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STUDENT PROFILE

DEPARTMENT HEAD'S COMMENTS:

This year Ag Day will be October 18, just a little over 2 weeks away, and we hope to see you there.

Activities are to start 4 hours before the kickoff of the football game between UT and Mississippi State.

The BESS departmental display is being coordinated by Dr. Doug Hayes, with help from the BESS staff and faculty, and will be in a "double-sized" tent located along EJ Chapman Drive just in front of our buildings.

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Romanian Countryside Becca (right) with new friend

REBECCA MESSER is a junior in Biosystems Engineering. She had a very busy summer this year, first working as an intern at CH2M Hill, then on a missionary trip to Romania.

At CH2M Hill, an international engineering firm, Becca worked on the KUB PACE-10 project, rehabilitating/restoring local waste water pipelines and pump stations. KUB has been compelled to improve their systems, to better control waste water overflow during heavy rainfall. This experience clarified the usefulness of class work for her, and gave her an appreciation of how much work 40 hours/week can be!

Becca's trip to Romania was also an excellent learning experience. Romania is a beautiful country to visit, and the people she stayed with made her feel at home. She is grateful for the ability to experience another culture, as it opened her eyes to how God was at work across the world and also how resilient humans can be when faced with difficult situations. She discovered things far beyond what can be taught in a classroom, and recommends a trip abroad for any reason.

First Year Studies 129: Freshman Seminar Program



JOANNE LOGAN is teaching a section of Freshman Seminar titled "Living Green: Let's Be Ecofriendly". During this field trip to Market Square in Knoxville, freshman students learned about mixed use development, urban sprawl, fair trade, and "green" businesses like the Tomato Head Restaurant.

Deadline for First Year Studies 129/Freshman Seminar Application is **October 3:**

For each seminar offered, the professor will receive a \$1,500 research grant.

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