Hello from the newly named Dr. Bill Bennett Student Success Center!

We are excited to announce the new name of our office in honor of Dr. Bill Bennett. Join us for popcorn in the Student Success Center on April 26 at 1:30 pm to celebrate and recognize Dr. Bennett.

There is a lot going on in April especially with CASNR Ag Awareness Week April 26-29; see all the events listed in this issue.

Also if you want to be a Mentor for the CASNR Ag Pal Program, now is the time to sign up!

— Cindy Akers, Rachel Bobbitt, Lori Dudley, Kim Peters, Cole Bolton, and Elizabeth Bertrand

Dr. Bill Bennett Student Success Center

The CASNR Student Services Center has a new name in honor of Dr. Bill Bennett. The rename to the Dr. Bill Bennett Student Success Center was approved February 25 by the Texas Tech Board of Regents.

Bennett joined the Plant and Soil Science faculty in 1968 where he taught several classes and served as CASNR’s interim dean during the late 1970s. He was also the key person in found the two student organizations that function out the Student Success Center; Agri-Techsans and Ambassadors for Agriculture. Bennett became the college’s director of development in 1984 and raised the college’s endowment to nearly $10 million.

The Student Success Center will have a popcorn reception on April 26 in the Goddard building room 108 at 1:30pm. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to stop by the Student Success Center and meet Dr. Bennett.

The Dr. Bill Bennett Student Success Center staff includes:

Dr. Cindy Akers, Director
Rachel Bobbitt, Coordinator of Student Programs
Lori Dudley, Coordinator of Student Development
Cole Bolton and Kim Peters, graduate assistants
Elizabeth Bertrand, student assistant

**Agriculture Awareness Week – April 26-29**

CASNR’s Agriculture Awareness Week is scheduled for **April 26-29**. CASNR students, faculty and staff have events and activities planned throughout the week to showcase CASNR departments and student organizations to the campus community. We encourage student organizations and departments to plan any additional events/activities.

The Ambassadors for Agriculture will coordinate a display window in the Student Union Building that will be up all week. The Ambassadors are also designing table tents that will be around campus in the dining areas. Troy Tarpley is in charge of the table tent design.

There will be trivia each day on the CASNR FaceBook page with prizes given away. Several events are planned; times and locations are listed below. The Student Ag Council in coordination with Ag Workers will host Boots to Suits; this event will feature industry professionals. On April 27, CASNR departments and student organizations will have tables set up in the Library Croslin room to showcase agriculture, natural resources, and research. The week will wrap up with the CASNR Honors Banquet on April 29.

**April 26**
- Agricultural Awareness display, SUB
- Hospitality table tents, SUB
- CASNR FaceBook Trivia
- 10:30 am Reception honoring Dr. Bennett, Merket Alumni Center
- 1:30 pm Student Success Center Popcorn Reception, Goddard 108
- 6:30 pm (tentatively) Boots to Suits, AFS 101

**April 27**
- Agricultural Awareness display, SUB
- Hospitality table tents, SUB
- CASNR FaceBook Trivia
- 11 am-1 pm CASNR displays, Library Croslin Room
- 7:00 pm Ag Education & Communications banquet, Frazier Alumni Pavilion

**April 28**
- Agricultural Awareness display, SUB
- Hospitality table tents, SUB
- CASNR FaceBook Trivia

**April 29**
- Agricultural Awareness display, SUB
- Hospitality table tents, SUB
- CASNR FaceBook Trivia
- Arbor Day, TTU campus
- 6:30 pm CASNR Honors Banquet, Merket Alumni Center
CASNR Ag Pals Program – Sign up to be a Mentor

Each year the Student Success Center coordinates the CASNR Ag Pal Program for incoming undergraduate students. The Ag Pal program is designed to support undergraduate students and assist them in their transition to college life. Current undergraduate students volunteer to be mentors for incoming fall 2011 CASNR students. Activities include: contacting your ag pal prior to them moving to Lubbock, show them around campus and Lubbock, attend Ag Fest, and being a source any time your ag pal has questions. Mentors are responsible for providing welcome baskets for each of their ag pals prior to residence hall move-in. To be a mentor you must be a current CASNR undergraduate student, prepare a welcome basket for each Ag Pal by mid-August, and willing to commit time to get to know new students.

If you would like to be a mentor for 2011-2012 academic year, please contact Lori Dudley at lori.dudley@ttu.edu or call 806-742-2808. Mentor information sheets are available online (Information Form – Mentor) or in the Student Success Center, Goddard 108, and need to be filled out before the end of the spring semester.

Calendar of Events

Events and Dates

April 1-18: Advanced registration
April 4-8: Strive for Honor Week
        April 6: Meats Judging Team Fundraiser @ Fuddruckers
        April 9: Animal and Food Science Spring Banquet
        April 12: Ambassadors for Agriculture Fundraiser @Fuddruckers
        April 13: Landscape Architecture Fundraiser Night @ Genghis Grill
April 17: Palm Sunday
April 18: Passover begins
April 19: Open registration begins
April 21: West Texas Sustainability Conference
April 22: Good Friday
April 22: Earth Day
April 24: Easter Sunday
April 25: No classes
April 26-29: CASNR Agriculture Awareness Week
        April 28: Last day to withdraw from the university
April 29: Arbor Day
April 29: CASNR Honors Banquet

University Career Services Events and Dates

April 5: Little Fish Big Pond, 3:30pm, UCS
April 6: Here Come the Millennials, 2:00pm, UCS
April 13: South Plains Job Fair

The CASNR online event calendar is located at www.casnr.ttu.edu/supercali/.
If you would like your organizations information included please send dates, times, and locations to lori.dudley@ttu.edu.