Calendar of Events:

November 13  Seminar by William Amponsah
November 21  Seminar by Paul Johnson
November 26-29  Thanksgiving vacation
December 13  Fall classes end
December 15-20  Fall final exams
December 21  Fall Commencement
January 12, 2004  Spring 2004 classes begin

Upcoming Seminars:

William Amponsah will present a seminar on November 13, 2003, 3-5:00 p.m., in KRAN 661, entitled, “Challenges Facing Africa in Ongoing Multilateral Negotiations.”

Paul Johnson, W.K. Kellogg Chair in Agriculture Food and Community Ethics, Michigan State University, will present a seminar November 21, 2003, 3-5:00 p.m. in KRAN 661 entitled “Commodification: What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?”

Congratulations and Names in the News:

The Purdue University based, Indiana Council for Economic Education celebrated its 50th anniversary of providing teacher training and resources to K-12 educators with a gala celebration which took place October 10th at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. The program began with a teacher’s award program followed by a demonstration of the Mini-Economy curriculum. The Mini-Economy is a program where students experience entrepreneurship in the classroom. The master of ceremonies was Scott Swan, news anchor at channel 13-WTHR and the keynote speaker was Peter Harrington, former executive director of the ICEE. The evening included a silent auction and historical displays.

The ICEE is a partnership of leaders from business, labor, agriculture, education, and government dedicated to increasing economic literacy in Indiana. Through a statewide network of 13 regional University Centers, and in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Education, the ICEE provides economic education training, materials, and consulting assistance to thousands of Indiana educators each year.

A $1 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture will allow Purdue to create the Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center (AICC). Mike Boehlje and Joan Fulton will be the co-directors of the center. The purpose of AICC is to provide education on, assessment of, and shepherding of value-added products or processes from initial idea to value-added enterprise. These products or processes result from technological discoveries, producer ideas, or consumer needs identification. The pursuit of these goals will create opportunities for agricultural producer groups to develop value-added agricultural businesses. An integral part of the center will be the development of assessment tools for entrepreneurs to use in developing their businesses. Educational seminars to producer groups will be another part of the center’s activities. Four projects have already been identified for initial testing and business analysis. The projects include a soy-based laundry detergent additive, new pork products, a soy nutritional enhancement for food and a feasibility study for a corn
mesa flour plant. Purdue’s New Venture team is an integral component of the AICC. After innovations have gone through the assessment phase, they will be turned over to the New Ventures team for assistance in implementing their ideas.

A special symposium was held October 10 at the University of Lethbridge (Canada) to celebrate Kurt Klein’s 60th birthday. Otto Doering traveled west to join the festivities over the weekend. A number of Purdue alumni attended: Kerry Litzenberg from Texas, Lars Brink came from Moscow, Randy Westgren from Illinois, and Mauro Lopes from Brazil. Recently, Kurt has been designated a “research professor” at Lethbridge.

Congratulations to the following winners of Extension awards presented at the recent Extension banquet:

Team Award “Executive Institute for Commercial Producers Team.” The team members are Allan Gray, Craig Dobbins, Cole Ehmke, Michael Boehlje, Aissa Slayton, Betty Ottinger, Linda Heckaman and Alan Miller.

Leadership and Community Development Innovator Award: John Huie.

**Thought you would like to know:**

Jayson Lusk was awarded a USDA/NRI grant titled: “Antibiotic Drug Use in Livestock Production: Effects of a Ban on Producers and Consumers.”

Janet Ayres, Working with Bill Hoover in FNR, launched a new program for people working in the natural resources area, Natural Resources Leadership Development Institute. The first three-day workshop was held October 15-17, 2003, at McCormick’s Creek State Park. Over 60 people in the natural resources area applied to participate in this program; 30 were selected to give the greatest diversity to the group. Three, three-day workshops will be held to teach skills in dealing with controversial public issues; leadership; collaborative problem-solving; mediation; and negotiation. The other sessions will be held in November and December. Follow-up sessions will be planned next spring on working with the media and how controversial issues move into the policy arena.

The New Ventures team held a Value-Added Grant Writing Workshop on October 1, 2003, via IP videoconference. Over 50 people in nine locations around the state participated.

Ernesto Gallo presented a seminar on October 23 entitled, “The Hottest Fruit in America: The Mango.” He is a former grad student in the department and is currently on the faculty at the University of Piura in Peru.

**Travel, Speeches and Presented Papers:**


Will Masters presented “Research Prizes: A Mechanism to Reward Agricultural Innovation in Low-Income Regions” at Columbia University on September 30 and at Rutgers on October 17.

Betina Dimaranan and Tom Hertel from the GTAP Center attended the Second CEPII-IDB Conference, “Economic Implications of the Doha Development Agenda for Latin America and The Caribbean,” October 6-7, 2003, held at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. This conference was organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Commissariat General du Plan (CEPII). The objective of the conference was to provide a comprehensive analysis of the challenges and opportunities offered by this new round of multilateral negotiations with a view to defining an agenda for future policy research and to evaluate the economic implications for Latin America and The Caribbean. Betina presented a paper at this conference and Tom was a Panel Chair.
Terrie Walmsley attended the “APEC Capacity-Building Workshop on Quantification of NTMs and Trade Facilitation,” October 8-10, 2003. The workshop was organized by staff from the Australian Productivity Commission and the U.S. International Trade Commission. The workshop was designed to build on the momentum achieved by research organizations in the Asia-Pacific region in improving techniques for the quantitative assessment of trade policies other than tariffs.

Joan Fulton visited Zamorano University in Honduras from October 15-18. While there she taught a course in Developing a Business Plan to a group of 72 third-year students.

Jayson Lusk presented “Consumer Preferences as Impetus for Non Tariff Trade Barriers: Experimental Evidence of Demand for Genetically Modified Food in the United States and European Union” at the University of Illinois.

Tom Hertel was an invited presenter at an experts’ workshop on “Quantifying the Impact of Developed Countries’ Policies on Developing Countries,” at The Center for Global Development in Washington, D.C. on October 23-24, 2003. This workshop was sponsored by The Center for Global Development (CGD) and the Global Development Network (GDN). This workshop is to seek to increase knowledge about the “filters” between developed-country policies and socioeconomic outcomes in developing countries. Tom’s presentation at this workshop was entitled, “The Earnings Effects of Multilateral Trade Liberalization.”


Publications:


Job Announcements:

University of Arizona: faculty position in international trade
University of California, Santa Cruz: Assist Professor – Econometrics
University of California, Santa Cruz: Assist Professor – Industrial Organization

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below

Career and Job Sites on the Internet
Purdue http://www.purdue.edu/jobs
AAEA Job Posting http://www.aaea.org/employment.html
Academic Employment Network http://www.academploy.com/
Agriculture Career Connection http://www.ag-biz.com
Academic Position Network http://www.apnjobs.com/
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
Chronicle of Higher Education http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/
Congressional Budget Office http://www.cbo.gov
Education Jobs Page http://www.nationajob.com/education
Employment/Resume Posting http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html
EPA http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe
Foreign Ag Service http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm
Government Career http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/
USDA, Ag Research Service http://ars.usda.gov

For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651.
Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT.