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Two Weeks Notice

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THIS WEEK

October 22

10:00 AM - Commons
Departmental Cookie Social

3:10 PM - 2020 Agronomy Hall
Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium
*Sustainability Without Justice is Sustained
Injustice: Agroecology and Sustainable
Intensification*

Presenter: **Jahi Chappell**,
Director of Agroecology and Agricultural Policy,
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
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October 23

4:10 PM - 2050 Agronomy Hall
Agronomy Seminar
*Improving Soybean Productivity:
Physiological Lessons from the Past and
Preparing for the Future*

Presenter: **Lisa Ainsworth**,
Department of Plant Biology, University of Illinois
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NEXT WEEK

October 29

10:00 AM - Commons
Departmental Cookie Social

3:10 PM - 2020 Agronomy Hall
Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium
Perspectives on GMO Foods and Food Ingredients
Presenter: **Ruth MacDonald**,
Professor and Chair, Department of Food Science
and Human Nutrition, Iowa State University
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October 30

4:10 PM - 2050 Agronomy Hall
Agronomy Seminar
*Estimates of the Contribution of GM Hybrids to
Yield Potential and Damage Control: Evidence from
Midwestern State Corn Yields*
Presenter: **Wallace Huffman**,
Department of Economics, Iowa State University
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Agronomy Blotter

Happy to you...

Happy Birthday:

- October 21 -
Tom Loynachan
Professor
- October 22 -
Kendall Lamkey
Department Chair

"Neutrality helps
the oppressor,
never the victim.
Silence encourages
the tormentor, never
the tormented."
— Elie Wiesel

Major Upgrade for Building Wireless Network; Unmanaged Access Points To Be Removed

Efforts are underway to flood the entire building with wireless network access.

Work began this past week on a project that will add approximately 130 wireless access points to Agronomy Hall. This will create a mesh of network connectivity in the inhabited portions of the building.

Three Phase Install

Some disruptions will take place in various rooms throughout the building so workers can access ceiling areas and pipe chases.

The first phase will be the noisiest as holes are drilled where needed in walls and ceilings, and conduit is installed for the access points. Some after-hours work is planned to mini-

mize disruptions. Phase two will include running wiring and installing network jacks. Phase three is access points installation and activation.

The entire project is expected to take about three weeks.

Non-ISU APs to be Removed

There will no longer be any access points allowed in the building other than those installed and managed by Iowa State.

Access points currently in use that are not part of the Iowa State managed system will be removed once the wireless network expansion project is completed.

If you have any questions about or during the project, please direct them to Rita Bruland in the Baker Lab.

NOTES

Agronomy Department Professional Development

The Department of Agronomy is providing an opportunity for all members of the department to participate in a professional development program starting in November.

The Personal and Professional Development Program is a series of nine intensive and cohesive two-hour workshops that will begin November 17, 2014, and wrap up on May 4, 2015. The program will address inter- and intra-personal skills, developing effective teams, decision-making skills, managing conflict effectively, organizing and leading effective meetings, and welcoming differences across the department.

The professional development program is open to any grad student, P&S employee, merit employee, post-doc, or faculty member.

The highly subsidized cost is \$50 per person, and a commitment to participate in all nine sessions is required. Additional details are available at this URL:

<http://agron.iastate.edu/news/media/2014PD.brochure.pdf>

Look for registration details to be sent later this week by email.