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A bi-monthly effort to communicate the activities of faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences, this month's issue highlights activities from October and November.

Former Student to Pursue PhD

- ✓ Ryan Saucier (BS '01, MS '04) has been awarded a doctoral assistantship at the University of Missouri beginning in the fall of 2007. Saucier will focus his studies on agricultural education and agricultural systems management while conducting research, teaching, student supervision, and outreach responsibilities in agricultural education and agricultural mechanics.

Faculty Member Receives National Teaching Award

- ✓ Dwayne Pavelock was selected as the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award-New Teacher by the American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources (AASCARR). One recipient per year is selected from 55 AASCARR member institutions in 18 states. The award (for faculty with less than seven years experience) was presented at the association's annual meeting on October 23-26 in Pomona, California. As the recipient, Pavelock presented an invited lecture regarding his personal teaching philosophy and methods.



Dr. Dwayne Pavelock

Multiple Research Presentations Made in Las Vegas

- ✓ The department had a strong presence at the Clute Institute for Academic Research in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 2-6. The institute sponsored both the College Teaching & Learning Conference and the International Business & Economic Research Conference. Faculty attending were Marcy Beverly, Roger Hanagriff, and Stanley Kelley. Conference participation at the College Teaching & Learning Conference included the following:
 - Stanley Kelley presented a paper entitled, "Character and Ethics of Texas' 4-H and FFA Youth: An Age Perceptive". The paper was co-authored by Marcy Beverly.
 - Marcy Beverly presented a paper entitled, "Evaluating University Teaching: An Institutional Summary of Student Ratings". The paper was co-authored by Stanley Kelley and Roger Hanagriff.
 - Marcy Beverly presented a paper entitled, "Assessment and Effectiveness of the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy 'Square Meals'". The paper was co-authored by Roger Hanagriff, Stanley Kelley, Dwayne Pavelock, and Doug Ullrich.

Conference participation for the International Business & Economic Research Conference was as follows:

- Roger Hanagriff presented a paper entitled, "Assessment of a State Sponsored Marketing Program to Promote Rural Tourism: A Case Study using the 2004-2005 Texas Yes! Hometown STARS Program". The paper was co-authored by Michael Lau, Stanley Kelley and Marcy Beverly.
- Stanley Kelley presented a paper entitled, "Economic Value of Students' Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects in Agricultural Education". The paper was co-authored by Roger Hanagriff, Dwayne Pavelock, Doug Ullrich, and Marcy Beverly.
- Roger Hanagriff presented a paper entitled, "Assessment of a State Commodity Marketing Program: A Case Study Approach using 2003-2004 Texas Wine Marketing Assistance Program Evaluation". The paper was co-authored by Stanley Kelley, Marcy Beverly, and Tim Murphy.

Muns Assists New T&I Teachers

- ✓ Nedom Muns presented a workshop on industrial certification requirements to 65 new trade and industry teachers at a new teacher orientation sponsored by the Texas Education Agency. The session was conducted in Austin on October 27.

Annual AASCARR Meeting

- ✓ Stanley Kelley and Dwayne Pavelock attended the annual meeting of the American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources (AASCARR) on October 23-26. Held on the campus of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, the meeting included topics such as effective program assessment, cooperative research and educational activities with other universities and state agencies, USDA higher education programs, the Farm Bill, and tours of selected California agribusinesses.

Students and Faculty Fulfill Vital Roles at National FFA Convention

- ✓ A strong contingent of students and faculty attended the annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 23-27. The event attracts over 50,000 students and guests in what is known as the nation's largest meeting of students. SHSU's integral and diverse roles in the convention included the following:
 - Doug Kingman and Joe Muller served as associate superintendents for the Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event (CDE). Several SHSU students provided valuable assistance in conducting the event.
 - Doug Ullrich judged two rounds of the national Extemporaneous Speaking CDE.
 - Ullrich and Dwayne Pavelock were judges for the semi-finals of the national Agricultural Issues CDE. Students Lauren Birdsong, Jared Carpenter, Jenni Largent, Monica McRill, Justin Romine, Erin Smith, and Karla Smithson served as event assistants.
 - Largent and McRill coordinated and staffed the Agricultural Consortium of Texas exhibit booth.
 - Phil Hamilton, along with students Jerrod Nettles and Jeremy Spurlock, served as event assistants for the national Agricultural Sales CDE.

SHSU Ag Alumni Holds Fundraiser

- ✓ The SHSU Agriculture Alumni Association hosted its first annual TCCA Steer and Heifer Show October 28th and 29th at the Willis Ag Arena in Willis Texas. The show had over 100 entries. JoJo Carrales (current graduate assistant) and Jerry Hoskins (SHSU Ag alumnae) donated their time as judges for the event. The SHSU Beef Cattle Show Team and Livestock Judging Team assisted with the show. Over \$2,200 was raised in scholarship funds. A special thanks to alumni board members Bob Choiniere and Damon Acord for organizing the event and donating the show management.

Rodeo Teams Hosts Annual Collegiate Rodeo, Flex Muscle in Region Standings

- ✓ On October 19-21, collegiate rodeo athletes from Texas and Louisiana competed in Huntsville at the Hillcrest Ford 2006 Southern Regional Rodeo. Bearkats captured event titles with 20 different SHSU Rodeo members qualifying for the finals round.
- ✓ The team has also competed in rodeos hosted by Southwest Texas Junior College, Northeast Texas Community College, Stephen F. Austin State University, and McNeese State University. Combined with the event hosted by SHSU, these five rodeos comprise the fall tour for the region. Both men's and women's teams are currently second in the region, and look forward to a strong spring season to complete the year and qualify for nationals.

Grants Secured for Marketing Evaluation, Organic Agriculture

- ✓ Roger Hanagriff and Michael Lau have three new grants focusing on the marketing of agricultural products. Two are funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture – the first focuses on marketing Texas wines while the second involves the evaluation of tourism development events hosted by rural Texas communities. The third project is a United States Department of Agriculture project regarding barriers to entering organic production, which includes research help from Doug Constance in Rural Sociology here at SHSU.



Dr. Roger Hanagriff

Barnyard and Greenthumb Days

- ✓ The 12th Annual Block and Bridle Children's Barnyard was held at the Ag Center on October 18th and 19th. This two day event was attended by 1200 area children from the Huntsville, New Waverly, Willis, and Trinity areas. This educational experience included walk-through pens filled with docile farm animals that each student could pet, as well as stations that explained the nutritional importance of milk, eggs, meat, etc. The Block and Bridle Club, which is advised by Marcy Beverly, annually sponsors this educational field trip in an effort to demonstrate and educate local youth about the importance of farm animals and plants regarding their role in of society and ecosystem.
- ✓ The Horticulture & Crop Science Club sponsored Greenthumb Days on October 18th & 19th. Children experienced several activities in plant agriculture, learned about the importance of plants and their use, and toured the greenhouse at the Ag Center. The club is advised by Tim Pannkuk.



Dr. Marcy Beverly

Horseman's Association Presents Inaugural Horse Show, Colt Clinic

- ✓ The SHSU Horseman's Association, led by faculty member Matt McMillan, sponsored its inaugural horse show on October 14 at Cowboy Country, and the event proved to be a huge success with over 40 exhibitors showing several horses. Major sponsors of the event included Walker County Feed, Lonestar Feed, and Weisner-Huntsville.
- ✓ The association also hosted a colt starting clinic on September 29-October 1. A total of eight horses were trained, none of which had ever been saddled or ridden prior to the clinic. Charlie Hill (clinician) provided excellent instruction and a tremendous amount of insight to SHSU students and people in the community.



Dr. Matt McMillan

Lane Travels to Costa Rica, Plans International Courses

- ✓ Bobby Lane traveled to Costa Rica in October to develop an itinerary and make preliminary arrangements for offering two courses there next June. The department embarked several years ago on an initiative to provide educational opportunities for our students in the international arena, having offered course in Mexico for three years, and most recently in China.



Picture: A Costa Rican farmer uses a team of oxen to remove harvested timber from his property.

The courses, International Agriculture and Tropical Horticulture, will focus on both plant and animal production systems in the tropics, sustainable agriculture, agroecosystems, ecotourism, trade policies, and import and export markets, among other topics. SHSU students will share experiences with Costa Rican agriculture students from the EARTH University in Gualipies. Experts from Costa Rica will lecture on the soils, geography, and geology of the country, local impacts of the Central American Free Trade Agreement, and current challenges facing agricultural producers, processors and exporters.

World Food Day is a Joint Effort

- ✓ The Department of Sociology teamed with the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences to co-host World Food Day at SHSU on October 25 & 26. This year's theme was *Power of the People: Bottom Up Solutions To Hunger*. A teleconference video was presented on solutions to eradicate world hunger and how student organizations can become involved followed by discussion from participants. This year's event was a great success and a step forward to solving the world's hunger problem.

Huntsville "Fair on the Square"

- ✓ Students Amanda Decker and David Shelton represented the department as participants in the Huntsville Fair on the Square on October 7. They managed a booth that sold project sponsorships for picnic tables and Adirondack chairs as a fundraiser, but also conversed with all passers-by about the Agricultural and Industrial Sciences program and what SHSU has to offer. The annual event enabled Amanda and David to visit with people from throughout Texas as well as Alaska, Colorado, Indiana, New Mexico, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

Faculty Member Lends Hand to Accreditation Process

- ✓ Nedom Muns was one of 11 invited college faculty members and proprietary school owners invited to Chicago on November 17-19 to begin developing a new accrediting agency for higher education in proprietary education. Muns, who has served as a representative on United States Department of Education accrediting agencies for 18 year, was elected vice president of the organizational team and will assist in developing the by-laws, standards, and criteria of the new accreditation agency.

Beef Cattle Show Team Competes at Fall Shows and WIN!

- ✓ The Beef Cattle Show Team has been active this semester. Their first show of the season was Washington County Fair where they had five head and won two 1st in class, two 2nd in class, and had a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion Bull. The team also received the Herdsman Award. The East Texas State Fair in Tyler saw an even greater success with two Division Champions, two Reserve Division Champions, and the Reserve Champion Bull. The State Fair of Texas was just as eventful with two head winning 1st in class, two 2nd in class, and again a Division Champion Bull. The team's fall road trip ended in Louisiana at the State Fair. They exhibited seven head and received a 1st in class, 3rd in class, and their bull was Division Champion Bull.

These cattle are from the Angus herd at Gibbs Ranch and are cared for by students in the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences. The team captains for the 2006-07 show season are Russell Yancey and Jason Reue.



Presentation on Counselor Research Made in Atlanta

- ✓ Dwayne Pavelock was the lead author of a research presentation at the 2006 American Career and Technical Education Research Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on November 29, 2006. The paper, entitled "High School Counselor Perceptions and Awareness Regarding Higher Education and Agricultural Science", was co-authored by faculty members Doug Ullrich and Roger Hanagriff, as well as former graduate assistant Lindsey Kilcrease. The presentation was conducted by Kirk Edney of the Instructional Materials Service, Texas A&M University.

Kelley Nominated for Prestigious Teaching Award

- ✓ Stanley Kelley was selected as SHSU's 2007 nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award. Fifteen awards are made annually to professors for superior teaching at the college level, regardless of academic discipline, and only one nominee per year may be submitted by each Texas institution of higher education. Selection is made on the basis of nominations submitted by each college or university in the State of Texas. Begun in 1958, the roster of Piper Professors includes outstanding professors from two and four-year colleges and universities, public and private. Winners will be announced in May.



Dr. Stanley Kelley