



Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
The University of Georgia

Alumni Newsletter

Spring, 2007

Greetings from the Department Head



I hope that all the extended members of our agricultural and applied economics family are enjoying a good start to the new year. This newsletter contains important information about two upcoming events: the annual ConnerConnects banquet and the annual Tom Frazier Memorial Golf Tournament. I encourage everyone to attend the ConnerConnects banquet as we will have some great food (a Southern-themed Dinner Buffet) and will recognize some very deserving student, faculty, and staff award winners. It is a great chance to stay connected with faculty and alumni. If you cannot attend, this year we have two new ways you can still participate. First, you can purchase raffle tickets for an original artwork with a departmental and Bulldog theme. You do not need to be present to win. Second, you can contribute money to help keep the cost low for our students who attend the banquet. So please fill out the forms for both the banquet and the golf tournament. If I don't see you in April at these events, I hope to see or hear from you soon. *Jeffrey Dorfman*

ConnerConnects Banquet on April 19, 2007



The 6th annual ConnerConnects Banquet for Agricultural and Applied Economics students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the State Botanical Gardens Visitors Center in Athens, Georgia. 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). A highlight of this year's banquet is a raffle of an original work of art by Jay Bauer, the artist who designed the Bulldog-themed posters depicting the three undergraduate majors in the department. Jay is creating a work representing our ConnerConnects Banquet. Raffle tickets will be sold prior to and at the banquet for \$5, and the drawing and prize will be awarded at the event. (You need not be present to win.) If you plan to attend the banquet, please respond by April 9.

Please see the registration form in this mailing for opportunities to attend, buy raffle tickets, or pay for students to attend. For additional information, please contact Jo Anne Norris at (706)542-2481 or email jnorris@agecon.uga.edu.

Tom Frazier Memorial Golf Tournament on April 20, 2007



The 4th annual Tom Frazier Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, April 20, 2007 at the newly renovated University of Georgia Golf Course in Athens. The renovations were completed last year by the Davis Love Group and the beautiful new golf course reopened to the public in December, 2006. The tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate and will be a four-person Lauderdale with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Individual participants who have not selected team members will be assigned to a team. The cost of the tournament is \$75 per person or \$300 per team. Space is limited, so register soon to reserve your spot. For additional information, please contact Jo Anne Norris at (706) 542-2481 or email jnorris@agecon.uga.edu. (See last page for registration form.)

If you are not able to play in the tournament but would like to be involved, you can sponsor the event and help defray the cost through a donation to the Arch Foundation designated for the Tom Frazier Memorial Golf Tournament.

The Tom Frazier Scholarship Fund supports the quality educational experiences that are an integral part of student life in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Your tax-deductible contributions will enable the department to make these opportunities available to a greater number of our deserving students. To contribute to this fund, please make checks payable to the Arch Foundation for the Tom Frazier Scholarship Fund. Mail checks to the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia, 301 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602-7509.



ConnerConnects Registration

(Due by April 9, 2007)

State Botanical Gardens Visitors Center, Athens, GA on April 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____ Email: _____

___ **Yes, I will attend.**

___ **No, I will not be able to attend.**

<p>_____ Student Tickets (\$10 each) \$ _____ Quantity Total</p> <p>_____ Non-Student Tickets (\$25 each) \$ _____ Quantity Total</p> <p>_____ Raffle tickets (\$5 each) \$ _____ Quantity Total</p> <p>Donation to help defray department's \$15 contribution for student tickets \$ _____</p>	<p>Guests' Names</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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*Make checks payable to Arch Foundation and specify that it is for ConnerConnects or raffle tickets.
Mail to: ConnerConnects Registration, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens,
GA 30602-7509.*

Student News

December, 2006 Graduates

Undergraduate Students

Name	Degree	Hometown
Tyler Boyd	BSES - Envir Econ & Mgt	Hoganville, GA
Allison Brazell	BSA - Agribusiness	Kingsland, GA
Randall Daniel	BSA - Agribusiness	Colbert, GA
Bo Dotson	BSA - Agribusiness	Toccoa, GA
Joshua Etheridge	BSA - Agribusiness	Leesburg, GA
Griffin Evans, Jr.	BSA - Agribusiness	Douglas, GA
Jessica Giurato	BSA - Agribusiness	Alpharetta, GA
Charles Godley	BSA - Agribusiness	Hinesville, GA
Joshua Halpin	BSA - Agribusiness	Canton, GA
Jeffrey Huber	BSA - Ag Econ	Suwanee, GA
Chiharu Ichiki	BSES - Envir Econ & Mgt	Inabe-Shi, Mieke
Stephen Kuzniak	BSA - Agribusiness	Tunnel Hill, GA
Jay Lanier	BSA - Agribusiness	Rome, GA
Jeremy Maddox	BSA - Agribusiness	Pendergrass, GA
Brett Marok	BSA - Agribusiness	Alpharetta, GA
Jason Morrow	BSA - Agribusiness	Bishop, GA
David Nolan	BSA - Agribusiness	Alpharetta, GA
Kyle Watts	BSA - Agribusiness	Lawrenceville, GA
Charles Way	BSA - Ag Econ	Savannah, GA

Graduate Students

Name	Degree	Hometown
Julia Beckhusen	MS - Envir Econ	Vacaville, CA
Feng Zhang	PhD - Ag Econ	Tianjin, P.R.China



The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics extends congratulations to our December, 2006 Graduates!

Faculty News

Dr. Barry Barnett has been appointed the new Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Having exhibited outstanding commitment to students, Dr. Barnett was recognized with the Graduate Student Association's 2004 Outstanding Faculty Award. The department is looking forward to Dr. Barnett's leadership as Graduate Coordinator.



Dr. Charlie Huang was presented the Southern Agricultural Economics Association's (SAEA) 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award at the association's annual meetings in February. The award recognized Dr. Huang's outstanding contributions to his profession, including editorship of two important agricultural economics journals.

Drs. Curt Lacy and John McKissick were part of a team presented the Southern Agricultural Economics Association's 2007 Distinguished Extension Program Award at the association's annual meetings in February. The award recognized the Southeast Beef Cattle Marketing School, an integrated educational program produced by the University of Georgia, the University of Florida, Clemson University, Auburn University, and the USDA Risk Management Agency.

Dr. Nathan Smith, Amanda Ziehl, John Paul Martin, and Dr. John Mc Kissick were presented the Distinguished Professional Contribution Award for their presented poster which won 3rd place at the 2007 SAEA annual meetings in February. The poster was titled "An Analysis of National Public Policy Survey: What Are Georgia Producers Agricultural, Food and Public Policy Preferences?"

Dr. Dmitry Vedenov has resigned from his position as assistant professor in the department and has accepted a position at Texas A & M. Faculty, staff and students wish him great success in his new position.

Staff News



Josh Gill (M.S. in environmental economics in 2004 from UGA) has returned to the department to work on a research project for Dr. John Bergstrom.

GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

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

University of Georgia Golf Course, Athens, GA on April 20, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$75.00 per player or \$300.00 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.

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