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A note from Dr. Van Tassell

Wow! Another year has come and gone. Each year seems to get busier and busier. This semester has gone well for the department. Our class enrollments seem to be increasing and majors are steady.

We would like to welcome Matthew Stockton to the department. Matt recently received his PhD from Texas A&M and will be filling in for Dr. John Foltz while he is serving as Interim Associate Dean over academics. Matt will be teaching our Managerial Economics, Personal Selling, and Advanced Agribusiness Management classes during Spring 2005.

We also had another inspiring meeting with our Advisory Board this past October. They continue to assist us in understanding how we can better serve the needs of the State. We appreciate the service of Blair Wilson, who is rotating off the board, and welcome Robb Steinke and Gloria Mabbutt as the newest members of our advisory board. Robb is with Rabo AgriFinace in Twin Falls and Gloria works for the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor in Boise.

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Activities of Interest

October

Stephen Cooke went to Berkeley, California on October 8th to participate in the Department of Agriculture & Resource Economics Seminar. His contribution was titled "U.S. Wages & Salaries, A Decomposition of Wage and Industry Effects: 1978, 1988 & 1998."

October 18-20 **Lorie Higgins** was in Boise at the Agriculture and Water Quality in the Pacific North-west Conference and gave a presentation titled "The Social Dimensions of Total Maximum Daily Load Planning and Implementation."

October 22-23 **Larry Van Tassell** hosted the Western Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators in Spokane, WA.

November

Larry Makus attended the Final Report Conference on Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Crops Production in Northern Kazakhstan and presented a paper coauthored by **Paul Patterson**.

December

Paul Patterson Participated in the Western States Pest Management Strategic Planning Meeting for Sugarbeets, Boise, ID. December 15-16, 2004.

Paul Patterson was one of four panel members invited to answer questions on the formation of the United Fresh Potato Growers of Idaho marketing cooperative on Tough Talk on KIFI TV-8 on December 5, 2004.

Neil Rimbey and **J.D. Wulfhorst** attended the annual meeting of the W192 Regional Project meeting in Reno, NV. The project focuses on analysis of rural communities and public lands in the West.

Publications

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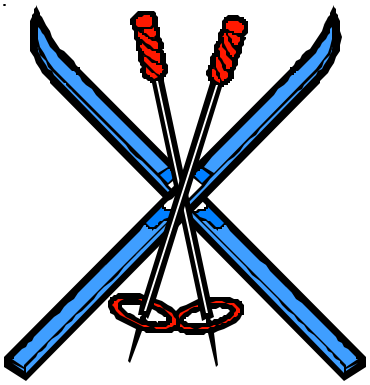

Presentations

Joe Guenthner gave the following presentations: "And here we have Northern Idaho." Leadership Idaho Agriculture Conference, Moscow, Idaho, 2 November 2004.

"Forces of change in the potato industry." Montana Seed Potato Seminar, Bozeman, Montana, 11 November 2004.

"Changing industry structure and demographics." National Potato Council Industry Outlook Summit, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 9 December 2004.

Paul Patterson. Changes in Idaho's Cost of Potato Production by Growing Region: 2003 to 2004. Presented at the 2004 Potato Growers of Idaho Annual Meeting, Pocatello, ID. December 14, 2004.

J.D. Wulfhorst presented research results for a joint project with **Larry Van Tassell** on alternatives to burning bluegrass seed residue at the Grass Seed Cropping Systems for Sustainable Agriculture annual meeting in Moscow, as well as the Far West Agribusiness Association meeting Coeur d'Alene.

Courses/Seminars

J.D. Wulfhorst's Law, Ethics, & the Environment course attended the "Discussion Meets" at the 2004 Idaho Farm Bureau Federation meeting, as well as participated in a Yellow starthistle service-learning project on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

J.D. Wulfhorst participated in a series of Online Course Development workshops to prepare his new www-only course, Western U.S. Water Resources Policy & Environmental Equity as a part of an Environmental Science Program Technology grant from Idaho SBOE. Although the course is still under construction, you can visit the website at: http://www.agls.uidaho.edu/westernwater/.

Awards

UI Alumni Award for Excellence
-- **Crystal Jones** (undergraduate student)
-- **Joe Guenthner** (chosen by Jones as most inspirational mentor)

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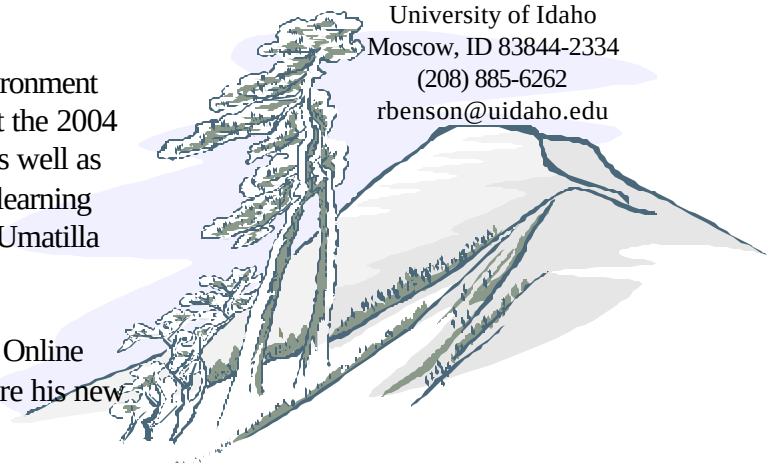
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