Calendar of Events:

January 7  Spring Graduate Student Orientation
January 10  Spring classes begin
January 24-26  Horticultural Congress, Adams Mark, Indianapolis

Congratulations and Names in the News:

Governor Kernan and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Reed, recognized Otto Doering's service on the Governor's Education Roundtable at its Dec. 15th meeting.

ELEANOR KAPLAN AWARD
Sally announced that Kim Mullen, Business Manager, was just awarded the Eleanor O. Kaplan award for Exceptional Customer Service. Many testimonials from the Ag Econ department were sent in support of Kim's nomination. In winning this award, Kim had to meet criteria for exhibiting exceptional customer service in one or more of the following ways:

a. made significant contributions to improving customer service in either their department, school or organization
b. demonstrated the ability to incorporate outstanding improvements in either their department, school or organization through individual leadership
c. and/or exhibited creative or innovative methods in providing customer service

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS
Ms. Ginger McColley has been hired and begun work in GTAP, Room 560, as an Information Technology Specialist. She received her B.S. in Computer Graphics Technology from Purdue in May 2003.

Holiday Recognition Luncheon Held:

The Department gathered to honor its award-winning faculty and staff at the annual holiday recognition luncheon on December 15. The afternoon’s theme centered around the popular show, Survivor. The luncheon’s program included recognition of 30 faculty and staff who have received honors over the course of the year, including promotions and obtaining significant grants. The theme for the event was the popular show, Survivor. The Drawing Room of the Krannert Building was decorated to recreate a tropical island, complete with palm trees, a bonfire, jungle sounds, a smoking volcano, and table centerpieces featuring live fish. Entertainment was provided by the Ag Econ Graduate Student Organization enacted skits based on activities seen in the Survivor television series, but with an economic twist.

Thought You Would Like to Know:

The Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center (AICC) participated in the Indiana Farm Bureau’s annual convention in Indianapolis, December 18. Joined by the New Ventures team of Extension Educators, the Center highlighted entrepreneurship support efforts provided through Purdue Extension to the 1,700 attendees. Jane Anderson, Joan Fulton and Cole Ehmke handed out copies of AICC’s publications and promoted the use
of the AICC Business Planner at which users can begin writing a business plan. More on AICC is available at www.agecon.purdue.edu/planner.

Travel, Speeches and Presented Papers:

Wally Tyner traveled to Morocco and Algeria in December. In Morocco, he worked on a Purdue project on agricultural policy reform. In Algeria he presented a conference keynote address entitled “Agricultural Policy Reform in the Context of Trade Liberalization and Climatic Variability – the Case of Morocco.”


Wally Tyner, Terri Walmsley and Huey-Lin Lee participated in the Purdue Climate Change Research Center’s (PCCRC) first workshop on “Climate Change Research and Education at Purdue”, held on campus, November 19th, and presented a poster introducing the GTAP capacity in climate change analysis.


Maria Marshall will give presentations at the Horticulture Congress on January 24 and 26 related to small business management.

Maria Marshall will speak at the Pulaski County Annual Meeting on January 25 about entrepreneurship programs.

Maria Marshall will travel to Cairo, Egypt on January 27-February 9 to conduct a small business planning course.

Alexander, Dobbins, Marshall, Patrick, and Wilson will conduct two workshops titled “Human Resource Risk and Contingency Planning”. The first workshop is in West Lafayette, IN on January 21 and the second workshop is in Sellersburg, IN on February 4.

Jennifer Dennis will present a talk entitled “Understanding Today’s Consumer” at the Illiana Vegetable Growers’ School in Schererville Indiana on January 6, 2005 and present a talk entitled “Repeat Garden Center Customers: Why or Why Not” at the Indiana Nurserymen & Landscape Association P.L.A.N.T.S. conference on January 12, 2005.

December 2 - 4: Thomas Hertel organized an international conference in The Hague on “Putting Development back into the Doha Agenda”. This was sponsored by the World Bank and involved sixteen papers, including three global studies and 13 country case studies.

On December 1, Roman Keeney presented the following paper in The Hague:


Bob Taylor has been invited to be the keynoter at the North Carolina Young Farmers Conference, January 22, talking about “Farming with Family When Dad is the Biggest Problem”.

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Visit the AICC (Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center) website for information on business planning: www.agecon.purdue.edu/planner.

Publications:


Jennifer Dennis has an article entitled “Understanding and Evaluating Guarantee Programs “ in the November/December issue of the Ohio Florists Association Bulletin.


Job Announcements:

North Caroline State University:  4 faculty positions
University of Wisconsin-Madison: Development Economist Position
North Dakota State University: Faculty Position in Economics
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale: Rural and Regional Econ Development
Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research and
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics University of Wisconsin-Madison
Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs: Assistant Director
Sustainable Agriculture Specialist Position at Winrock International
University of California, Riverside: Dept of Econ – Labor Economics

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
                              http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe
Government Career http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/
National Job Bank http://www.jobs.joe.org
USDA, Ag Research Service http://ars.usda.gov
                              http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsjobs.htm
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