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From: Bill Rooney
To: cs-scsc642600-fall2009@groups.tamu.edu
Subject: class on Tuesday, Nov 3
Date: Monday, November 02, 2009 9:47:17 AM

Students:

The schedule indicates that we will not have class on Tuesday, November 3. However that is INCORRECT. WE WILL HAVE CLASS ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3.

I'll see you there.

Regards,

Bill

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From:	Bill Rooney
To:	"IBR_FOA@go.doe.gov"
Subject:	Attached Reviews for Next Week
Date:	Saturday, August 29, 2009 9:06:00 AM
Attachments:	Bill Rooney_week1.xls

My reviews are attached.

bill

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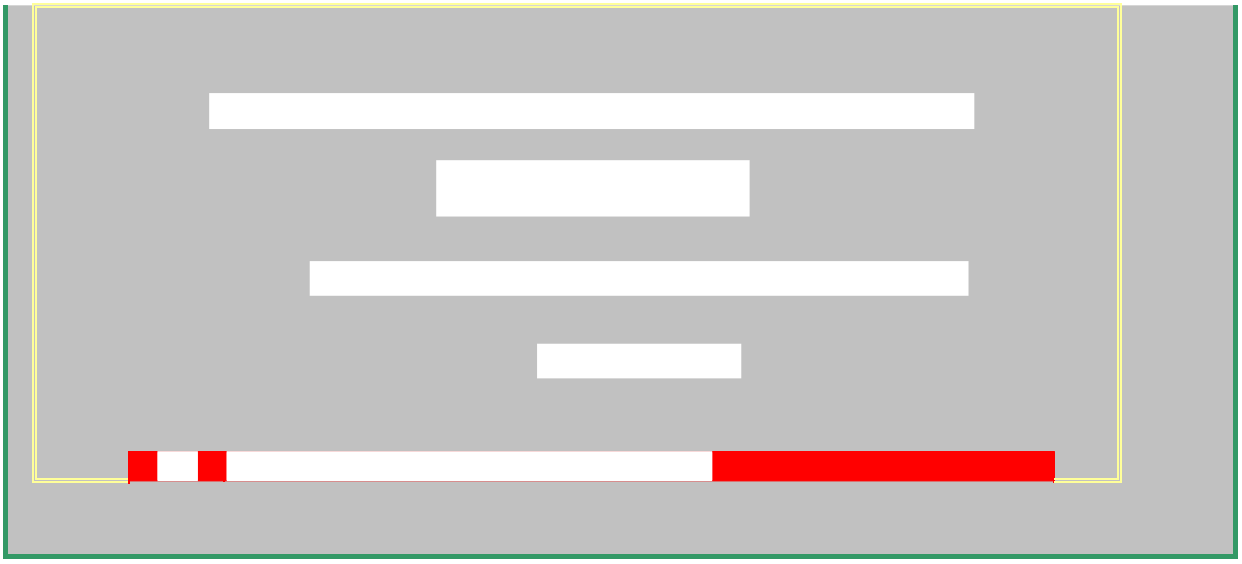

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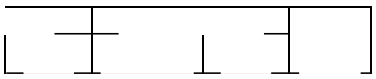

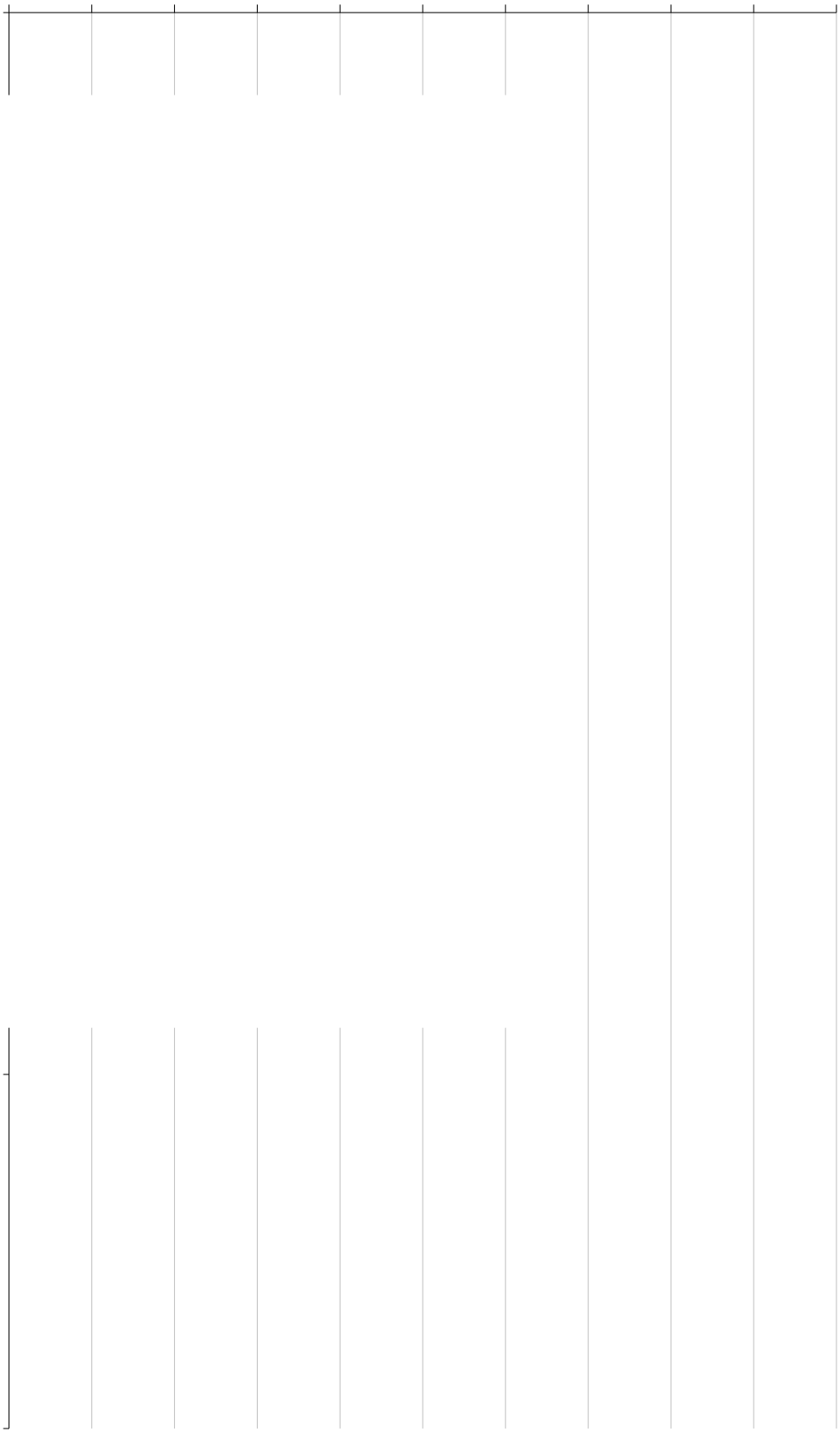
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From:	Plant breeding activities and graduate students at TAMU on behalf of C. Wayne Smith
To:	TAMU-PLANTBREEDING@LISTSERV.TAMU.EDU
Subject:	August bulletin
Date:	Monday, August 10, 2009 9:57:14 AM
Attachments:	Plant Breeding Bulletin August 09.pdf C. Wayne Smith1.vcf

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Please find attached the August Plant Breeding Bulletin featuring the rose and peach breeding work of Dr. David Byrne. Please send suggestions for future plant breeding bulletins to cwsmith@tamu.edu.

Regards,

Wayne

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TEXAS A&M PLANT BREEDING
August 2009

Dr. David Byrne conducts the *Prunus* and *Rosa* Breeding and Genetics Programs at Texas A&M University Department of Horticultural Sciences. He also teaches classes in fruit and nut production, tropical horticulture, and plant breeding and genetics. David has mentored graduate students in plant breeding and horticulture, having directed 10 Ph.D. students and 14 M.S. students during the past 25 years. Dave conducts research in the genetic improvement of peaches and roses that impacts not only Texans but the health and enjoyment of people around the world. David holds the Robert E. Basye Chair in Rose Genetics.

The Texas A&M University Stone Fruit Breeding Program works with others breeders, fruit companies and nurseries to develop superior early-ripening genotypes for low and medium-chill regions throughout the world. His specialty is the development of fresh market peaches and nectarines that are adapted to the mild winter regions of Texas and the world. The importance of this production zone is that fruit can be harvested earlier than fruit further north because the trees bloom earlier and the climates are generally warmer. This allows for a longer peach season and if you consider both hemispheres, a year round supply of peaches and nectarines. Recently, he has released the low chill Thai Tiger peach series for cultivation in northern Thailand in conjunction with the Royal Project to offer alternative crops to poppy production. His selections have been released and/or are being evaluated in China, Thailand, Taiwan, Spain, Egypt, South Africa, Mexico, Brazil, and Uruguay as well as multiple sites in the USA. He is currently in the process of releasing several new low chill peaches as well as a traditional yellow peach, a nectarine, and a low acid white peach series for the medium chill zone. He also actively works in research to improve embryo rescue techniques essential for the development of early ripening stone fruit, to understand the genetic diversity of peach germplasm, to improve the fruit quality of the low chill peach germplasm, and to document the health benefits of peach, nectarine, and plum consumption.

The rose breeding program was created when Dr. Robert E. Basye endowed the Chair in Rose Genetics. The goal of this breeding program is to develop beautiful, carefree landscape roses that gardeners in all climates can enjoy. Thus developing adapted landscape roses – those that have excellent disease resistance and produce a plethora of high quality roses under hot humid conditions – is the major thrust of the breeding program. Given that the best horticultural traits are exhibited in the tetraploid rose group and the best disease resistance is seen among the diploid germplasm, the rose program is really two breeding programs. One on the diploid level to develop everblooming, highly disease resistant breeding materials, and the second is on the tetraploid level to increase the horticultural qualities of the more disease resistant landscape roses. The products from these programs are intercrossed to directly create triploids while natural diploids are treated chemically to double the chromosome number and create artificial tetraploid roses which is then crossed with natural tetraploid breeding material.

This breeding work has resulted in a number of highly floriferous diploid and thornless tetraploid lines with high disease resistance. Two of these are undergoing final evaluation before release. Dr. Byrne has done extensive research in rose seed germination, disease resistance evalution, rose germplasm diversity, rose genetics and cytogentics, and currently is developing a molecular map of the diploid rose which will be aligned with the various diploid and tetraploid maps that have been developed by colleagues throughout the world.

Recently, Ralph Moore, a rose breeder with 80 years of experience and known as the "Father of the Miniature Rose" donated his rose germplasm and rose cultivars as well as a cash gift to the Rose Breeding and Genetics Program. This donation includes about 150 of his cultivars, about 400 unreleased selections and breeding lines, and his notes on the breeding usefulness of this germplasm. This rose material is under evaluation in both California and Texas and the Office of Licensing and Commercialization is pursuing commercial partners to exploit the existing and potential cultivars from this donation. This germplasm also is being incorporated into the breeding program to develop cultivars that have the best traits of the Basye, TAMU, and Moore rose germplasm.

Additional information about Dr. Byrne's breeding program can be found at http://hortsciences.tamu.edu/faculty/byrne.html.

Please direct comments concerning this bulletin to Wayne Smith, cwsmith@tamu.edu or 979.845.3450.

From:	Ostilio Portillo
To:	g-kurten@tamu.edu; BBracken@ag.tamu.edu
Cc:	Dr. William L. Rooney
Subject:	Background Check Disclosure Notice – Authorization Form.
Date:	Thursday, November 05, 2009 8:12:03 AM
Attachments:	Background Check Disclosure Notice Signed.pdf

Good morning Mrs. Kurten and Mrs. Bracken;

Please find attached the *Background Check Disclosure Notice – Authorization Form* which I am sending as part of the mandatory documentation to be provided prior enrollment in the Plant Breeding program. Please let me know if you need further documentation.

Additionally, could you please confirm that you actually received this document? Thanks.
Ate.
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From:	Judy Young
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Subject:	ballot for Promotion & Tenure Meeting
Date:	Monday, September 21, 2009 11:42:27 AM
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FULL PROFESSOR BALLOT

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To:	wlr@tamu.edu
Cc:	GO_IBR_FOA; Brack, Benjamin; Olsen, Jon; Weiland, Krista; Thompson, Carri
Subject:	Bill Rooney 09EE002654
Date:	Thursday, August 06, 2009 11:16:01 AM
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August 6, 2009

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Cc:	Mike Gould; McCutchen, Bill; Shay Simpson; Helms, Adam; Nelson, Michelle; Spurlin, Shayna; Zak, Kendra
Subject:	Bioenergy tour agenda for Aug 6
Date:	Tuesday, August 04, 2009 10:26:29 AM
Attachments:	BioenergyTourAgendaAug6.doc Central-TourParticipants.doc tourmedialist_bioenergy.doc

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Howdy, bioenergy tour presenters!

Attached is the agenda for the bioenergy tour on Aug 6. Also attached is a list of journalists who plan to attend.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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Texas AgriLife Research Bioenergy Research Tour
For International Federation of Agricultural Journalists
Texas A&M Farm, Brazos Bottom
6 Aug 2009

8:45 a.m.	Bob Avant, Texas AgriLife Research Bioenergy Program Director, gets on bus at Butler Animal Science Complex and gives journalists an overview of bioenergy at Texas A&M en route to the A&M Farm at Brazos Bottom bavant@tamu.edu; 979.845.2908
8:50 a.m.	Arrive at high-tonnage sorghum plot (right side of Hwy 60)
8:55	High-tonnage Sorghum Bill Rooney, Professor, Soil & Crop Sciences wlr@tamu.edu; 979.845.2151
9:05	Agronomics Jürg Blumenthal, Assoc. Prof. & Extension Specialist, Soil & Crop Scien. jblumenthal@tamu.edu; 979.845.2935
9:15	Q&A
9:25	Miscanes Nael El-Hout, Research Scientist, Weslaco Center nmelhout@tamu.edu; 956.968.5585
9:35	Miscanthus and Elephantgrass Russ Jessup, Assistant Professor, Soil & Crop Sciences rjessup@tamu.edu; 979.315.4242
9:45	Oilseeds Travis Miller, Professor & Extension Specialist, Soil & Crop Sciences td-miller@tamu.edu; 979.845.4808
9:55	Q&A
10:05	Board bus and go to next site
10:15	Module Building using High-tonnage Sorghum Steve Searcy, Professor & Assoc. Dept. Head, Biolog. & Ag. Engineering ssearcy@tamu.edu; 979.845.3668
10:35	Q&A
10:45	Conversion

Sergio Capareda, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Engineering
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10:50 Algae
Ron Lacey, Professor, Biological & Agricultural Engineering
ron-lacey@tamu.edu; 979.845.3967

10:55 Q&A

11:00 Board bus and travel to final site

11:10 Switchgrass
Jeff Gwyn, Vice President, Breeding & Genomics, Ceres, Inc.
jgwyn@ceres-inc.com; 979.272.2265

11:20 Q&A

11:30 Board bus and drive to animal science research area near Brazos River

IFAJ Central Texas Ag Tour Participants

International

Leena-Maija Pakarinen	freelancer	Finland
Anssi Hanninen		Finland
Ladislav Szislvassy	Jo Gazda	Slovakia
Sona Ludvighova	SRo	Slovakia
Juraj Huba	www.polnoinfo.sk	Slovakia
Jana Janku	YAYA	Slovakia
Myrna Stark Leader	Farm Credit Canada	Canada
Sanna Lohenoja	Faba Breeding	Finland
Jozef Verhaeren	Micas & Editions	Belgium
Jos Thelosen	ZLTO (Nieuwe Oogst)	Netherlands
Jantiena Zwaant Wouda	LTO Noord	Holland

United States

Deb Dunsford	Texas A&M University	Texas
Edith Chenault	Texas A&M University	Texas
Janet Hunter	Farm Credit Bank of Texas	Texas
Ron Smith	Southwest Farm Press	Texas
Steve Werblow	Steve Werblow Communications	Oregon

Bus driver

Journalists Lists:

1. **Bryan/College Station Eagle, Land and Livestock Post** – Stuart Villanova or Dave McDermand, photographer. Also, Beverly Moseley or Vimil Patil may staff event pending news day assignments.
2. **San Antonio Express-News**, Bill Pack (pending)
3. **Country World magazine**, Clay Coppedge. Will also freelance article for
4. **KRHD-TV**, staff reporter
5. **Ethanol Producer magazine** (Wants photos and article from event supplied by Blair Fannin, AgriLife Communications for fall issue of magazine. Editorial staff is in South Dakota and can't financially make the trip.)
6. **Popular Mechanics**, Jennifer Bogo
7. **KBTX-TV**, video camera crew.
8. **Southwest Farm Press**, Ron Smith.
9. **Associated Press**, pending.
10. **Texas Farm Bureau**, Mike Barnett, editor for Texas Agriculture.
11. **KFLA Radio**, all agriculture. Wants audio recording of interview with Bill Rooney to be supplied by Blair Fannin AgriLife Communications.
12. **Houston Chronicle,** Brett Clanton (wants to attend, but has a conflicting assignment. Will call Blair Fannin at last minute if attending).
13. **(Monday)Clear Channel Radio,** Don Atkinson.
14. **WTAW Radio,** Chris Clift.

From:	Francesca Buckland
To:	wlr@tamu.edu
Subject:	Biofuels: seeking your expert input.
Date:	Wednesday, August 12, 2009 5:09:39 AM
Attachments:	Biofuels Aims and Scope.pdf
Importance:	High

Dear Dr Rooney,

I would like to introduce myself as the Launch Editor of the new journal ***Biofuels***, published by Future Science Group Ltd., and launching in January 2010. For more details on the journal, including the Aims and Scope, please see: http://www.future-science.com/page/journal/bfl/teaser.jsp. Our Senior Editors are Professor Tim Donohue, from the Great Lakes Bioenergy Centre and University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA and Professor Yusuf Chisti from Massey University, New Zealand. **I have attached the Aims and Scope for your perusal.**

In light of your expertise in biofuel research, the Senior Editors and I would like to invite you to contribute a "Feedstock Spotlight" article (3000 words) to the inaugural issue of *Biofuels*. 'Feedstock Spotlight' articles will become a regular feature of the journal and allow authors to highlight their current research into a particular biofuel feedstock, for example your work with the grass Sorghum. Authors are also invited to give a short personal perspective on the implications of widespread use of this feedstock for fuel or energy in terms of resources and sustainability.

Please can you let me know how you feel about this proposal? We feel that a regular contribution from you could make for an excellent feature in the journal and I hope you will be able to respond positively to this invitation.

I look forward to your reply,

Best wishes,

Francesca

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Biofuels

The oldest, most prevalent energy source throughout history is being radically updated…

Current energy systems need a vast transformation to meet the key demands of the 21st century: reduced environmental impact, economic viability and efficiency. An essential part of this energy revolution is bioenergy.

The movement towards widespread implementation of first generation biofuels is still in its infancy, requiring continued evaluation and improvement to be fully realised. Problems with current bioenergy strategies, for example competition over land use for food crops, do not yet have satisfactory solutions. The second generation of biofuels, based around cellulosic ethanol, are now in development and are opening up new possibilities for future energy generation. Recent advances in genetics have pioneered research into designer fuels and sources such as algae have been revealed as untapped bioenergy resources.

As global energy requirements change and grow, it is crucial that all aspects of the bioenergy production process are streamlined and improved, from the design of more efficient biorefineries to research into biohydrogen as an energy carrier. Current energy infrastructures need to be adapted and changed to fulfil the promises of biomass for power generation.

Biofuels provides a forum for all stakeholders in the bioenergy sector, featuring review articles, original research, commentaries, news, research and development spotlights, interviews with key opinion leaders and much more, with a view to establishing an international community of bioenergy communication.

As biofuel research continues at an unprecedented rate, the development of new feedstocks and improvements in bioenergy production processes provide the key to the transformation of biomass into a global energy resource. With the twin threats of climate change and depleted fossil fuel reserves looming, it is vitally important that research communities are mobilized to fully realize the potential of bioenergy.

Articles published in Biofuels cover key areas in the development of bioenergy, such as:

- Sustainable production of annual, perennial and wood feedstocks from agriculture
- Creation of new biomass feedstocks in laboratories
- Biochemical conversion techniques
- Fermentation, anaerobic digestion and enzyme development
- Thermochemical conversion techniques
- Biocatalyst development, gasification and pyrolysis plants
- Bioenergy systems and plant engineering
- Conversion of biomass into heat, electricity and biohydrogen
- Storage and transportation of biomass during manufacture
- Implementation, improved efficiency and reduced environmental impact of first generation biofuels, including ethanol and biodiesel
- New bioenergy sources: algae, genetically engineered fuels, and biochemical carbon dioxide conversion
- Policy, management and communication to establish a global bioenergy market