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CASNR Report

FWF Avian Ecology Lab Travels to Mexico

Lesley Bulluck (PhD Candidate), **Benny Thatcher** (PhD Candidate), **Tiffany Beachy** (MS student), **Kelly Caruso** (MS student), and **Dan Hinnebusch** (MS student), in the Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries and **Dr. David Buehler**, their advisor, traveled to Veracruz, Mexico in early October 2006 for the 4th North American Ornithological Conference. This conference occurs once every four years and brings together ornithologists from all over the Western Hemisphere. The conference theme was "Wings Without Borders," as attendees traveled from numerous countries around the world with most attendees from Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Many migratory songbirds cross the borders of these three countries twice a year, yet only recently have



Pictured are (l to r): Benny Thatcher, Lesley Bulluck, Ana Raymundo (new UT MS student from Mexico), Tiffany Beachy, Alex Pena (field assistant from Mexico), David Buehler, and Jesus Gamboa (National University of Mexico- liaison with

avian researchers begun to collaborate across these same borders to increase our understanding of these species throughout their life cycle. The conference featured a rich scientific program, symposia, and plenary lectures. The Avian Ecology lab presented their research in two poster sessions and six oral presentations. In addition to the meeting, students were able to experience the rich culture and history of Veracruz as well as the numerous bird-watching

field trips near the city. During the first two weeks of October, the spectacular fall migration of raptors from North America funnels through the Veracruz area. The group witnessed this event, including observing 150,000 hawks migrating through on a single day.

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CASNR Report

CASNR Report is published during the academic year by the UT College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the CASNR Student Council.

Submissions from departments and departmental clubs are welcomed. Articles, as a Word file, or an e-mail message, should be e-mailed by the second Thursday of the each month to the Dean's Office, casnr@utk.edu, for inclusion in the next issue. Articles may be edited for style and length.

Digital photos of club events may also be submitted. Photos should be sent as separate email attachments and not embedded in the message or Word file. They will be used on a space-available basis.

Student Council meets the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in 160 Plant Biotechnology Building

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March 22

February 15
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ASHS names outstanding horticulture students

The American Society for Horticultural Science named the following students in the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee ASHS Collegiate Scholars for 2007. Students must be junior and senior horticulture students in the top 15% of their class, nominated by their faculty based on academic standing, scholarship and departmental participation.

Seniors

Angellke G Angelopoulos
Alina Sandra Campbell
Beth Anne Hancock
Dustin Franklin Lewis
Heather Marie Luttrell
Tyler Lee Mittlesteadt

Sarah Elizabeth Smith
Christy Lynn Stroud
Carla Jean Walden

Juniors

Christopher Lee Chandler
Anthony James Clark
Andrew Neal Davenport
Michael Luke Flessner
Jesse David Higginbotham
Nathan Daniel Olliver
Zachary Sterling Stanley
Marci Alleson Turner
Jeremy Ryon Wade

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Department of Plant Sciences*

Smith named top horticulture senior

Sarah Smith was selected by the faculty in the Department of Plant Sciences as one of the 2007 American Society for Horticultural Science Outstanding Undergraduate Horticulture Students Award. Sarah is enrolled in the public horticulture concentration and has been named to the Dean's list the last five semesters. She has been the recipient of various scholarships including the Knoxville Garden Club; Don Williams Scholarship; Tom and Mae Hitch Agriculture Scholarship; Howard and Ruby Wilkerson Agriculture Scholarship; Edwin S. Zwicker Scholarship in the Agricultural Plant Sciences. She was named the Outstanding Freshman, Department of Ornamental



Horticulture & Landscape Design (the legacy department); and the Outstanding Senior, Department of Plant Sciences. She is a member of

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Call for nominations for CASNR faculty, student and staff awards

Mark your calendars for the CASNR Awards and Scholarship Banquet scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2007 for Hollingsworth Auditorium. During the evening, awards are presented to outstanding students, faculty and staff. Now is the time to start working on those nominations.

Nominations are due by Friday, February 16 in 126 Morgan Hall for the following awards. Nominations may be initiated by any student, faculty member, staff person, departmental awards committee, or student organization.

A maximum of ten full-time students are honored as **Outstanding Students**. No more than one freshman, two sophomore, three junior and four senior students will be selected.

Outstanding Staff Member Award

The recipient may be a full-time exempt or non-exempt staff member who is involved with the teaching program. More than one award may be presented in any given year.

Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award is presented to a faculty member

(tenured, tenure-track or non-tenure track) who provides academic advice to undergraduate and/or graduate students, and serves as an advisor to student organizations.

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W.F. and Golda Moss Outstanding Teaching Awards

two awards are presented, one each for a faculty member with greater than ten years of faculty experience and with ten or fewer years of faculty experience.

The above awards are selected by the CASNR Student Council Awards Committee.

Outstanding Graduate Student

Teaching Award of Merit is presented to a graduate student who demonstrates excellence in classroom and works with undergraduate students in other ways that enhance the undergraduate educational experience. More than one award

may be presented in any given year. The recipient(s) will also receive the NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit Certificate

W.S. Overton Faculty Award of Merit

is presented to a faculty member who makes notable contributions to the development of students and who has a very positive impact on students. Recipient also receives the NACTA Teaching Award of Merit Certificate.

The above two awards are selected by a faculty committee appointed by the associate dean.

CASNR Distinguished Alumnus

Award is presented annually to a graduate (at least 10 years) of the CASNR, or its predecessor, the College of Agriculture, for outstanding achievement in the academic or corporate community and/or noteworthy public service, which have brought distinction to the graduate and The University of Tennessee.

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Smith named outstanding horticulture senior (continued)

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the Alpha Beta Chapter of Pi Alpha Xi, the horticulture honor society and Alpha Zeta, the agriculture honor society. She has been a speaker for the Knoxville Garden Club.

She demonstrates the true Volunteer spirit in the UT Gardens working at Blooms Days, developing the tour

guide handbook for garden volunteers, organized the creation of rack cards and brochures for the UT Gardens, teaching first graders about horticulture, and serving in various other ways in the Gardens. She also helped with tours when the Perennial Plant Association, a national industry organization, held its annual educational conference in Knoxville.

As a UT student she is also a member the Orange Nation, the student pep squad at athletic events, active in Sigma Kappa sorority, and helped out with the FFA Prepared Speaking Competition.

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Planning on a spring '07 graduation?



Well, if you are, make sure you have applied for graduation! Stop by the

Office of the Registrar to make sure they have your application on file.

Run a DARS report (see <https://darsweb.utk.edu>) and review it with your advisor. All petitions for graduating seniors are due in the 125 Morgan Hall no later than March 2, 2007. To allow enough time for review and entry into the Student Information System, make sure petitions are

submitted before the deadline.

You will be notified of any problems and cancellation of graduation on March 26, 2007.

The deadline for cap and gown rental is March 23, 2007 for both students and faculty. See the Graduation Desk in the UT Bookstore.

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