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Agronomy

Colleagues:

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that I have accepted the Dean's position of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Colorado State University. I will be assuming those responsibilities sometime in July (the actual date yet to be finalized). Although I am looking forward to the challenges that accompany this position, I will miss being a member of Purdue Agronomy very much. It has truly been an honor to work with each of you these past 8 years.

Thank you for your support as we have grown the department in people and programs. I will miss you all very much.

Regards,

Craig

CONGRATULATIONS

PURDUE SOILS TEAM

SECOND PLACE TEAM

2009

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY COLLEGIATE SOILS CONTEST

MARCH 29 – APRIL 3

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

JOEY DUNN – 5TH Place Individual
CODY FINK
JEANNIE ROSS
COLTON YODER – 2ND Place Individual

COACH, GARY STEINHARDT
ASST COACH, CATHY EGLER

**Thanks to all who contribute to the
Agronomy Student Activities Fund**

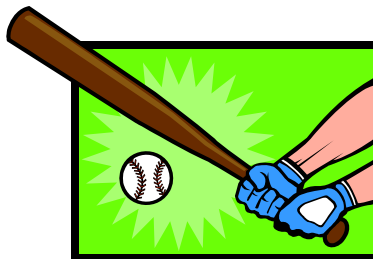
April 10, 2009

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH—The ladies will be meeting for lunch on April 16 at 11:30 at O'Charley's. Please call Mary Wilcox for reservations at 463-3932



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14 **Dean's Visit**
April 18-19 **Spring Fest**
April 23 **Undergraduate student
recognition**



SOFTBALL NEWS—The graduate students have been playing in the Co Rec Intramural Sports league for softball. Our team is the

Aggie Pack, a combined effort between the Ag Econ grad students and our own Agronomy Department All-Stars. What we lack in tactical skill we make up for in enthusiasm. Our first game, against "Tool Academy", we scored 3 runs versus their 14. Last week, against "Softballs" we closed the gap with a valiant effort and a 5-12 defeat.

MISSION STATEMENT— The Agronomy Department at Purdue University offers dynamic undergraduate, graduate, and extension education programs, and conducts innovative and relevant research in the crop, soil, and environmental sciences in collaboration with public and private partners.

SEMINARS

AGRONOMY

“Journey to the Plant Cell Wall: ABC Transporters and Secretion of Wall Components”

Lacy Samuels

April 13, 2009

3:30 pm PFEN Dean’s Auditorium

BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY

“Crop protection technology: From chemistry to genes with a few microbes in between”

Dr. Don Edgecomb, Monsanto, St. Louis, MO

April 22, 2009 3:30 pm

Whistler Hall Room 116

BIOCHEMISTRY

“One and Two Metal Ion Catalysis: Biophysical and Kinetic Analysis”

Cindy Dupureur, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Missouri, St. Louis

April 14, 2009, Deans Auditorium (PFEN), 4:00 pm

ENTOMOLOGY

“Pollination by Native Bees”

Sujaya Rao, Department of Entomology, Oregon State University

April 16, Whistler Hall Room 116

3:45 pm, Refreshments: 3:15 pm

PULSe SEMINAR SERIES

“Molecular Phylogenetic Insights into the Host and Geographic Distributions of Avian Haemosporidium Parasites”

Robert E. Ricklefs, Department of Biology, University of Missouri, St. Louis

April 13, 2009, STEW 202, Coffee at 3:00 pm,

Seminar to follow

STATISTICAL BIOINFORMATICS SEMINAR SERIES

“Mixed Model Quantitative Trait Loci Analysis”

Ms. Cherie A. Ochsenfeld, Department of Statistics, Purdue University

April 14, 2009, LILY G126 4:30pm,

PLANT BIOLOGY STUDENT/POSTDOC

“The Arabidopsis VILLINs play an important role in actin organization and dynamics”

Parul Khurana

April 15, 2009, WSLR Room 116, 12:00 pm

PURDUE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

“Flooding in Indiana”

April 14, 2009, LILY 3-409, 5:45-6:45 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Agronomy Undergraduate Student Recognition
Thursday, April 23rd, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.,
LILY 2-425

Agronomy Senior Steak Fry – Sunday, April
26th, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Daniel Turf Center

Agronomy Graduate Student Recognition –
Thursday, April 30th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., LILY
2-425

To all Agriculture faculty and staff:

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Monday, April 13** from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Deans Auditorium, Pfendler Hall for an information session on the new Campus Master Plan. John Collier, Director of Campus Planning, will talk about the recently approved plan that will help shape the growth of our campus over the next 20-30 years.

SPRING FEST 2009 IS COMING SOON

Mark your calendar for April 18th and 19th. The theme for Spring Fest 09 is “Go Green” and how to be environmentally friendly.

Agriculture Awards Reception

Just a note to remind you of the Agriculture Awards Reception, which the Agricultural Council sponsors each spring. This reception is an opportunity for students and staff within the College of Agriculture to be honored for outstanding achievement.

Among the awards to be announced are 2008-2009 Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, Outstanding Counselor, Outstanding Graduate Educator, Outstanding Service to Students, Outstanding Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior. In addition, recognition of the "400 Club," which include students who have maintained a 4.00 graduation index throughout their studies at Purdue.

The reception will be held in STEW 302-306 on Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m. Following the reception will be an Awards Program that will recognize all the nominees and the winner for each award will be announced.

ACRE Safety Thought No. 15

Pesticides are used regularly at the ACRE. To reduce our pesticide risks the Crop Protection Laboratory, CPL, was built at the ACRE in 1989. It is meant for the safe storage, handling, measuring, and mixing of pesticides. All pesticides should be stored in the building, not in barns, trucks, or offices. The departments of Agronomy, Entomology and Botany and Plant Pathology each have individual laboratories with separate storage areas. Every individual using the building must be trained in building procedures and safety requirements. If you plan to use pesticides then plan to use the CPL and schedule your CPL training.

Remember, think, plan, and work safely at ACRE
Thanks,
Jim Beaty



Please join our March for Babies team!

Sandy Spitznagle and Karen Clymer are walking on **Saturday, April 25th** to celebrate their children (Jeff, Alexis, Emily and Ben) who were born healthy — and to show we care for all babies, those born healthy and those that need our help to survive and thrive. Premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death; and birth defects affect more than 120,000 babies every year. The March of Dimes is investing millions of dollars in Nobel Prize-winning research offering hope for preventions and solutions for babies born premature or with birth defects.

Our March for Babies Team hopes to raise **\$200.00**. Will you help us reach our goal and help all moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies? Donations may be put into our container located in LILY 2-444, buy a candy bar from the main office (since the proceeds from all sales will be donated to March of Dimes for the month of April) or mail a check made out to March of Dimes to Connie Foster, 915 W. State Street, Purdue University West Lafayette, IN 47907.

We thank you for your support!