



Welcome Back Students!

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Aggie Agenda

From Undergraduate Advisor - Mark Hall

Welcome back to new and returning undergraduate students! I know the lives of all of us in the teaching office will be much more interesting now that you have returned. Over the summer, we have added five freshman and eight transfer students to our department, and eleven students from other departments have joined us. Remember that I am here to help you, so don't hesitate to contact me, even if it is just to let me know how you are doing. Here are some notes and reminders that may be useful:

If you change or add courses after August 27, 2007, you must pay any new tuition and fees the day you make the change or your courses may be subject to cancellation and a \$200 late registration charge to re-enroll.

If you plan to graduate this December, you need to apply before 5 PM Friday, September 7, at <https://degreeapp.tamu.edu>, or you will have to pay a late fee.

Hopefully no one will need it, but Friday, November 2, is the last day to Q-drop.

Pre registration for the spring 2008 semester starts as early as

November 15 for some students. Before that time rolls around, make sure to schedule an appointment with me to discuss your spring schedule. This will give me a chance to update your degree plan before you arrive so you won't have to sit there and watch me do it. I don't mind you "just dropping in", but I may be too busy to help you at any given time. If you are a student worker, you may be able to register early. You will need to fill out a form:

<http://admissions.tamu.edu/forms/registrarForms/StudentWorkerForm.pdf>

As the semester rolls on, don't forget about the services offered by the Student Learning Center, <http://slc.tamu.edu/>. They offer supplemental instruction (SI) for traditionally difficult core curriculum courses and tutoring services.

Also useful is the Student Counseling Service, <http://www.scs.tamu.edu/>. They can help you learn to take exams more effectively and to better manage your time and stress. We post their newsletters on the undergraduate bulletin board located outside 217 Heep.

Upcoming Event

Soil and Crop Sciences jointly with Entomology will be hosting a Welcome Back Students Hot Dog Luncheon. It will be scheduled for some time in September. Date has not been established.

Seminars

September 5

Dr. Mark Holtzapple on "MixAlco Process: Fuels and Chemicals from Biomass"

September 12

Dr. Bruce McCarl on "How Feasible are Dreams of Biofuels"

September 19

Dr. Sergio Capareda

September 26

To be announced

October 3

Various Students and Dr. Steve Hague CIMMYT/Mexico Trip Report

October 10

To be announced

October 17

Sam Willingham and Chris Souder



TEXAS A&M
AGRICULTURE

The Texas A&M University System

Agronomy Society

2007-2008 Officers
 President – Scott Stanislav
 Vice Pres – Tim Merta
 Secretary – Jessica Cooper
 Treasurer – Aaron Turner
 Reporter – Ninfa Rodriguez



Texas A&M Agronomy Society

The **Texas A&M Agronomy Society** (“Agronomy Club”) is looking forward to another active school year! We need your participation to keep our club a strong, vibrant and nationally recognized chapter of SASES (Students of Agronomy, Soils and Environmental Sciences) the national student organization affiliated with the Soil Science Society of America, Crop Science Society of America and the American Society of Agronomy. “On our plate” for early consideration is participation in College Station’s Adopt-A-Street program and planning for participation in the upcoming national meetings in New Orleans.

Please watch for our announcement of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Agronomy Society (likely the second week of the Fall semester) and **make it a point to come out and become an active member!** If you have any questions, please contact club President Scott Stanislav (scottstan15@neo.tamu.edu) or Drs. Dave Zuberer, Steve Hague or Dirk Hays (DZUberer@ag.tamu.edu, SHague@ag.tamu.edu, DBHays@ag.tamu.edu). Hope to see you at the first meeting!

Turf Club

2007 – 2008 Officers
 President – Caleb Warren
 Vice Pres – Reed Rivers
 Secretary – JayTinsley
 Treasurer – Cody Fisseler
 Member Services – Kevin Brown

Activities planned:

- 1) Turf Club will be volunteering their services at the upcoming Texas A&M Invitational golf tournament at Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas, TX September 9-10.
- 2) Turf Club is also assisting with the coordination of the Toro Recognition Field Day on September 18. Club members will be welcoming exclusive representative from Toro Headquarters in Minneapolis, MN and thanking them for their recent monetary and equipment contributions to the Texas A&M Turfgrass Program. Dr. Chalmers, Steinke, and White in addition to Dr. Baltensperger and other college representatives will be participating.
- 3) Turf Club will be having regular meetings to prepare for the 2008 Turf Quiz Bowl at the Golf Course Superintendents Association in Orlando, FL during January 2008.
- 4) Officers are aggressively assembling a list of speakers and activities for the upcoming academic year including a visit to Minute Maid Park, the home of the Houston Astros.
- 5) Represent TAMU Turf Club at the **Texas Turf Conference and Trade Show in San Antonio December 17-19.**

Students have the opportunity to **network with our many successful former students** and begin to formulate their own career goals by showing up and letting good things happen. Our “Former Students” are very interested in our undergraduates and want them to have the very best training possible – they expect our Turf Club to be strong and they are willing to help as well.

We're on the web!

<http://soilcrop.tamu.edu>

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Fundraising events with former students include the Former Student Pin Program. This program raised \$1,100 in 2006-07 and has great potential for generating additional club support.

This year's Turf Club will choose which **community activities** they wish to support. Habitat for Humanity is one example of Turf Club Community involvement!

For more information please contact your Turf Club President Caleb Warren and make a commitment to being a part of a very successful and enriching the 2007-08 academic year. Website (soon to be updated) <http://turfgrassclub.tamu.edu/>

Graduate Student Organization

Information will be forthcoming

Soils Judging Team

The beginning of the 2007 Fall Semester not only means the beginning of classes, but also the start of workouts for the TAMU Soils Team preparing for competition in the Southern Regional Soils Contest on October 24-26, 2007. This year the contest will be hosted by Dr. Clay Robinson and West Texas A&M University, but with a new twist. They will be hosting the contest in Dallam County (Dalhart area) rather than their home of Randall County so their team will be able to compete to qualify for the National Contest in April. The TAMU Soils Team will have two returning from last year, so at least two new faces will be added to the mix. Its always exciting to begin with new judges and all will be looking forward to the competetive challenge.

Summer 2007 Graduates

Undergraduate Students

- Chad Russell Branum - BS-AGRO-TMO
- Paul Timothy Coss - BS-AGRO-TMO
- Ralph Daniel Glass - BS-AGRO-SCM
- Adam Wayne Swartz - BS-AGRO-SCM
- Kris Mark Weinheimer - BS-AGRO-TMO
- Robert Daniel White - BS-AGRO-TMO

Graduate Students

- Daniel Fromme - PHD-AGRO
- Leslie Charles Kuhlman - PhD-PLBR
- Rebecca Joann Corn - MS-PLBR
- Weldon Duane Nanson - MS-MS AGRO
- Meghan Cathreen Roche - MS-PLBR

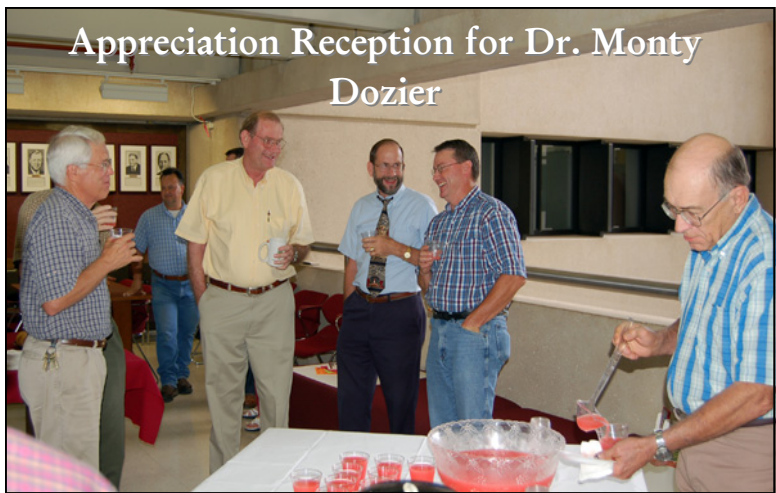
Family Additions

- Callie Waiser was born February 28 to Travis, Amy & Mikayla Waiser
- Veer Shweta was born August 6 to Nilesh & Shweta Dighe.
- Colleen Gardunia was born August 8 to Brian & Leila Gardunia.
- Soumyajit Biawas was born July 31 to Bhajan & Sumitra Biswas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 9 & 10 10th Annual Texas A&M Invitational Golf Tournament, Brookhaven County Club in Dallas
- September 10 - 18 World Cotton Conference, Lubbock TX
- October 4 - 5 Surface Mine Reclamation Workshop, College Station Hilton
- October 9 Statewide Faculty Meeting (Rm 440)

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Monty Dozier is moving on to take the position of Regional Program Director for the South Region.

2007 EXTENSION PU 790 RETREAT



Our coffee drinking
Department Head



Our gun slinging
Associate Department Head



There are winners and losers!

Position Update

Tenure/Track Position in Grain Quality & Technology - *Texas A&M University*

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Texas A&M Agronomy Society

- First meeting of Fall 2007 semester for current and new members
- **Tuesday September 4th @ 5:30 in Heep Rm. 440.**
- We will be discussing plans for the year.

Come on out and join us!