendar

The Second Annual Tom Frazier Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 15, 2005 at the UGA Golf Course. The first tee time is at 8:30 a.m.

The Conner Connects Spring Banquet is scheduled for April 21, 2005 at the Botanical Gardens in Athens. For more information call 706-542-2481.

Graduate Student Association Picnic

The Graduate Student Association's Annual Fall Picnic was held on November 6th at Sandy Creek Park. The weather was perfect and participants, including students, faculty, friends, and families, had fun enjoying good food and socializing.



Enrollment in Fall 2004

Undergraduate enrollment in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics is 197, which is considerably above last year's enrollment of 160. The department has 44 agricultural economics majors, 113 agribusiness majors, and 40 environmental economics and management majors. The department also has 24 M.S. students and 17 Ph.D. students.

Alumni News

Steve Brannen (B.S.A in agricultural economics in 1950 and M.S. in 1952 – UGA; Ph.D. in 1966 – NC State) was inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame at the CAES Alumni Association's annual banquet in September. Dr. Brannen served as a farm management specialist and 27 years as chair of the UGA Division of Agricultural Economics. His leadership brought continued growth to agricultural economics in Georgia.

Faculty News and Recognition

Marionette Holmes (Ph.D. in agricultural economics in 2002) was recognized with the Young Alumni Achievement Award by the CAES Alumni Association at the annual banquet in September. Marionette is a Research Economist at the Harvard AIDS Institute working with a team to identify the best delivery approaches of anti-retroviral treatment of HIV infected individuals in Botswana.

Jennifer Pedrotty (B.S.A. in environmental economics and management in 1997) was recognized with the Young Alumni Achievement Award by the CAES Alumni Association at the annual banquet in September. Jennifer is Division Manager of Ag Advertising and Communications for the John Deere Credit Corporation in Iowa.

Wilbur Mull (B.S.A., 1963 and M.S., 1965 in Agricultural Economics) of Classic Groundcovers was honored with a Brother of the Century Award at the recent Alpha Gamma Rho Centennial Convention held in Columbus, Ohio. Alpha Gamma Rho is an Agricultural Professional-Social Fraternity that was first established at Ohio State in 1904. Less than 2% of the total 58,000 initiates were selected for this award.



At the Southern Nursery Association (SNA) Show at the World Congress Center in Atlanta in August, Wilbur's company, Classic Groundcovers, Inc. of Athens, was recognized for Best in Show for display of Green Goods and Best Booth Award for the Sudden Service Station SNA 2004.

Randy Nuckolls (B.S.A. in agricultural economic in 1974), a Washington, D.C. attorney, was presented the Friend of Extension Award by Epsilon Sigma Phi at their annual conference at Rock Eagle in October. Randy is one of the longest serving members of the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board and recently completed a two-year term as the board's chairman.

Josef Broder, CAES Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, was named University Professor. Dr. Broder has served as a teacher, advisor, coordinator and club advisor. He led an initiative to extend the university's academic programs beyond the Athens campus, developed a program for high school students which evolved into the Young Scholars Program, and is the long-term director of the UGA Teaching Academy.

Jeff Dorfman was presented the 2004 D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching by the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in October. Dr. Dorfman teaches agricultural marketing, microeconomic theory, and applied econometrics. He has been recognized with numerous other teaching awards including the SAEA 2004 Distinguished Award for Teaching of a Course.

Stanley Fletcher, who serves as the Coordinator of the National Center for Peanut Competitiveness, was recently presented three awards. The American Peanut Research and Education Society presented him the Dow AgroSciences Award for Excellence in Research and inducted him as a Fellow in the American Peanut Research and Education Society. He was also presented the American Peanut Council's 2004 Peanut Research and Education Award.

Jack Houston was presented the D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Excellence in International Agriculture by the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in October. Dr. Houston helped internationalize the curricula for the department, college, and university.

John McKissick was presented the Outstanding Faculty Award by the CAES Alumni Association at the annual banquet in September. In his role as an Extension agricultural economist, Dr. McKissick has provided dedicated leadership and service to Georgia's agricultural producers, county agents who serve those producers, agribusinesses, and rural citizens. As the Coordinator of the

Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, he oversees the formation and implementation of economic development and marketing programs for Georgia’s farmers and agribusinesses.

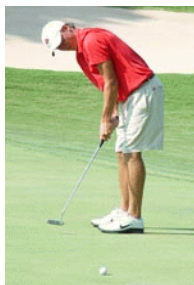
Tim Park was presented the 2004 Excellence in Research and Communication Award for “Modeling Productivity in Supermarket Operation: Incorporating the Impacts of Store Characteristics and Information Technologies,” a paper he co-authored in the *Journal of Food Distribution Research*.

Andy Keeler resigned from the department in September 2004 to accept a faculty position at Ohio State University.

Student Recognition

Rachael McCall, a second year agricultural economics major from Rochelle, Georgia, was elected as the 2004-2005 National FFA Southern Region Vice President. In her new role, Rachael will travel more than 100,000 miles meeting with FFA members, agriculture teachers and FFA supporters in 40 states and to Japan to participate in an international experience tour.

David Denham, a third-year agricultural economics major from Tifton, Georgia, was the winner of the 83rd Annual Georgia Amateur Golf Championship Tournament held at the Athens Country Club in July. David was also named to the Cleveland Golf Scholar All-America Team.



Undergraduate Club News

The 2004-2005 officers of the Agricultural and Environmental Economics (AEE) Club are as follows:

President	Jared Nutt
Vice Presidents & Ag Hill Representatives	Candice Clark (AEC) Joel McKie (AGB)
Secretary	Katherine Hulst
Treasurer	Clint Murphy

AEE Club speakers for fall semester included Gary Black, president of Georgia Agribusiness Council and Georgia State Senator Brian Kemp. The club’s president, Jared Nutt, states that there are other exciting speakers planned for this semester. The club will also be participating in a number of events, such as the Harvest Ball Celebration in Atlanta, South Campus Student Night, the Sunbelt Ag Expo, and Buffalo’s Trivia Nights. For more information, please contact Jared Nutt at BMW750i@uga.edu.



AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA
Membership and Registration Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

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Position _____

2005 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.

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2004 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 **January 7, 2005**. 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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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.