



## Faculty Profile

Dr. Allen Featherstone, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Director of Graduate Studies

Interest Area: Finance

Home Town/State: Walworth, Wisconsin (SE Wisconsin)

Joined Department: 1986

Degrees: Ag Econ and Econ, University of Wisconsin-River Falls (1982); Ag Econ, Purdue University (1984); Ag Econ, Purdue University (1986)

Courses Taught: Agribusiness Financial Management (MAB), Economics of Ag Production (Ph.D. level), Risk Management (undergraduate), Quant. Methods (Ph.D.).

Favorite aspect of MAB students:

*"The diversity of students, in terms of educational background, employment, and geographic location".*

Hobbies: Spending time with children, following major sports (especially Green Bay Packers).

## International Partnership Developed

ORT University, a highly esteemed private university in Uruguay, and the Master in Agribusiness Program at K-State have been collaborating since 1998 on the development of the degree program in Spanish. Both partners continue to strive for the goal of delivering courses in 2001.

"We are looking forward to moving ahead with the ORT partnership, which will enable us to continue to increase the international dimension of both universities", said Dr. Dan Bernardo, Department Head of Agricultural Economics.

ORT has long been known for its aggressive approach in the educational arena in the southern cone, and has been focusing resources and efforts to expand their Agribusiness program. Latauro Perez Rocha (Class of 2002) will become the program coordinator for ORT, and is experiencing the program firsthand as a student. In addition, Dr. Allen Featherstone, Dr. Joe Arata, and Dr. Arlo Biere have traveled to ORT to teach short courses and aid instructors in curriculum development.

## In The News

**John Forshee**, Class of 2002, has accepted a position with UMB Bank in their Concordia, Kansas office as an Agricultural Lender.

**Leah Suellentrop**, Class of 2002, and husband Paul announce the birth of Tristan Noel. She was born Friday, August 11, 2000.

**John Larkin**, Class of 2001, is now working for Cargill Americas, Inc. as their Latin American Rice Merchant, and is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Sara Morey**, Class of 2001, is working for the Harvey County Farm Service Agency. Her three-year-old son, Dermot, is expecting a new brother or sister in January.

**Dave Spencer**, Class of 2001, has been promoted to Energy Sales Manager of the North Central Region for Country Energy.

**Casey Niemann**, Class of 2000, is working for Microsoft Corporation as an Account Executive focused on Strategic Education Accounts in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. He continues to live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Greg Newham**, Class of 2000, was promoted to Commodities Purchasing Manager at Frito Lay. The promotion resulted in a transfer to the Plano, Texas headquarters.

**Kurt David**, Class of 2000, was promoted to Sr. V.P. and Middle Market Lending Manager for Commerce Bank in their Wichita Office.

**Richard Fechter**, Class of 2000, successfully defended his thesis on July 27, 2000.

**Steve Stephens**, Class of 2000, successfully defended

## MAB Best in Nation

The Master in Agribusiness Program was named the Best New For-Credit Educational Program in the Nation by the University Continuing Education Association last spring. "This award recognized new, innovative programs in distance learning," said K-State President Jon Wefald. "...congratulations to Dr. Daniel Bernardo and all the talented faculty who work to make this program real for people in 15 states and six foreign countries."

The University Continuing Education Association is an international association of accredited universities and colleges which provide undergraduate, graduate and professional education via the Internet, satellite television, independent study and other methods.

## MAB Calendar

**Friday, November 3:** Advisory Board Meeting, KSU Campus

**December 2:** Risk Management Ends

**December 9:** KSU Fall Commencement

**December 16:** Advanced Food & Agribusiness Management Ends

**January 3-7:** Campus session for Year 1 & 2 students

**January 5-7:** Optional session for Year 3 students