

So Much News!

Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics February 2006 Newsletter

SEMINARS



Department
Faculty/
Graduate Student
Seminar Program

(Seminars generally will begin at 3:15pm and end by 4:45pm on Wednesday afternoons in 306 Linfield. *Exceptions will be noted.*)

There are no scheduled seminars for February

Brownbag
Lunch Seminars
(Seminars are
Mondays 12:-
1:00pm
in 206 LH)



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PUBLICATIONS



Wendy Stock,
Associate Professor,
presentation at the
annual American

Economic Association was reported in The Chronicle of Higher Education (January 9, 2006) in *Today's News*: "Economists

Look Inward and Consider the Health of Their Field" by David Glenn and again *The Chronicle* (January 20, 2006) highlights her findings in *Research Notes* "Economists Ponder Their Doctoral Programs..."



PRESENTATIONS

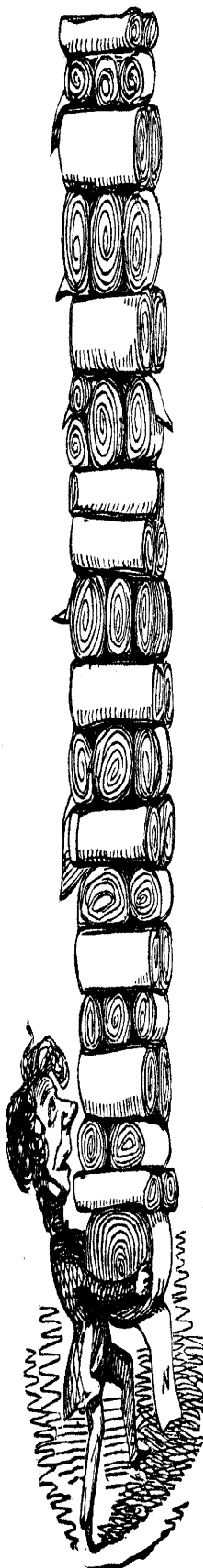
Gray Brester, Professor, presented "U.S. Agricultural Trade: Can't We Feed Ourselves?" at the 26th Annual Young Ag Couples Conference in Helena on January 6th.



David Buschena, Associate Professor, has been traveling throughout Montana as a speaker for the 2006 Montana Economic Outlook Seminar during January and February. This program is hosted by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Presentations sites included Helena, Great Falls, Missoula, Billings, Bozeman, Butte and Kalispell.

Doug Young, Professor, in January, addressed two groups (Montana Leadership and the Montana Chamber of Commerce) on the subject of Montana taxes.

Myles Watts, Professor, in January, presented to the World Bank "Demystifying Crop Insurance." While in Washington D.C., he also gave presentations titled "Public Land Policy" and Crop Insurance Reform."



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Marsha Goetting, Professor and Extension Family Economics Specialist, is the Project Director for developing a series of fact sheets entitled “Planning for the Passing of Reservation Lands to Avoid Fractionation.” This series will explain the provisions of the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (effective June 20, 2006). These fact sheets will be distributed at Fort Hall, ID; Blackfeet, Fort Belknap and Fort Peck Reservations in MT. Collaborative faculty include Kristin Ruppel - MSU Dept. of Native American Studies; Jim Johnson-MSU Dept. of AgEcon/Econ; Don Addy-Ft. Belknap Extension Reservation Agent; Verna Billedeaux-Blackfeet Extension Reservation Agent; Danielle Gunn-Ft. Hall Extension Reservation Agent, and Marilyn Biscoff-Univ. of ID Extension Family Economics Specialist. MSU Student Extension Assistants are Floyd Azure of Fort Peck Reservation, Tony Little Owl of Ft. Belknap and Tamara Birdsbill of Blackfeet Reservation.

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University Closed

Monday

February 20th
Presidents’ Day



“The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than the democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is fascism - ownership of government by an individual, by a group, or any controlling private power.”

President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945)

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