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Financial Planning Team Captures First Place at American Express Planning Invitational

Blake Allen, Damon Maughan, and Jeffrey Schneider returned home from the second annual American Express Planning Invitational, a competition for financial planning students, as National Champions. The three financial planning and accounting double majors were notified in March that they qualified to compete at the national competition held in Minneapolis from April 26-29.

Fort Hays State University won the national championship by placing first in the written case competition and oral presentation and second in the quiz show

competition. Fort Hays competed against five other universities including Kansas State University, Cal-State Fullerton, Minnesota State University at Mankato, Western Carolina State University, and the University of North Texas.

For its first place finish, Fort Hays was awarded the grand prize of \$10,000 in scholarship money to be used for its financial planning program. The students were each given \$800, with another \$1,000 set aside for them to attend the Financial Planning Association's international conference later this year in San Diego.



Rory Terry, Advisor; Jeff Schneider, Olmitz senior; Blake Allen, Tribune senior; Damon Maughan, Hays senior

Message from the Chair

Carl D. Parker

The 2000-2001 academic year was both productive and exciting for the Department of Economics and Finance. Perhaps the most exciting event was the First Place finish for the FHSU team at the American Express Planning Invitational 2001. This team, comprised of financial planning majors Blake Allen, Damon Maughan, and Jeffrey Schneider, brought national recognition to themselves as well as the Financial Planning Program offered by the department.

The Tiger Call telethon, sponsored by the Endowment Association, succeeded in raising over \$5,000 for the department. We express our sincere gratitude to those who were able to make a contribution.

A new Banking Emphasis in the finance major has been officially approved and is now available for interested students. The department is developing internship opportunities for students in this emphasis as well as the financial planning emphasis. A competitive internship has recently been established with the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency.

Dr. Ralph Gamble developed and is offering Principles of Macroeconomics over the internet through the FHSU Virtual College. Ralph has also developed a web-based leveling course for the MBA students.

Dr. Preston Gilson took the initiative in writing the proposal for the Banking Emphasis and has agreed to serve as its program director. He will be assisted by Ralph Gamble. Preston presented a paper at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences Conference. In addition, he was a co-author on two other papers.

Dr. Tom Johansen attended the meeting of Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Program Directors in Denver. It was at this meeting that he learned about the American Express Planning Invitational competition. Tom is the director of the department's Financial Planning Program. He spent a considerable amount of time this spring developing an internet course for Managerial Finance. The course will be offered this fall for the first time. Tom

made his annual trek to the Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting where his daughter, Kiley, stole the show. She had her picture taken with Warren Buffett, which was subsequently on the NBC evening news. I'm sure he has some of these pictures on his web site. If not, send him an e-mail.

Dr. Bill Rickman presented a paper on faculty retirement planning at the Southwest Economic Association meeting. Bill also made a presentation at the Missouri Valley Economics Association meeting. He developed a proposal, and the department received approval, to offer Economic Ideas and Current Issues as an upper-division integrative course (IDS 300).

Dr. Rory Terry has co-authored three papers this past year, presenting one at the Southwest Business Symposium. He also made a presentation at the Missouri Valley Economics Association meeting. Rory is developing materials for an internet course in finance. This summer he received a research grant from the Graduate School.

Dr. Dosse Toulaboe is working on several research projects in the area of international economics. He was awarded a summer research grant from the Graduate School for one of these projects. Dosse has recently been elected as the department's Faculty Senate representative and he also has been elected to serve on the Graduate Council.

Dr. Carl Parker. It has been a busy year for me as well. I organized and moderated a session at the Missouri Valley Economics Association meeting. I also attended a "briefing" session with the Comptroller of the Currency. I am serving on the FHSU administrative team in the negotiations with the faculty union (AAUP).

Mrs. Linda Kepka continues to be the office administrator. Without her able assistance, much of what has been accomplished in the department would not have been realized.

The department looks forward to continuing the momentum of this past year as we look forward to the challenges of the 2001-2002 academic year.

New ECFI Alumni

Graduating Spring 2001

Joshua Bain – Finance
Joel Bannister – Finance
Jeffrey Brin – Financial Planning
Jeffrey Claycamp – Financial Planning
Travis Kreutzer – Financial Planning
Jayme Medina – Financial Planning
Monte Schneider – Finance
Shane Smith – Finance
Paula Sucht – Finance
Rebecca Sweet – Financial Planning and
Accounting
Janea VanCamp – Financial Planning
Christopher Vavricka – Finance
Becky Wilkerson – Financial Planning and
Accounting

Graduating Fall 2000

Dustin Campbell - Finance
Christopher Chancy - Finance
Ryan Guthrie - Finance
Meghann January - Financial Planning
Michael Kersenbrock - Financial Planning
Michele Kippes - Finance
Connie Krug - Financial Planning
Tai-Pi Wang - Economics

Congratulations!



Scholarship Recipients for the 2001-2002 Academic Year:

Eric Glassman - Emprise Bank
Dane Hague - John Garwood
Jessica Oppliger - Francis Casing
Crews
Janet Reitcheck - Andrew Gottschalk
Economics-Finance
Jeffrey Schneider - Bank of America
Cindy Steiner - Bank of America
Cheri Strohl - Department of
Economics and Finance

Banking Emphasis Receives Approval

A Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree in Finance with an Emphasis in Banking was recently approved as a new degree option for finance majors. Students pursuing this degree option will have a solid foundation for careers in the commercial banking and financial services industry. Dr. Preston Gilson will serve as the Director of the Banking Emphasis.

Tiger Investment Group Continues to Grow

The newest student organization in the department, The Tiger Investment Group, has continued to grow since it was started in late 1999. The group had 40 initial members and made its first investment a little over a year ago. Today the group has 55 members and is open to all FHSU students interested in investing. Dr. Rory Terry and Dr. Tom Johansen are the faculty sponsors for the group.

Agricultural Outlook Conference

The annual Agricultural Outlook Conference has continued to be a successful venture for the department. At the conference last fall, participants from Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma spent the day listening to speakers discuss the outlook for the economy and agriculture, the grain and livestock situations, and challenges and opportunities of beef production.

The date for the Agricultural Outlook Conference this fall has tentatively been set for November 9. The livestock markets, grain markets, and other timely agricultural topics will be discussed. Please mark your calendars to attend this year.

Calendar of Events

August 20	Classes Begin for Fall 2001 Semester
October 5-6	Octoberfest and Homecoming
November 9	Agricultural Outlook Conference sponsored by the Department of Economics and Finance
December 14	Fall 2001 Semester Ends
January 16	Classes Begin for Spring 20002 Semester
March 16-24	Spring Break
May 17	Spring 2002 Semester Ends
May 18	Commencement Exercises

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