

# FUTIAWA

Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture *Workers' Association*

## NEWSLETTER

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### Restructuring at UTIA

Dr. Joseph A. DiPietro, Vice President for Agriculture, announced recently that he is reestablishing a four dean model for the Institute of Agriculture. Those being: Dean for Research (TAES), Dean for Extension, Dean for Academic Programs (CASNR), Dean for Veterinary Medicine (CVM). Dr DiPietro noted that this decision was based on considerable fact finding, feedback and thought.

A search committee has been established to fill the position of Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. (see related story) In due time, Dr. DiPietro explained, we will initiate national searches for a Dean for Research and Dean for Extension. "I am grateful to Interim Deans Goan and Klindt for continuing to serve in their present capacities until their successors are appointed, he added.

In addition, Dr. DiPietro reported that he has restructured the reporting structure and/or duties of Associate Dean Mary Albrecht and Dean Tom Klindt. Associate Dean Albrecht will report directly to the vice president for agriculture and her duties will remain those of overseeing CASNR academic programs until a new Dean for CASNR is in place. At that time, it is expected that the new CASNR Dean will determine the staffing needs of their office. Dean Klindt will continue to report to the vice president for agriculture and his duties will focus on research programs and oversight of TAES operations.

### Search for CASNR Dean

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is conducting a search for the position of Dean for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The committee has established a website to keep the university community informed of the search activities and progress towards filling the position. The URL is: <http://www.casnr.utk.edu/deansearch/>

Members of the search committee announced recently by Dr. Joseph A. DiPietro, UT Vice President for Agriculture are: Dr. **Alan Mathew**, Animal Science (Chair), Ms. **Angie Berry**, CASNR Administrative

Staff, Dr. **David Buckley**, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Dr. **Tim Cross**, Extension Administration, Dr. **David Golden**, Food Science and Technology, Mr. **Mike Gordon**, Western Region Extension Director, Ms. **Denita Hadziabdic**, Entomology and Plant Pathology Student, Dr. **Willie Hart**, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, Dr. **Dean Kopsell**, Plant Sciences, Dr. **Susan Martin**, UTK Academic Affairs, Dr. **Bill Park**, Agricultural Economics, Mr. **Marcus Ramsey**, Animal Science Student, Dr. **Carla Sommardahl**, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, and Dr. **Mark Windham**, Entomology and Plant Pathology.

Baker-Parker, Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia, has been retained as the search firm that will assist in developing the candidate pool.

Information on the web site states that candidate interviews by the search committee are tentatively scheduled for February 2007 with new dean to be in place during the Summer of 2007 or possibly sooner.

Questions regarding the search process should be directed to: Alan Mathew, Chair, CASNR Dean Search Committee, Phone: 865-974-3130, Fax: 865-974-7297, Email: [amathew@utk.edu](mailto:amathew@utk.edu)

The committee welcomes nominations for the position. Communicate nominations directly to: Mr. Gary Daugherty, Senior Vice President, Baker•Parker, Inc., Five Concourse Parkway, Suite 2440, Atlanta, GA 30328, [gdaugherty@bpasearch.com](mailto:gdaugherty@bpasearch.com) fax: 770-804-1917 or Ms. Christine S. Parker, Associate, Baker•Parker, Inc., Five Concourse Parkway, Suite 2440, Atlanta, GA 30328, fax: 770-804-1917, [csarker@bpasearch.com](mailto:csarker@bpasearch.com)

### UT Unveils FUTURE Campaign

The University of Tennessee marked a momentous day in its history September 12th by gathering more than 3,600 employees for a first-time ever, six-way video simulcast and university-wide celebration.

UT President John Petersen addressed UT employees gathered on the Martin, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis and Tullahoma campuses as well as a group of agriculture, social work and public service employees in Nashville.

(complete story available on web page)

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by: Harry D. Bryan  
FUTIAWA President

### “Change, Better or for Worse”

A group of us UTIA retirees got together last month for lunch in Greeneville. As you might expect, there were a couple of gripes or complaints. We were all disappointed the senior discount was only good between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and we arrived at 11:30 a.m. A couple of others were complaining they did not have enough time to get everything done. Bill Reed was feeling good. He finally got enough people (mostly strangers that do not know him) to go with him to Alaska in March of next year. If you have any beach front property in Arizona, let Bill know. He can sell it for you.

The topic of conversation also got around to the Institute of Agriculture. As you might expect, we all had our various opinions of how things are done today and we also realized no one presently in administration was likely to ask any of us our opinions. We can look around us and say, “*yes, things certainly have changed.*” And do you know what? Things do need to change; but of course, change for the better. As the saying goes, the only thing constant about change is *change itself*.

I saw sometime ago where Extension was now charging for publications. Many people may not agree with me but I say “**it is about time.**” We have seen publications wasted and never used, not to mention the expensive postage it takes to mail a publication. By changing methods of delivery, a customer can download the publication free of charge and have it in minutes rather than days.

We have witnessed the progressive improvement from manual typewriters to computers and from snail mail to instant communications on the Internet. According to the Nielsen/Net Ratings survey in 2005, nearly 75% of U.S. households or 204.3 million people have Internet access with 60% of those households having high speed connections. The Internet has certainly changed the way we receive our information. Just last month, in August, the Tennessee Woman's Suffrage Memorial, a statue of three women, was unveiled on Market Square in Knoxville. After reading about the celebration, I remember reading some notes my mother-in-law had written in the 1920's as a school teacher at Happy Valley in Blount County. Calvin Coolidge was running to be elected as our 30th

president, and she was trying to decide how and if she would vote on the following day. The nineteenth amendment to the constitution, that provided for a woman's right to vote, was another change for the better. Some of you might remember when women could not be married and work as an extension agent. And then later, if she became pregnant, she would have to resign. I think we will all agree, changes in these areas have all been for the best.

As I said in my second paragraph, UTIA administrators may not ask us for our opinion, but your opinion is needed on November 7, 2006. **THAT IS ELECTION DAY 2006.** Here again, change has been for the better. I remember filling out that paper ballot my first time of voting and inserting it in the metal box. The next morning, Walter Cronkite still could not call the winner of that presidential race between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon.

Now, we have the modern electronic voting machines we used for the first time in July during early voting. I even tried my hand at writing in a candidate when I did not see anyone running that I wanted to support in a particular race. If everything works as it should, Tennessee should be able to announce the major races within a couple of hours after the polls close.

And the best change is with *early voting*. I will now be able to get all my “honey do” chores done on November 7 rather than stand in line for several hours waiting to cast my ballot. I will just pick my day to vote at the mall or next door to the mall.



*Speaking of change.....* In Knox County, you could not have voted at the mall or Downtown West in 1960, because West Town Mall is not in this picture of that area. The field on the left is now West Town Mall. Kingston Pike was still known as Thunder Road.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Information About Retirees



Retired agricultural agents from the Smoky Mountain District got together in Greeneville on August 15 for their bimonthly luncheon meeting. Pictured above are: (seated at table, from left) Hubert Lambert, Bill Reed, Tom Bundy, Harry Bryan, Raymond Sutton, Jesse Francis, (standing) John Jared, Charles Holland, Jim Bond, Larry Archer, Tom Hill, Gene Moles, and Max Still.

UTIA retirees are invited to participate in the **UT Faculty/Staff FALL FESTIVAL** on **Friday, October 13, 2006**. A special lunch for all UT retirees begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Aquatic Center. Activities continue until 3:00 p.m. at the RecSports Center and several other campus locations

The theme is; "Celebrating Appalachian Cultures and People." UT Human Resources invites retirees to join faculty members in this day of celebration with food, fun, and fellowship. Gear up for departmental games and competitions, win door prizes, and enjoy cold drinks, popcorn, ice cream, and a hot lunch.

Scheduled activities include: Retirees' Lunch at the Aquatic Center from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.; Employees' Lunch 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We invite you to enjoy your lunch outside on the plaza where popcorn, cold drinks, and ice cream will also be served. Lunch tickets and IDs are not required.

Also planned are: Departmental Banner Contest, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; LoneTones Band, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Departmental Games & Competitions, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Door Prize Drawings, every 15 min., 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Concessions and Vendors 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Bingo, Aquatic Center, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; Cakewalk 1:00 p.m. – 'til they're gone.

### Transportation – Trolleys, Buses, & Vans

(1) T-link buses stop every five minutes before 3:00 p.m. and every ten minutes after 3:00 p.m. at the Institute of Agriculture, the Hill, University Center, Hodges Library, Art and Architecture, Student Health Service, and Circle Park.

(2) The Orange Line trolley runs every ten minutes, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Catch it on Locust, Clinch, Eleventh, or Cumberland, past the Conference Center and University Center to the Volunteer Boulevard turnaround.

(3) Van service for the festival will be available as well, with stops at several locations on the main and agricultural campuses throughout the day.

**Questions?** Contact Transportation Committee members Glenn Rieder, 974-1837 or Mark Smith, 974-5084.

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Several retired faculty and staff from UTIA participated in the Fall meeting of the UT Retirees' Association held in West Knoxville on September 21. *I counted 24 ag retirees that I could see from the table where I was seated and possibly more were*

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there. The group feasted on a barbecued chicken lunch prepared by Knox County 4-H volunteer and agents, enjoyed classical music provided by a brass quintet made up of UTK students, faculty and retirees directed Dr. Cathy Leach and made plans for a motor coach tour of historic Rugby with lunch at the Harrow Road Café, near Jamestown, on October 17.

Betty Sewell, Mildred Clarke, and Helen Rader participated in a motor coach tour of Cape Cod during September. They also made a motor coach tour of Key West this past March.

Phyllis Inman has moved to a new apartment – same street address. 6315 Kingston Pike, Apt. 1504, Knoxville, TN 37919.

## NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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

- **Virginia Walker**, 3690 Yum Yum Rd., Somerville, TN 38068, 901-465-3392, JgwalkerJr@bellsouth.net  
*Extension Agent III, Fayette County.*
- **William Louis Nichols**, 1337 Theta Pike, Columbia, TN 38401, 931-381-2520, *Senior Plot Foreman, Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center, Spring Hill.*
- **Gary Lentz**, 179 Barnett Rd., Medina, TN 38355, *Associate Professor, Entomology and Plant Pathology, Jackson.*

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

- **Cora Lou Tilson**, P.O. Box 202, Benton, TN 37307, 423-338-2158, ctilson@wingnet.net  
*Administrative Support Assistant, UT-Extension, Polk County.*

Annual membership renewals received since last newsletter:

- Robert D. Smith
- Ruth Maberry
- Daniel Doyle and Rebecca Tomlin
- David L. Coffey
- Jon Baker

## RECENT UTIA RETIREMENTS AND TERMINATIONS

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

- **Clark J. Brekke**, Assistant Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

- **John Booker**, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Research and Teaching Faculty.
- **Gary L. McDaniel**, Professor, Plant Sciences, Research and Teaching Faculty.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Philip E. Hoskinson**, 80, retired professor of plant and soil sciences at the University of Tennessee, died 15 August 2006 in Jackson, Tennessee following an extended illness.

Mr. Hoskinson grew up on his family's farm in Breckinridge County, Kentucky. He received his B.S. Degree from the University of Western Kentucky and his Masters Degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. There he worked with Mr. N.I. Hancock on cotton breeding and was instrumental in the release of 'Hancock' cotton. He also worked with Dr. Calvin Qualset on small grain breeding, documenting the origins of 'Balbo' rye and developing 'Hiawassee' rye during the 1960s.

Professor Hoskinson transferred to Jackson, Tennessee in 1968. He conducted cotton variety tests on farms and in small plots throughout West Tennessee during the 1970s and 80s. He participated in efforts of University of Tennessee researchers to develop no-tillage methods of cotton production that are widely used today. Mr. Hoskinson published over 100 journal articles, research reports, bulletins and abstracts before his retirement in 1992. He was a career-long member of the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America.

He is survived by his wife, Oleta McGuffin Hoskinson of Jackson; one son, Darius Hoskinson and wife, Becky; as well as two sisters, two brothers, and two grandchildren. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

**Layton L. Humberd**, 86, retired Extension agent in Washington County, died Friday, August 18, 2006 at the Johnson City Medical Center Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Humberd was a native of Bradley County and was the son of the late Chester and Harriet Hughes Humberd. He was a UT graduate and a veteran of WWII, having served in the United States Air Force in the Pacific Theater. He was of the Baptist faith and was a former member of the Jonesborough Kiwanis Club.

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Mr. Humberd was preceded in death by his wife Mildred Humberd, two sons, Steve Humberd and Stanley Humberd two brothers Russell and Bill Humberd and one sister, Gladys Humberd. Survivors include two sisters, Kathleen Sutton, Parrottsville, TN and Gaynelle Humberd, Cleveland, TN, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Burial was in Sugar Creek United Methodist Church Cemetery in Cleveland, TN.

**Billy B. Keeton**, retired Extension agent in Carroll County passed away Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at his home in Huntingdon, Tennessee, at age 73. It was reported that Mr. Keeton died suddenly from a heart attack while working in his yard.

He is survived by his wife, of 49 years, Mae Ridings Keeton; two daughters, Teresa Keeton Winter (husband Wiley) of Bartlett; Tina Keeton Fentem (husband Don) of Benton, Arkansas; one son Billy Keith Keeton (wife Karen) of Edmonds, Washington; three sisters, Helen Hearington of Bath Springs, Majorie Fiddler of Lexington, Dorothy Blankenship of Franklin; two brothers, Donald Keeton of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Bryan Keeton of Bath Springs. He also leaves eight grandchildren.

The funeral was September 24, 2006 at Huntingdon First United Methodist Church with interment in Carroll County Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be sent to the Huntingdon First United Methodist Church Relay for Life Team. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Mae Keeton, 360 Tara Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

## IN SYMPATHY

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

**Barbara Huff**, retired Administrative Assistant, UT-Extension Dean's Office, in the death of her husband, Denton Huff, who passed away July 31. Barbara's home address is: 1809 Wonderland Lane, Knoxville, TN 37914.

**Family of Azlena Bishop**, wife of former Dean of Extension Bill Bishop, who passed away August 7. Services were held on Friday evening, August 11 at Atchley Funeral Home in Sevierville. Burial at Fountain Grove Cemetery, Coffee County, Tennessee.

**Mike Smith**, Williamson County Extension Agent, in the death of his mother, Peggy Smith of Smyrna on August 22.

Dr. **S. Darrell Mundy**, retired Professor of Agricultural Economics and retired Superintendent of the Research and Education Center at Greeneville, in the death of his father, Wade McRee Mundy who passed away September 4, 2006 in Canover, NC at age 86.

## UTIA NEWS and INFORMATION

### UTIA Report Card Offers Chance for Employee Input

In his first State of the Institute Address, Vice President Joe DiPietro announced plans to implement a yearly UTIA report card, which employees can use to



assign grades to performance areas of the Institute. Areas to be covered include personnel, compensation, diversity, academic programs, physical plant and facilities, and others.

The report card will be available at the Institute's Web site in October. Employees may log in and enter grades.

DiPietro highlighted the many awards and accomplishments that have come the Institute's way during the 2005-06 fiscal year thanks to the talented work of faculty, staff, and students. Other areas discussed were enrollments and outreach, goals and plans. A Power Point presentation of the State of the Institute Address is available online: <http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/news/releases/0609-institut e.htm>

UTIA Ag Day 2006 was held Saturday, September 23 on the UT agriculture campus. Heavy rain greatly reduced attendance and forced visitors to stay under tents. Several people come by to visit at the "Meet The Professor" booth. The FUTIAWA booth committee was **Ray Humberd, Frank Masincupp, and John Jared.**

Dr. Humberd reported that the activity for FUTIAWA was successful; the rain outside provided an opportunity for people to stop by the booth and visit. Professors who helped at the booth and visited with guests were **John Todd**, retired from Agricultural and Extension Education; **Monty Montgomery**, retired from Animal Science-Dairy; **Frank Masincupp**, retired from Animal Science, and **Ray Humberd**, retired from Extension Administration.

## UTIA FACULTY-STAFF TIDBITS

### NEW UTIA EMPLOYEES

**Steve Edwards**, Extension Agent I, Campbell County.

**Brenda Hannah**, Extension Agent I, Moore County.

**Trinette Ross**, Instructor, Animal Science, Equine teaching faculty and equestrian team.

Dr. **Brandon Smith**, Plant Sciences Department, Knoxville, Research appointment in organic and alternative cropping systems.

Dr. **Chris Main**, Assistant Professor, Plant Sciences Department, located at West Tennessee REC, Extension and research appointment in cotton and small grain production.

### UTIA JOB POSITION CHANGES

**Justin Clark**, Roane County Extension Agent I, has resigned.

**Jeffery W. Smith**, Extension Agent in Dickson County working in adult agriculture, has joined the University of Kentucky Extension team. Jeff will be working as the County Extension Agent in Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

**Aubrey Mitchell**, UT Associate Dean of Libraries and former agricultural librarian at UTIA, retired from the University at the end of August after 42 years of service. A retirement reception, "*A Life in the Library: A Celebration of Aubrey Mitchell*" was conducted at the University Club on August 28.

**Amy Willis**, Extension Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development, has been appointed Extension Agent for 4-H in Rutherford County.

Dr. **David A. Golden**, Associate Professor in Food Science and Technology, has been appointed interim coordinator of the CASNR Honors Program.

### UTIA FACULTY AND STAFF

#### HONORS AND RECOGNITION

**Fonda Alsop**, Franklin County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Michele Atkins**, Extension Agent in Henry County, received the Vernon and Ida Darter Award for her leadership role in developing educational programs for training 1,300 youth in 59 4-H clubs in Henry County.

**John Buchanan**, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.

**Megan Bruch**, an Extension specialist with the Tennessee Center for Profitable Agriculture in Spring Hill, was awarded the Lewis H. Dickson Extension Award for Innovative Programming for her work with the Tennessee Agri-Tourism Initiative.

**David Bussell**, White County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Max Zong-Minz Cheng**, Plant Sciences, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.

**Wayne Clatterbuck**, Associate Professor in Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, received the Cavender Award for a series of publications titled "Trees for Tennessee Landscaping" which he authored. The award was established by Dutch and Merilee Cavender. Mr. Cavender was Director of Communications at UTIA.

**Meredith Collins**, Marshall County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Tim Cross**, UT-Extension Administration, was promoted to Associate Dean.

**Alice Darnell**, Williamson County, was promoted to Extension Agent III.

**Madhu Dhar**, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, CVM, was promoted to Research Associate Professor.

**Dana Dodson**, who has served the people of Bledsoe County for more than 35 years, first as assistant secretary in the EFNEP program, and for more than two decades as senior secretary of the Extension office, was named the E.J. Chapman Outstanding Service Award winner for 2006. This award was established by the late E.J. Chapman, who served the University of Tennessee in a wide range of capacities from agronomist to assistant vice president for Agriculture, and recognizes a member of the supporting staff from the teaching, research, or extension divisions.

**Katheryn Finley**, Robertson County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Nicholas Frank**, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, CVM, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.

**Ransom Goodman**, Obion County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Heather Guinn**, Morgan County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Polly Harris**, Shelby County, was promoted to Extension Assistant II.

**Keith Hart**, Extension agent and county director in Carter County, earned the William D. Bishop Outstanding Service Award for his dedication and respected service to the Extension clientele during the past 35 years. This award, presented in memory of Dean Emeritus William D. Bishop, recognizes a member of the field force of the Agricultural Extension Service who has contributed most to the attainment of the objectives of Extension.

**Richard Heitmann**, Animal Science, was promoted to Professor.

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**Creig Kimbro**, Grundy County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Martin Koon**, Montgomery County, was promoted to Extension Agent III.

**Joanne Logan**, an agricultural climatologist in the Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science Department, received the William T. Miles, M.D. Memorial Award for Community Service.

**April Martin**, DeKalb County, was promoted to Extension Agent III.

**Charlotte Moore**, Henderson County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Larry Moorehead**, Extension Agent and County Director in Moore County, received the Lloyd and Nettie Downen Leadership Enhancement Award for his leadership and service to the people of Moore County for the past three decades. The Downen Award recognizes Extension faculty members who serve in leadership roles for the people of Tennessee.



Dr. and Mrs. M. Lloyd Downen presented the Lloyd and Nettie Downen Endowment Fund Leadership Enhancement Award to Larry Moorehead, Extension agent and county director, Moore County and his wife Merle Moorehead. Pictured from left are: Nettie Downen, Larry Moorehead, Merle Moorehead, Dr. Lloyd Downen.

**Roland Mote**, was promoted to Associate Dean, Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station.

**Michelle Parrott**, Jefferson County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Cam Philbeck**, senior IT technologist for the Eastern Region of UT Extension, received the Mildred Pendergrass Award for Outstanding Service given annually to employees among the technical, skill, and service staff in the Institute.

**Gary Rodgers**, Hardeman County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Kevin Rose**, Giles County, was promoted to Extension Agent and County Extension Director.

**Nancy Rucker**, Cheatham County Extension Director, was promoted to Extension Agent III.

**James Schumacher**, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, CVM, was promoted to Professor with Tenure.

**Jeffery Smith**, Dickson County, was promoted to Extension Agent III.

**Neal Stewart**, Professor, Plant Sciences, was granted tenure.

**David Stone**, a management specialist for the Experiment Station who coordinates and oversees human resource and personnel activities, and provides guidance and direction to departmental faculty regarding University policy and procedures, was awarded the UTIA Professional/Academic Award for Outstanding Service

**Tracey Sullivan**, Haywood County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Larry Steckel**, Assistant Professor in Plant Sciences, received the Cavender Award for web-based, electronically produced series of publications and materials that he produced titled "Weed Identification." The award was established by Dutch and Merilee Cavender. Mr. Cavender was Director of Communications at UTIA.

**Richard Strange**, a distinguished teacher and valued researcher in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries since 1978, earned the E.R. "Prof" Lidvall Outstanding Teaching Award with his excellent record of teaching and scholarly achievement.

**William Taylor**, Dyer County, was promoted to Extension Agent III.

**Kelly Tiller**, assistant professor in the Agricultural Policy Analysis Center in the Agricultural Economics Department, whose research on the economics of tobacco has had a national impact estimated in billions of dollars, received the TAES Research Impact Award.

**Siqun Wang**, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.

**Donald Ward**, Grainger County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Patricia Whitaker**, Rutherford County, was promoted to Extension Agent III.

**Jim Wills**, professor in the Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science Department, received the Webster Pendergrass Outstanding Service Award for his work as coordinator for the Vegetable Research Initiative. This award recognizes a member of teaching, research

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or extension faculty who has contributed most to the fulfillment of the Institute's goals and objectives.

**Larry Wilson**, interim department head in the Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Department, has received the B. Ray Thompson, Sr. Outstanding Faculty Performance Award for his scholarship, leadership, level of teaching excellence and loyalty to the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR). This award is made possible by earnings from the Thompson Faculty Endowment and is presented annually to faculty in the Institute who have distinguished themselves by their exceptional performance. This award rotates among the four divisions within the Institute of Agriculture.

**Frank Yancey**, Lewis County, was promoted to Extension Agent II.

**Svetlana Zivanovic**, a researcher and professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology, has earned the T.J. Whatley Distinguished Young Scientist Award. This award, established by Dr. **Tom Whatley**, associate



dean emeritus, Agri- cultural Experiment Station, recognizes a young scientist who has less than 12 years of professional experience with a minimum of five years of service on the Institute of Agriculture faculty. Dr. Zivanovic was also promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure effective 07-01-06.

The work of a 14-member team in Extension's Master Beef Program earned them the Gamma Sigma Delta Institute of Agriculture Team Award for 2006. This award is given annually to members of a team of two or more faculty who have made an outstanding contribution to research, teaching and/or Extension, either directly or indirectly, related to agriculture and related disciplines. Team members are: **John Bartee**, Extension agent and county director, Montgomery County; **Gary Bates**, professor for forage production and testing, Plant Sciences Department; **Ron Blair**, Extension agent and county director, Henderson County; **Ray Burden**, Extension agent and county director, Hamilton County; **Kevin Ferguson**, Extension area specialist, Rutherford County; **Richard Daugherty**, Animal Science graduate student; **Fred Hopkins**, professor, Animal Science Department; **David**

**Kirkpatrick**, professor, Animal Science Department; **Clyde Lane**, professor, Animal Science Department; **Tammy McKinley**, Extension Assistant, Agricultural Economics Department; **Jim Neel**, professor, Animal Science Department; **Milton Orr**, Extension agent, Greene County; and **Emmit Rawls**, professor, Agricultural Economics Department. Winners of the 2006 TAAA&S Hicks Awards of Excellence are: **Calvin Bryant**, Extension agent and county director in Lawrence County; **Alan Galloway**, Extension area farm management specialist based in the Putnam County office and serving nine middle Tennessee counties; and **Jim Neel**, professor of beef cattle management in the Animal Science Department. This award, established by the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists and other endowment funds and named in honor of **Bill Hicks**, dean emeritus of UT-Extension, is presented annually to up to three Agricultural Extension Service faculty who are also members of TAAA&S.

Six UT Extension employees were recognized as National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) award winners at the recent annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. Congratulations to: **Creig Kimbro**, Grundy County Extension Agent, Achievement Award; **Brian White**, Henderson County Extension Agent, Achievement Award; **Ken Burress**, Wayne County Extension Agent and County Director, Distinguished Service Award; **Tim Cross**, Associate Dean, UT-Extension, Distinguished Service Award; **Darrell Hale**, Lincoln County Extension Agent, Distinguished Service Award; and **Stephen Harris**, Coffee County Extension Agent, Distinguished Service Award.

A five faculty member team from UTIA made an outreach trip to Guatemala in August to conduct an appraisal of village needs in several diverse communities served by Health Talents International, a medical outreach organization. Team members were soil scientist **Neal Eash**, climatologist **Joanne Logan**, rural sociologist **Bob Orr**, animal scientist **Kelly Robbins**, and soil scientist **Forbes Walker**.

Extension FCS agents participated in in-service training at the 2006 FCS Professional Development Conference August 1-4 at the Franklin Cool Springs Marriott. The conference introduced two new initiatives; *Spotlighting Teen Issues* and *Turning Points for Families*.

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Former **University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Workers' Association**

### **Membership Enrollment Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: Area Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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: **Bob Burney, FUTIAWA Secretary-Treasurer, 1838 Poplar Hill Rd., Knoxville, TN 37922**

*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](http://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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