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**Department of Grain Science & Industry News**

**January 7, 2010**

**New Graduate Program Coordinator**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Subramanyam Bhadriraju has agreed to serve as our department's new Graduate Program Coordinator beginning with the new year (Jan 1, 2010). Dr. Bhadriraju has a distinguished record of research accomplishments and supervised numerous MS and PhD students. He has been serving for many years on our Graduate Program Committee including as its chair. We look forward to his continued leadership of our Graduate Program in his combined role of Graduate Program Committee Chair and Graduate Program Coordinator.

We would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Welzel who has served as Graduate Program Coordinator for the last several years. His service to the department in this role has been greatly appreciated. It resulted in a number of substantial program improvements including a major revision of our Graduate Student Handbook.

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Dr. Wetzel

David Wetzel, as a keynote speaker, addressed the 575 attendees of a joint session of the International Near Infrared Spectroscopy Conference in Bangkok, Thailand (Nov. 8-13) on the subject “From Routine Quantitative Near Infrared Analysis in the Mid-1970’s to 2009 Indium Antimonide Focal Plane Array Chemical Imaging”. Pioneering efforts by Prof. Wetzel at KSU that involved O IIFE wheat protein analysis while following the 1976 Kansas wheat harvest resulted in (1) locating high protein wheat needed for milling and baking before its intermingling at the county elevator; (2) adaption of near infrared wheat protein analysis by the Kansas Grain Inspection Service and the Federal Grain Inspection Service in 1977 by confidence built from the KSU project, and (3) initiation of annual infrared wheat protein screening in support of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station breeding program that reared the protein 3.2% absent of the varieties released for planting in Kansas within a decade without sacrificing the yield in bushels per acre. Additional information is available from Prof. Wetzel at 785-539-2509, lab number 2-6731 or by e-mail: dwetzal@k-state.edu.

Good luck to Jane Li

Jane came to Manhattan in the fall of 2000 to join her newly acquired husband Michael Cheng, who was a doctoral student with Dr. Sun at that time. Jane has a BS in Food Science from Chine, and had worked in Shanghai for several years as an English Teacher before coming to Kansas.

She began her MS program with Dr. Walker in January 2001. Her research was on pasta containing mung bean grits. After completing her MS degree, she took a full time job as an RA, acting as the laboratory manager & teaching assistant for the Baking program. While working full time, she also completed her PhD, studying retention of anthocyanins in cookies containing blue corn meal by altering the baking conditions and adjusting the dough pH.

Jane resigned from this department in December 2009 to accept a full time job with Nestle in Solon (Cleveland suburb), Ohio, where she started on 4 January.

Dr. Li has a son almost 4 years old. Her husband, Dr. Cheng, now works for a company out of Sabetha KS. Since his job entails a lot of travel, he was able to move to Ohio with Jane and travel from that area instead of Manhattan, KS.

Good Luck, Jane, for a very successful career.

High-tech Tour

Members of the GRSC faculty and staff recently toured several high-tech classrooms in Justin, Bert and Leisure Halls. The tour was led by staff from I-Tech, including Dr. Rebecca Gould. Dave DeBusk, Project Coordinator from Facilities Planning, also accompanied them. The Grain Science department is planning to update our classrooms in the near future and embrace the opportunity, as well as the cold, to view examples of what audio visual technology is available to us.