Welcome Mary

Mary Kaufman began working as an Accounting Specialist in the Grain Science and Industry department in October 2011. Mary previously worked at Mercy Regional Health Center as a Patient Accounts Representative. Mary was recently married on June 11, 2011 to Rhett Kaufman, who is a graduate student in the Grain Science department.

Mary attended Fort Hays State University and graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Information Systems Administration. In her spare time, she likes to attend K-State football and basketball games with her husband as well as watch NASCAR races.

Dr. Sun Receives Award

Xiuzhi "Susan" Sun, distinguished professor of GSI, received the Higuchi-University of Kansas Endowment Research Achievement Award. The honor included a plaque and a $10,000 grant to be used for research material, summer salaries, fellowship matching funds, hiring research assistant or other research support. Sun receive the Irvin Youngberg Award for Applied Sciences for her work as a world authority on biopolymer, especially the production of chemicals and materials from renewable feedstocks in ways that are environmentally friendly and sustainable. Her research focuses on how agricultural feedstocks-like plants and grains-or bio-energy by-products can to create bio-based materials that are safer and more durable. Her research has been supported with more than $12 million in grants from federal, state and industrial funding sources. Sun, whose research has led to eight patents, also

Dr. Sun accepting the Higuchi Award
serves as director of K-State's Bio Material & Technology Lab and co-director and founder of the Center for Bio-based Polymers By Design. She joined K-State in 1996.

**GRSC 691 - 2012 Study Abroad Course**
Grain & Feed Production, Processing and Utilization in Germany and Switzerland
There is still time to sign up for the GSI 2011 Study Abroad opportunity. Forms are available at: [grains.ksu.edu](http://grains.ksu.edu)

**Subi Receives Endowed Professorship**

Dr. Dirk Maier, Dr. Tom Phillips (Prof of Entomology), Dr. Gary Piezynski, Mr & Mrs Don Wilbur, Dr Subi, Dr. David Margolies (Interim Head of Entomology)

Dr. Subi Bhadriraju has been appointed as the first Donald A. Wilbur Endowed Professor in Stored-Product Protection at Kansas State University. The 3-year appointment was made by Interim Dean Gary Piezynski and will be effective January 1, 2012.

This endowed professorship was created by Don and Eunice Wilbur to honor Professor Donald A. Wilbur, former professor in the Department of Entomology, and to provide financial assistance to an outstanding faculty member in Stored-Product Protection in the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. The memorandum of understanding for this award

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New Member

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Congratulations

**Anikka Ahmed** successfully defended her Master's thesis on Nov 3.
**Kollbe Ahn** and **Guangyan Qi** have successfully passed their PhD defenses on Nov 16 & 17,
Respectively. Congratulations to these students and best wishes with their future endeavors.

Kyle Probst, Ph.D. student, has been selected to participate in the December Career Day, sponsored by PepsiCo and the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS) on Dec 12th, 2011. The theme for the event is “Journey through Science”. As part of the agenda, Kyle will be participating in roundtable discussions with leaders from PepsiCo, as well as his peers. Congratulations, Kyle.

SWIPE Out Hunger

Over 40 GSI students joined other K-State students, faculty, staff and area residents to package meals for shipment and distribution to curb hunger in the drought and famine stricken areas in the Horn of Africa. Over $15,000 was raised and approximately 500 people volunteered for the event, which was held Oct 30th. The SWIPE Out Hunger event was sponsored by Numana, Inc and coordinated by the K-State chapter of Alpha Zeta and Sandy Klein. Thank you to those who donated their time and/or money.

Sarah Moore, Alexa Bastian, Josey Steeples, Gage Ridder, Sabrina Reynolds stipulates that the title alternate between the Departments of Entomology and Grain Science & Industry for a respective faculty member recognized for outstanding contributions in stored-product protection. Dr. Subi's name will be added to the Endowed Professorship listing on the K-State website at: http://www.k-state.edu/faculty/endowed/