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Congratulations!

Dr. Gary Cromwell received the George E. Mitchell, Jr. Award for outstanding service to graduate students at the Gamma Sigma Delta Spring Banquet on March 22.

Congratulations to Tuoying Ao, who completed his Ph.D. in the poultry section. Tuoying is now employed as a post-doc working with Alltech.

Welcome Dr. Baohua Kong from Northeast Agricultural University (China) has recently joined our department as a visiting professor. She will be conducting collaborative meat science research with Dr. Xiong for one year. Her office is on the 4th floor – please make her feel welcome.

Wedding Announcement Congratulations to Charlie Mays and Laura Carper on their marriage. Charlie and Laura are to be wed on Saturday, April 2, 2005. Charlie is our Animal Lab Manager under Dr. D. Harmon and GRA working with Dr. Schillo.

Baby Announcement Congratulations to Christi and Scott Wilson on the birth of Makayla Ruth, born on March 8 at 4:40 p.m. Makayla was 7lb 5oz and 19 ½". Christi and Makayla are doing well.

Not Good News Dr. Vanzant just got word the other day that Brian Fieser (who got his M.S. here a couple of years ago - currently working on his Ph.D. at Oklahoma State) was involved in an auto accident sometime last week. He suffered multiple fractures and internal injuries and is apparently in pretty bad shape. Brian is currently in the hospital in Wichita, KS (near his home) and is scheduled to undergo a series of surgeries, followed by lengthy rehab. Dr. Vanzant has contact information for the hospital and would be happy to share that with anyone who might want to contact Brian.

Mileage Reimbursement The University recently released a new mileage reimbursement for personal vehicle use of \$0.405 per mile. The College of Agriculture is keeping the mileage reimbursement for personal vehicle use at \$0.375 per mile until July 1, 2005 when it will become \$0.405 per mile. The Department mileage reimbursement is \$0.375 on 4- and 5-accounts and \$0.27 on departmental 2- and 3-accounts. As of July 1, only the amount on 4-/5-accounts will increase, the departmental accounts will remain at \$0.27. Also, it is important to keep your travel reimbursements up-to-date; please complete immediately upon return from a trip.

Go Team! The UK Horse Judging Team was the recipient of \$200 by the Barnhart Fund for Excellence. The team will be competing in Texas at the National Reining Breeders Classic Judging Contest and the American Paint Horse Association Judging Contest in April.

Kentucky 4-H Livestock Judging Team Scores in Louisville! The Kentucky 4-H All-Star Livestock Judging Team competed on November 16 at the National Contest, held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville. Team members

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included Lindsey Berry (Hart county), Cindy Harris (Shelby county), Mike Meyers (Harrison county) and Rachel Speaks (Kenton county). Thirty-one teams from around the nation competed in this annual event. The Kentucky team placed 9th in swine, 4th in sheep, 3rd in beef cattle and 3rd in oral reasons and 4th over-all. Individually, Lindsey Berry was the 3rd high individual over-all, just 2 points out of first. Lindsey placed 18th in sheep, 20th in swine, 5th in beef and 9th in oral reasons. Teammate Rachel Speaks placed 32nd in both sheep and swine, 21 in beef, 29th in oral reasons and was 22nd over-all. Mike Meyers placed 12th in sheep, 28th in beef, 11th in oral reasons and 40th over-all. Cindy Harris was 34th in swine. The team members are all college freshman with Berry and Harris attending Western KY University, Speaks attending Northern KY University and Meyers attending the University of Kentucky. The team was coached by the late Dr. Monty Chappell, Professor of Animal Sciences, and Dr. Ken Culp, III, 4-H Youth Development Specialist.

Volunteers Needed We still need some faculty or staff to work the departmental display at the Home & Garden Show from March 31 – April 3 at the Lexington Convention Center. See Cindy for available time slots.

Volunteers Needed Have you noticed a beefy aroma on the 2nd floor recently? Well, there's good reason – graduate students of Drs. Alderton and Mikel are conducting beef sensory evaluation panels in conjunction with at National Cattleman's Beef Association project. We always need more taste panelists, so if you are interested in participating, please contact Amy Alderton at alderton@uky.edu or 257-7552 and we'll add your name to the list for our next training session. Thanks!

Parking/Special Events Whether you're a student or staff member, you should make parking arrangements for your meeting or special event through Parking and Transportation Services. Contact the Special Events Coordinator at least two weeks prior to your event in order to secure the best possible parking for your attendees. When multiple events are scheduled on the same date, priority is given to the event that finalizes parking arrangements first. It is crucial to make parking arrangements prior to confirming dates and sending invitations. The Special Events Coordinator's office is located on the first floor of Parking Structure #5 (next to Kennedy's Book Store); office hours are M-F 8am-4pm. If you can't stop by the office, you can schedule events by visiting www.uky.edu/Parking/event.htm and submitting the Special Events Request Form online or by calling 7-7433. (UK News, February 28, 2005)

Reminder: No Dogs/Pets in Research Facility It has come to my attention that dogs have been brought into the Garrigus Building. While an isolated incident or an emergency situation can be understood, please refrain from bringing dogs (or other pets) into the building in the future; with the exception of guide dogs for the blind. I do not want to see undue risks to pets, employees or research by having animals in a research facility. Although this has been an unwritten, understood policy for years, I am sure that this is an unacceptable practice across the campus. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. (Refer to the March 2003 email memo.)

Reporting Accidents When an employee (faculty/staff/student) gets injured while on the job, contact UK Workers Care at 1-800-440-6285 as soon as possible; they will make the doctor's

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appointment if medical care is needed. Then complete the on-line accident report at: <http://www.uky.edu/eForms/> go to 'A' for Accident Report (or see Cindy). If the accident is life-threatening, seek medical attention first, then make the call to Workers Care (make sure to follow-up with the phone call – this should be the supervisor or any one knowledgeable about the person and the accident). Be sure to let Cindy know of the accident and send her a copy of the Accident Report for the employee's file. If you have Workers Care/Comp questions, you can contact Bart Miller in the UK Workers Comp office at 7-9555 x 155. http://www.uky.edu/HR/benefits/disability/info_wc.html

15-Passenger Van Training Until further notice, the online training is not available. Drivers requesting training are asked to contact Ms. Lee Poore, Occupational Health and Safety, lpoor2@email.uky.edu

Reminder: Building Maintenance Be sure to contact Carol (7-7507, room 909 WPG) to report problems with the elevators, alarms, needed maintenance/repairs, cleaning needs, etc. She will contact John or the appropriate person/department.

Halogen Lamp Warning Notice from Garry Beach: UL warns of potentially hazardous halogen table lamps. Please be reminded that my office does not accept any type of halogen lamp. Should you find one in your area, please have it removed. For more information see the email Dr. Walton sent out on March 18.

Faculty Meeting Spring Schedule:

- March 24, 2 p.m. in 109 WPG
- April 21, 2 p.m. in 109 WPG
- May 19, 2 p.m. in 109 WPG – Dean Smith will speak
- June 13, 2 p.m. in 109 WPG
- No meeting in July

Announcements:

- Home & Garden Show: March 31 – April 3; volunteers are still needed
- Staff Meeting: April 14, 2 – 4 p.m. in 109 WPG