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THOMPSON SELECTED CVM DEAN

In an e-mail memo to UTIA faculty and staff issued on July 30, Dr. Joseph A. DiPietro, UT vice president for agriculture, informed the University community that Dr. James P. Thompson has accepted an offer of appointment as Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, effective October 1, 2008. Following is Dr. DiPietro's statement:

I am pleased to announce that Dr. James P. Thompson has accepted an offer of appointment as Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine effective October 1, 2008.

Dr. Thompson, who currently is Executive Associate Dean at the University of Florida CVM, brings a wealth and breadth of previous veterinary college level administrative experience, as well as outstanding skills, knowledge, familiarity, understanding and know-how to the position.

He and his wife, Joan, are excited about their move to UT and Knoxville. This is a very exciting time for the CVM and the Institute as a whole, not only with new leadership, but due to widespread recognition of our programs.

I hope you will join me in promoting this level of excitement and success and will warmly welcome Dean Thompson when he assumes his duties.

I appreciate all who participated in the search process. I am grateful for the hard work and efforts of the Search Advisory Committee members, with special thanks to Dean Caula Beyl, who chaired the effort, and Associate Dean James Brace, who served as vice-chair, in carrying out the search.

In addition, we are indebted and grateful to Dr. Leon Potgieter for his exceptional service as Interim Dean. Dean Potgieter has agreed to continue to serve as Interim Dean until Dr. Thompson's appointment begins.

No additional information on Dr. Thompson's appointment had been issued when the newsletter was written.

A report in the July issue of 'Third Thursday' welcomes Dean **William F. Brown** to the UTIA campus and reported that he is off to a quick start as

dean of research and director of UT Agricultural Research. Brown began his news duties on July 1.

"I am very excited to be returning to Tennessee and joining the world-class faculty and staff who work here," he said. Brown earned a M.S. in animal science at UT in the mid 1970's.

On August 1, Dean **Tim Cross** assumed duties as dean of Extension. Vice President Joe DiPietro has asked faculty and staff to join with him in welcoming Deans Brown and Cross to UTIA. Dr. DiPietro also expressed appreciation to Interim Deans Tom Klindt and Charles Goan who have provided leadership to the research and extension units in recent years. Dr. Goan has announced plans to retire in December 2008 and Dr. Klindt will be transitioning to other duties.

Planning is underway to honor Interim Dean **Charles Goan** on his retirement and years of service to the University. Receptions will be held for staff located in the three regions at the Extension mini-conferences on November 3, 5 and 6, 2008. On December 11, 2008, an event is being planned for individuals located in the Knoxville area. Additional details will be forthcoming. Locations for the Extension mini-conferences are: November 3 – Knoxville, November 5 – Jackson, November 6 – Murfreesboro.

To better serve the statewide nature of UTIA operations, The Department of Marketing and Communications began staffing an office in Nashville in mid July. Patricia A. McDaniels, senior media coordinator, will staff the new office, located in the Extension Central District Office Building at the Ellington Agricultural Center. Patty will continue to handle media relations, marketing, and news releases for the Institute and the web packet for Extension agents from the Nashville office.

A search committee was appointed in mid-July to fill the position of Extension Assistant Dean, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Resource Development. Persons serving on the committee are listed on page 8 of the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by: Roy R. Lessly
FUTIAWA President

'Living with Change'

Each day, as we pick up the newspaper or turn on the television, we are bombarded with articles about how the world around us is changing. Changes are related to the economy, politics, and other areas which impact our day-to-day lives. Many of these proposed changes will be positive while others may be made only for the purpose of change itself.

As a county extension agent working to bring about changes in clientele, I found out early in my career the importance in involving clientele in the change process and helping them understand how they will be impacted by each change. That is why it is important for us to stay involved when changes impacting our organization are proposed at the county, district, university and/or state levels.

Each of the components of the UT Institute of Agriculture has made several changes during the past year in both personnel and programs and should be complimented on the involvement of employees in these processes.

As retirees, it is critical that we continue to stay involved in any changes impacting the UTIA. I feel that our association does an excellent job of keeping retirees informed of proposed changes via email and related web pages and through the newsletter. If you have any concerns and/or input relating to changes impacting the UTIA, please express these either through active members of the Institute or through our association's district and state officers.

As your new president, I have two goals for the association during the next year. These are: (1) to increase our membership, and (2) to increase participation at district and state meetings. I need your ideas on how we might achieve each of these goals. Please drop me a note now or at any time about any changes you would propose for our association.

I look forward to working this year with secretary-treasurer Alma Pike, newsletter editor George Mays and the district officers and members.

You, as a member of the organization, can play an important role, so stay in touch!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Information About Retirees

S. Dean Northcutt, Extension agent and Coffee county director, retired June 30 with over 39 years of service. Dean said, "that's enough for me for now." A reception in his honor will be held Sunday, August 17 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of the Coffee County Administrative Plaza at Manchester. Retirees are invited to attend the reception. If you would like to contribute to a money tree for Dean Northcutt, please send the gift to: Dean Northcutt Retirement Fund, c/o UT Extension Coffee Co., 1331 McArthur St., Manchester, TN 37355.

James B. Wills, professor and coordinator, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science Department, retired June 30 with 30+ years of service. Jim expressed thanks to all who made his career enjoyable. Several retirees attended the retirement celebration held in his honor on July 11, 2008.

Henry Dowlen, director, Dairy Research and Education Center at Lewisburg, retired June 30 with 37 years of leadership as director. Dowlen was honored by 'Jersey Journal,' the official publication of the American Jersey Cattle Association, for his contributions to dairy research with a cover photo for its April issue. The association also presented its Award for Meritorious Service to Dowlen.

Suzanne McGee, senior secretary with the Lincoln County Extension Office, retired June 30. Mrs. McGee has worked for over 39 years with Lincoln County and UT-Extension. A reception for Mrs. McGee was held July 13 in Fayetteville.

Good news from **Darrell Hale** who suffered a stroke in June following 4-H Camp as reported in the June newsletter. On 07/30/2008 Darrell wrote:

"Hello All: What a great Extension family I have. Thanks to each of you for the prayers, cards, letters, e-mails and phone calls that I received during my medical emergency. I had a stroke on the way home from 4-H camp and have been down for a couple of months. I have been back to work for about a week now working 1/2 days. I am still not driving, but hope my doctor will release me to drive tomorrow. Again thanks for all the thoughts."

Darrell Hale, 208 Davidson St., East, Fayetteville, TN 37334, e-mail: dhale2@utk.edu

editor's note – Darrell's doctor released him on July 31 to go back to driving.

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Information About Retirees (continued from page 2)

As I was editing the newsletter on July 31, this e-mail came in from Rosalind Woodward. I have copied her e-mail as a reminder of retirement days for many other Extension workers. The official retirement notice on Rosalind from UT Human Resources will be included in the October newsletter.

“Dear Colleagues: There comes a time when retirement is an attractive option. And as of August 1, 2008, I will be exercising the retirement option. Tomorrow will be the first day of the rest of my life and I anticipate the day with great joy and happiness.

As I cleaned my office, it was like looking at 35 years of scrapbooks. The great memories were preserved in old reports, pictures, programs, lists, check stubs and you name it. You see I had a hard time getting rid of a lot of memories and cleaning my office.

But now, even though I had to reduce the office of a great many hard copies of memories, the memories will be preserved in my heart and constant reminders when I see a great many of the 4-H members and their parents who remember the 4-H projects, activities and competitions that we did during their tenure in 4-H.

Even though I will not be in the office, I will be a part of the U.T. and Knox County Extension forever. I have Junior High 4-H Life Skills Judging training next week.

Thank you for a wonderful 35 years in University of Tennessee Extension.”

Rosalind Woodward, rwoodard@utk.edu or rosalind_woodard@yahoo.com

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Copies of the following two email sent to Extension faculty and staff remind us of the change in leadership at UT-Extension on July 31 and August 1.

July 31 “Today is moving day, and boxes of ‘stuff’ are crossing paths as Dr. Tim Cross, Dr. George Smith and I are switching offices. It's amazing how many things we keep that really could have been discarded years ago.

Right now, words cannot fully express my appreciation for all the support that I have received from all of you during the past 33 months. Your efforts, dedication, and hard work certainly helped to make it much easier for me to fulfill my duties in the Extension Dean's office. I do plan to attend the three Regional Extension Conferences in November and hopefully be able to visit with all of you before my planned retirement at the end of this year.

For the next five months, I will serve as chair of the search committee to find a person to fill the Assistant Dean for Agriculture and Natural Resources position. Other duties will include doing whatever Dr. Cross wants done. One duty that I suggested was being the "gray-haired greeter for the Dean's office." One thing for sure, there will be long-sleeve shirts and ties that will not get much use.

As Dr. Cross and Dr. Smith assume their new roles, I know that you will support them just as you have supported me. It has been a pleasure working with everyone. Thanks to all.” Charlie

H. Charles Goan, Interim Dean, University of Tennessee Extension, cgoan@utk.edu

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Aug. 1 “Today is my first day as Dean of UT Extension, and I want to begin by thanking you for the excellent work that you do each and every day. Your expertise, long hours, and dedication to improving the lives of Tennessee farmers, families, youth and community members make this an organization that we can all be proud of. I am excited and enthused about past accomplishments, and I look forward to meeting the opportunities and needs that the future holds.

Our recent successes are certainly due in large part to the excellent leadership provided by Dr. Charles Goan. It has been a pleasure for me to work closely with Charlie for the past three years, and I will benefit greatly from his continued wisdom and guidance over the next few months. Ms. Alice Ann Moore has also been an outstanding Director for our 4-H/Youth Development programs, and her continued service (through December) will also be very beneficial as we transition to a new leadership team.

One of my initial goals is to ensure that we communicate effectively about directions, plans, and priorities for UT Extension. While this means we will work to send you periodic information, it also will require that we listen to you and to our stakeholders. Keep us informed of your accomplishments, concerns, and challenges; and we'll work together to carry out the Extension mission of improving the lives of Tennesseans.

Let me close by thanking you for the many expressions of support I've received for my appointment as Dean. I pledge to do my best to earn your continued support in the years ahead. It is an honor to assume this role for such an important organization.”

Tim Cross, Dean, UT-Extension, tlcross@utk.edu

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Information About Retirees (continued from page 3)

The 'Alice Ann Moore Outstanding 4-H Youth Development Agent Award' is being established as recognition for UT-Extension youth development agents with 21 years or more of service. Those who want to make a financial commitment to honor Alice Ann's retirement may contribute to the establishment of this award to fulfill one of her goals for the statewide youth development program.

During her tenure as director in the 4-H Youth Development Office, Alice Ann has been instrumental in setting up two 4-H agent awards. With the help of generous donors, the Mary Neal Alexander and G.L. Carter, Jr. awards have been established. The Alexander Award is recognition for youth development agents having been employed from 3 to 10 years; and the Carter Award recognizes those employed from 11 to 20 years. A \$1,500 cash award goes to each recipient.

Gifts to establish an endowment for the third award can be sent to the Tennessee 4-H Foundation, Attn. Mark Gateley, 205 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996-4510.

Planning is underway for a party to celebrate Alice Ann's successful career of 30 plus years of service to The University of Tennessee Extension and wish her all the best for a very happy retirement. She retired on July 31, 2008, but will continue to work part-time through December 2008 to assist in the transition to the new leadership team.

The 4-H Youth Development Department and Tennessee 4-H Foundation will host a "meet and greet" (reception) followed by a hamburger cookout at the Clyde M. York 4-H Center in Crossville on August 12 beginning at 3:00 p.m. UTIA retirees are invited to participate. RSVP to Lori Belew at 865-974-7239 or lbelew@utk.edu

Address Changes – correct your membership list.

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The correct phone number for **David Hunter** is 865-688-9677.

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RECENT UTIA RETIREMENTS AND TERMINATIONS

The UT Human Resources Office reports the following persons retired recently from UTIA:

- **Henry H. Dolen**, Director, Dairy Research and Education Center, Lewisburg, UTAgResearch, retired 06/30/2008 with 36.16 years of service.
- **Larry A. Kerr**, Associate Professor, Large Animal Clinical Science, CVM, retired 06/30/2008 with 22 years of service.
- **Jackie E. Martin**, Manager, East Tennessee REC, Blount Unit, UTAgResearch, retired 06/15/2008 with 47 years of service.
- **Suzanne McGee**, Senior Secretary, Lincoln County, UT-Extension, retired 06/30/2008 with 39 years of service.
- **James D. McDaniel**, Service Assistant II, Veterinary Hospital, CVM, retired 06/30/2008 with 14.83 years of service.
- **W. Thomas Swanks**, Extension Agent III and Meigs County Director, UT-Extension, retired 05/31/2008 with 32.58 years of service.
- **James B. Wills**, Professor and Coordinator, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, UT-Extension, retired 06/30/2008 with 24.67 years of service.

The UT Human Resources Office reported the following employees with more than five years of service have left UTIA employment:

- **Clint Howard Bain**, Extension Agent II, Dyer County, terminated employment 06/06/2008 with 6.08 years of service.
- **Howard K. Plummer III**, Assistant Professor, Pathobiology, CVM, terminated 06/30.2008 with 10.75 years of service.
- **Gary W. Rogers**, Professor, Animal Science, UT-Extension, terminated 06/30/2008 with 6.75 years of service.
- **Amanda Snider**, Extension Agent I, Fayette County, UT-Extension, terminated 06/30/2008 with 7.83 years of service.

NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Former UTIA workers or retirees who have recently joined FUTIAWA as **lifetime members** are:

- **Betty Sue Johnson Young**, 185 Rolling Hills 5th. St., McMinnville, TN 37110, 931-668-8852, *Extension Home Demonstration Agent, DeKalb County, Smithville, TN.**

* Upgraded from annual member.

Former UTIA workers or retirees who have recently joined FUTIAWA as new **annual members** are:

- **Jackie E. Martin**, 844 Garner Hills Way, Maryville, TN 37803, 865-984-8056, jgmartin844@bellsouth.net, *Farm Manager, East Tennessee REC, UT AgResearch.*

Annual membership renewals received since the last newsletter:

- Marcus L. Davis
- Bob DeMott
- Ruth Maberry

IN MEMORIAM

John Raymond Brooker, age 68, of Knoxville retired professor, Agricultural Economics Department, passed away July 4 after an extended battle with cancer. John was a very faithful and active member of West End Church of Christ. He loved leading the singing at the church.

John was retired from the University of Tennessee after a 33 year career as a Professor of Agricultural Economics. Dr. Brooker received many awards and recognitions for all of his dedication and hard work. He was currently serving as a full time grandfather.

His parents, Layton and Johnnie Brooker, preceded John in death. He is survived by his wife of 47 and 1/2 years and the love of his life, Judith A. Brooker; daughters, Debbie Parker of Concord, Kim Bearden and husband Russell of Lenoir City; grandchildren, David and Billy Bearden, Staci and Sheri Parker; brothers, Robert Brooker and wife, Merriam of Plantation, FL, David Brooker and wife, Dixie of Vero Beach, FL.

The funeral was July 9 at West End Church of Christ. Interment in Lake View Cemetery.

Cards may be sent to the family at: 2112 Lake Point Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922.

IN SYMPATHY

We express sincere comfort and speedy healing to the following UTIA employees or retirees:

Meagen Brown, extension agent, Meigs County, in the death of her father, Rev. Denzil Brown, who passed away in Spring City, Tennessee on June 12.

Curtis H. Shelton, retired professor, Agricultural Engineering Department, in the death of his wife, Kathryn Reynolds Sheldon on June 15. Curtis's address for cards is: 1904 Kemper Lane, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Dr. **Clark D. Garland**, professor, Agricultural Economics Extension, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Elise Garland, on June 19. Address for cards: Clark and Toni Garland, 1520 Murphy Myers Road, Maryville, TN 37803.

Dr. **John Smalling**, retired professor, Animal Science, who has been hospitalized with severe pancreatitis. John and Elsie's address is: 3040 Davis Ford Rd., Maryville, TN 37804.

UTIA EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

The 2008 UT Ag Day will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the UTIA campus in Knoxville. Activities will begin four hours before kickoff of the UT vs. Mississippi State football game. The theme is: "Building on our legacy and preparing for our future."

The deadline for ordering football tickets September 15. A block of tickets is being held for those attending Ag Day. You may order up to six tickets. They cannot guarantee that all six seats will be together, but will make every effort to do so. Ticket orders are non-refundable and will be filled in the order they are received.

Tickets are \$50 each plus a handling fee of \$6 per order. Make your order directly with the UT Ticket Office, P.O. Box 47, Knoxville, TN 37901. Indicate that tickets are for UT Ag Day participation and include credit card information or a check payable to The University of Tennessee.

Additional details and program information will be included in the October newsletter or you may contact the program committee at 865-974-7439 or agalumni@tennessee.edu

The Plateau Research and Education Center summer 'Steak and Potatoes Field Day' is August 5 with activities underway at 8:00 a.m. at the station located west of Crossville on US Hwy 70-N. The program runs through 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

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The Milan No-Till Field Day marked its 25th anniversary on July 24.

The West Tennessee REC Summer Celebration was held in Jackson on July 10.

Tobacco and forage production was featured at the Greeneville REC field day on July 17.

This year's final field day will focus on turfgrass. It will be held on September 18 at the Plant Sciences Unit in Knoxville.

The 24th Annual Career Fair for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, in the Hollingsworth Auditorium. This event offers a tremendous opportunity for students to make contacts and interview with companies.

Three workshops addressing farm safety issues for agritourism operators are scheduled at locations across the state August 5–7, 2008. Workshops will be conducted August 5 in Jackson at the UT Research and Education Center; August 6 in Nashville at the Ellington Agricultural Center Ed Jones Auditorium; and August 7 in Morristown at the Walters State Community College Ag Pavilion. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop begins at 9 a.m. at each location.

Epsilon Sigma Phi members, life members and non-members . . . Plan now to join us at Lakeside Resort on beautiful Center Hill Lake for Epsilon Sigma Phi Tennessee Chapter's first-ever State Meeting and Leadership Forum on October 28, 2008. The one-day program will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 4:30 p.m.

The location is Lakeside Resort on Center Hill Lake, Smithville, TN. The web site: <http://www.lakesideresort.com/lake.html>

A registration fee of \$30 will include breakfast, lunch and breaks. Make your reservations for an overnight stay at the lodge hotel for the special rate of \$89/night plus applicable taxes. Group cabins are also available.

Pre-conference dinner and fellowship, Monday evening, October 27, \$15/person (family members invited). Optional activities include boating or fishing on the lake and the Appalachian Center for Crafts.

Extension Legends Project – We are excited to announce that, along with our ESP State Leadership

Meeting, we will be kicking off a project to document Tennessee Extension history in anticipation of our 100 year celebration in 2010.

At the ESP state meeting, we will be visiting with and video-taping conversations with former and current workers about "Extension Legends," interesting stories about people and activities involved with Extension work over the years. We'll be sending out more information about how you can become involved in this project, and about the Leadership Training and Forum, soon.

Complete registration information will be available soon. A link to the registration information will be available at the FUTIAWA web site.

UTIA FACULTY–STAFF TIDBITS

Job Position Changes

Dr. **George Smith**, professor, Agricultural Economics Department, has been appointed interim assistant dean, UT–Extension, effective August 1, 2008. He will provide leadership for programs in agriculture, natural resources, and resource development, replacing Dr. Tim Cross, who begins his duties as Dean of Extension on August 1.

Dr. **Eric C. Drumm**, professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, has been appointed department head of Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, effective August 1, 2008.

Dr. **Susan Hamilton**, associate professor of horticulture in the Department of Plant Sciences, has been named interim director of the UT Gardens, effective July 1, 2008.

Dennis Onks, has been named interim director of the Dairy REC in Lewisburg. Onks, director the Middle Tennessee REC in Spring Hill, will coordinate the Dairy REC operations with Research Associate **Hugh Moorehead** until a permanent director is named. Onks succeeds Henry Dowlen, who retired June 30 after nearly 37 years of leadership as director.

Tiffany E Morrison has been appointed the new safety coordinator in the UTIA Safety Office. Her main area of emphasis is the laboratory safety programs. She joins Susan Fiscor in the safety office. Tiffany was born and raised in south central Texas (San Antonio) and earned her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University. She and her husband recently moved to East Tennessee. (continued to page 7)

UTIA FACULTY-STAFF TIDBITS

Job Position Changes *(continued from page 6)*

Steve Sutton, assumed duties as interim director of 4-H Youth Development on August 1 replacing Alice Ann Moore who retired July 31. Sutton's appointment as interim director was announced in the June issue.

Jennifer N. Chandler, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, Lauderdale County resigned in mid-June. She is re-locating to be closer to her family.

Dr. Michelle Vineyard was appointed TNCEP director on June 2, 2008. Dr. Vineyard comes to the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences by way of the Department of Health and Human Performance at UT Chattanooga where she was an associate professor in the Food and Nutrition Department. She was tenured there in August of 2007. Dr. Vineyard has a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Tennessee in Nutrition. She is a registered dietitian, with a license to practice in Tennessee.

UTIA Faculty and Staff

Honors and Recognition

William Minser, research associate and instructor, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, has been honored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with a Southern Regional Director's Conservation Award for his dedicated work in shaping TVA's land management policy.

In recognition of a career of outstanding contributions to animal health and productivity through veterinary (livestock) entomology, Bayer Animal Health and the international Livestock Insect Workers Conference have bestowed a Lifetime Achievement Award on Dr.

Carl J. Jones, professor and head of the University of Tennessee's Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology. The award was presented at the 52nd annual Livestock Insect Workers' Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Greg Hirshoren and **Phil Snow**, members of Instructional Resources at the UT College of Veterinary Medicine, have been selected to participate in the 2008 BioCommunications Association's (BCA) BioImage Salon in Rochester, NY. With international members, the BCA is the professional association for medical photographers.

Congratulations to **Scottie and Bethany Fillers**, York 4-H Center, who are the proud parents of a son, Hudson Scott Fillers, born June 23, 2008 at 11:48 p.m.

Hudson weighed in at 9 pounds 14 ounces and was 21-3/4-inches long. Mom, Dad and Baby Hudson are doing well.

Jerry Rhinehardt, program director, and **Don Holt**, instructor, of Camp Explore at the Austin 4-H Center, were honored by the Tennessee Environmental Education Association at its annual conference held at Reelfoot Lake State Park. Rhinehardt was named East Tennessee Environmental Administrator of the Year, while Holt was named East Tennessee Environmental Educator of the Year.

The research of Dr. **Hwa-Chain Robert Wang**, associate professor, Department of Pathobiology, CVM, was recognized on the cover of *Molecular Carcinogenesis* in May, 2008. The article, 'Precancerous Carcinogenesis of Human Breast Cells' was originally published on-line in October, 2007.

A reception honoring UTIA employees with 25 years or more of service was held Tuesday, June 17, 2008 in Hollingsworth Auditorium. Those honored listed by years of service are:

25 years – Genereette O. Brooks, Benny Ray Effler, Jo Ann Flowers, James D. Godkin, Susan Lynne Hamilton, Jeffrey Warren Helgren, Yvonne L. Hitchcock, James M. Johnson, Jacqueline W. King, Janie Pedigo Monday, Timothy G. Prather, William R. Roland, Rita Gail Ryan, Bobby E. Terry, John B. Wilkerson.

30 years – J. Dale Beaty, Linda K. Bower, William Alan Bruin, Kenneth M. Burgess, Vanessa J. Byrge, John C. Campbell, James E. Farler, Robert M. Hayes, Roberta Ward Lumpkin, Iva Kay Marlowe, Vernon M. Pagel, Jr., Leon N D Potgieter, Deborah Hutton Seward, Richard J. Strange, Donald D. Tyler, James B. Wills, Jr., William B. Wyatt.

35 years – Larry D. Darnell, Joseph E. Hall, Brenda P. Johnson, Judith Cruise Kovach, Clyde D. Lane, Jr., Marcus F. McLemore, William W. Moschler, Jr.

40 years – George E. Garbo, David S. Walker.

45 years – Carl W. Draughon, Sarah S. Richerson.

UTIA NEWS and INFORMATION

The University of Tennessee Center for Profitable Agriculture is developing an 'Agritourism in Action Bus Tour' to be held November 11-13, 2008. The tour will start and end in the *(continued to next page)*

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Nashville area and will make stops at various types of agritourism operations in Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana. Operators from existing Tennessee agritourism enterprises are eligible to apply, and applications will only be accepted for one person per enterprise.

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The Institute of Agriculture continues to make excellent progress in the University of Tennessee Campaign for Tennessee. Thanks to generous alumni and friends, as of May 31, the Institute had received over \$63 million in gift commitments, placing it at 74 percent of its \$85 million goal. Other units of the University of Tennessee range from 35 percent to 84 percent of goal achieved. The campaign is currently near its midpoint and will be completed on December 31, 2011.

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A search committee was appointed in mid-July to fill the position of Extension Assistant Dean, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Resource Development. The following individuals will serve on the committee:

Charles Goan, Chair, Dean's Office
Ann Berry, Family and Consumer Sciences
Megan Bruch, Center for Profitable Agriculture
Roy Bullock, Tennessee State University
Wayne Clatterbuck, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries
Glenda Dodson, Dean's Office
Alan Mathew, Animal Science
David Perrin, Eastern Region
Paula Spears, Lewis County
Larry Steckel, Plant Sciences
Steve Sutton, 4-H Youth Development
Julie Thompson, UT/TSU Advisory Council
DeWayne Trail, Rutherford County

BIOREFINERY PARTNERSHIP

On July 23, 2008, DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol LLC (DDCE) and the University of Tennessee (UT) Research Foundation, through its Genera Energy LLC, announced a partnership to construct an innovative pilot-scale biorefinery and state-of-the-art research and development facility for cellulosic ethanol in Vonore, Tennessee.

The pilot-scale biorefinery will develop the commercial package for DDCE's leading cellulosic ethanol technology. The project will utilize UT's world-class expertise in cellulosic feedstock production and co-product research, as well as its work with

Tennessee farmers to develop the first dedicated cellulosic energy crop supply chain for cellulosic biorefineries utilizing switchgrass. The facility design will incorporate the flexibility to operate on two different non-food biomass feedstocks-corn stover, cobs and fiber; and switchgrass.

The pilot plant and process development unit (PDU) will be located at the Niles Ferry Industrial Park. In 2007 Gov. Phil Bredesen proposed and the legislature set aside \$40.7 million toward the construction of a pilot biorefinery. Those funds will be combined with a substantial investment from DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol to construct the high-tech research facility.

"We are extremely pleased to collaborate with DDCE," UT President John Petersen said. "The technical breadth and execution capabilities of DuPont Danisco, along with the backing of their parent companies, raise the national and international profile of the Tennessee Biofuels Initiative and confirm the State of Tennessee as a leader in the development of cellulosic ethanol."

"Our technology is ready to pilot and we are eager to get the steel in the ground", said DuPont Danisco Technology Leader John Pierce. "The high cellulosic content of switchgrass makes it an optimal feedstock for ethanol production. Its yields today make it more than competitive with other biomass sources, and it has the potential to produce over 1,000 gallons of ethanol per acre in the future. The joint venture is now targeting the two optimal biomass feedstocks in the United States and we are ready to take our technology to the next level of commercial viability."

The university has invested state research dollars toward the development of switchgrass as a potential energy crop for the state and the United States. The first switchgrass plots that will supply the pilot biorefinery were planted by area farmers in spring 2008. These crops will fully mature in three years, and demonstration of switchgrass-to-ethanol conversion could begin as early as 2010. The pilot plant will initially process western Tennessee corn cobs to ethanol and then will optimize its technology for switchgrass to ethanol conversion.

The Tennessee Biofuels Initiative is a farm-to-fuel business plan developed by UT Institute of Agriculture researchers that models a biofuels industry capable of supplementing 30 percent of Tennessee's current petroleum consumption.

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Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Workers' Association

Membership Enrollment Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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I worked at: AG COLLEGE___; EXPT STAT___; EXTENSION___; VET COLLEGE___

Last UTIA Employment: Title _____

Department/Location: _____

New Member___; Membership Renewal___; *Lifetime Membership \$30.00 Annual Membership \$3.00*

A check payable to *FUTIAWA* in the amount of \$_____ for payment of dues is enclosed.

Mail to: **Alma R. Pike, FUTIAWA Secretary-Treasurer, 157 Country Walk Drive, Powell, TN 37849**

FUTIAWA – The Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Workers Association is an organization of people who worked together and interacted with one another during their careers at The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. Association purposes:

- To unite all former Institute of Agriculture workers.
- To serve as a communication liaison between the former employees and the present Institute of Agriculture administration and employees.
- To keep all former employees informed of policy and retirement benefit changes.
- To solicit all former Institute workers support for Institute programs.
- To provide social contact with former co-workers.

Membership Qualifications

Membership in the Association is open to all former workers at UT-Extension, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, or a combination of these units at UTIA.

It doesn't matter if you were one of the support staff, a teacher, research scientist, Extension educator, a farm worker, custodian, laboratory technician or an administrator. If you worked at UTIA, we welcome you to join FUTIAWA.

Our newsletter and web pages are communication links with the Institute and current and retired employees. Check out the web site at: www.agriculture.utk.edu/FUTIAWA

When employees retire or terminate employment at UTIA, their names are added to our mailing list to receive a couple of complementary issues of the quarterly newsletter and an invitation to the next regional meeting located closest to their current residence. All retirees are encouraged to join the association. Lifetime membership is only \$30.00 or you may join for one year for \$3.00. Use the bottom section of this page for membership enrollment or to report an address change.

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