UC Davis 50th Anniversary Celebration

Honoring the 1975-1984 Graduates of the AgEcon Ph.D. Program

Jean Kinsey and Nicole Ballenger
The late 70s brought us Disco ....
The early 80s New Wave

• From The Captain and Tennille, Love Will Keep Us Together (1975)
• John Denver, Thank God I’m a Country Boy (1975)
• The Bee Gees, Saturday Night Fever (1977)
• The Ramones, I Wanna Be Sedated (1978)*
• Electric Light Orchestra, Don’t Bring Me Down (1979)
• Devo, Whip It (1980)
• The Clash, Rock the Casbah (1982)
• Talking Heads, Burning Down the House (1983)
• To Tina Turner, What’s Love Got to Do With It (1984)

* How we felt much of the time.
It was the era of the boom box
And the leisure suit...
Meanwhile, over in Voorhies Hall...
We punched our computer cards...and carried around giant stacks of them
Spent the night in the computer center... waiting for a solution ...
Collected our printouts ... hopeful there’d be a respectable R-squared in there somewhere.
Dreaming of what our classmates were doing downtown in the park or at The Club....

*The Club: An extremely popular Davis locals/biker bar*
*back in the day before The City decided that*
*real non-student bars were an evil thing*
*(source: DavisWiki)*
Then we typed up our results on high speed IBM Selectrics ... (thank you Ann Huffaker for typing our dissertations!)
While we were learning (?) Lemke’s Algorithm, the Cold War came and went ….

- 1976 Jimmy Carter was elected President
- 1977 The U.S. gave up the Panama Canal
- 1979 The Camp David Peace Accord was signed
- 1979 The Soviets invaded Afghanistan
- 1980 Iran seized U.S. hostages
- 1980 Ronald Reagan was elected President
- 1980 John Lennon was shot to death
- 1981 Someone tried to assassinate President Reagan
- 1981 **The first woman was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court**
- 1983 A U.S. compound in Beirut was bombed
- 1984 And Ronald Reagan was reelected
It was the dawning of the age of women in agricultural economics

Fifteen of the 73 graduates during our decade are women

Women of our decade have
• Changed the face of the profession
• Broadened the scope of its impact
• Increased its relevance....we dare say!
• Stepped up to leadership in universities, government, and professional societies
We are the pioneers!
Our classmates came from far away lands ...

..... From Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, France, Greece, Japan, Kenya, Paraguay, Sri Lanka, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey.....as far away as Wyoming! (No, Wyoming is not in Canada.)
And returned to far away lands ...

As top government advisers, elected leaders, economic consultants to international organizations, and distinguished professors (notice the tropical plant in the background)
We were international before globalization became a word
We were destined for university careers across the United States ...

• From University of Arkansas to Universities of Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, West Virginia, and Wyoming

• To Cornell, Michigan State, Montana State, North Carolina State, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Penn State, Texas A&M, Washington State, Cal Poly, and Cal States Fresno, Chico and Redlands

• At non-land grants ... Duke and University of Washington

• At our own UC Davis and ....

• Yes, we must admit it, at UC Berkeley too.
And around the globe ....

- Kobe University, Japan
- Catholic University, Chile
- University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Moi University, Kenya
- University of Sydney, Australia
- Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Spain
We’ve dedicated our careers to public service at home and abroad with ...

• The Agency for International Development
• The U.S. Department of Agriculture
• The (great) state of California
• The United Nations
• The World Bank
• And the Ministries of Agriculture and Treasury in Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, and Sri Lanka
And to being the voice of environmental policy reason on NPR!
We’ve grown agricultural businesses and communities with ... 

• Bank of America
• Food companies
• Consulting firms
• And Cooperatives
Wherever we came from, wherever we went or ended up...

• We share the memories of 1975-1984 (including the desire, especially around Prelim time, to be sedated)

• And we share the power of the Davis brand
## The 1975 – 1979 graduates

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Last but not least, we share a deep gratitude to the professors who paved the way for us .... So that we in turn could pave the way for others...