

Special Symposium Honoring

Professor Joe T. Ritchie

Homer Nowlin Chair
Michigan State University

at the

American Society of Agronomy Annual Meeting

Minneapolis, MN

November 6-9, 2000

Sponsored by A3 Division of ASA



Professor Joe T. Ritchie

Known and Respected Worldwide

as

Distinguished Scientist & Teacher

Husband, Father, Family Member

Friend & Advisor

Christian

:

and as a True Texan

Professor Joe T. Ritchie

How did he do it? This is a question that all of his students, friends, and colleagues have asked...

Finally, the answer is to be revealed.





**Eris, someday I plan
to be a world
renowned scientist,
and go fishing every
other day**

Joe at one year.
Early evidence that he
was already planning his career
and hobbies.

Joe?
Joe?
FISHING? ?

OK,
that's
enough



**Eris, I have to go to
College to realize my
dream. And, I dream
that a beautiful girl will
be by my side as I try
to reach my potential.**



Joe and Eris in Monahans, Texas in 1952

Joe T. Ritchie
Graduating from
Abilene Christian College
(ACC)
1959





Ann and Joe
at a formal
banquet at
ACC before
their marriage



Texas Tech University



Joe learning how to use the tools
of the trade at Texas Tech where he
Received his M.Sc. degree



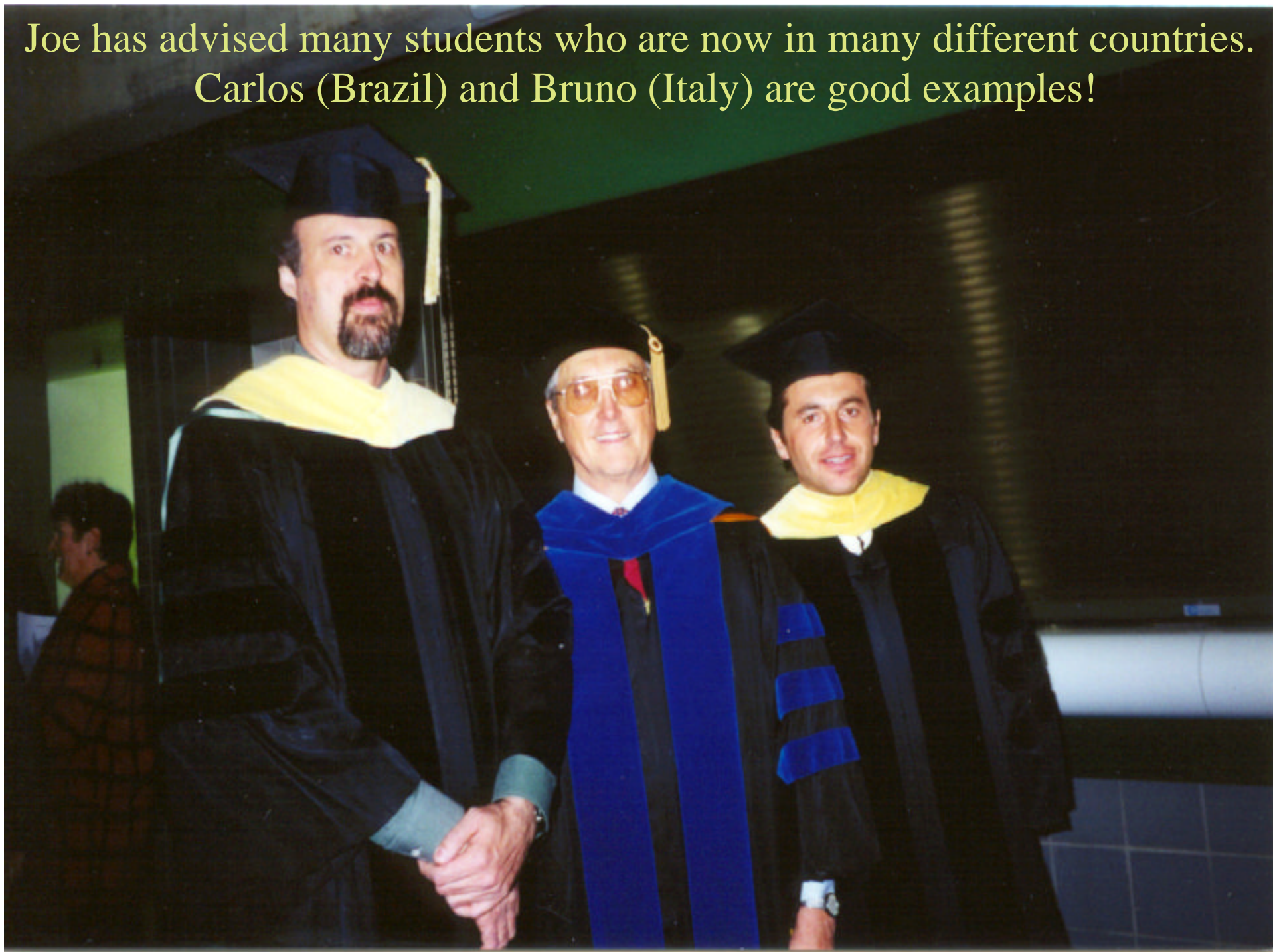
Joe in some mighty tall maize

Many Major Contributions,
such as:

*Lysimetry, Measurements of
crop water use,
Functional Modeling Approach,
Soil Water Balance Model,
Evapotranspiration Model,
CERES Grain Models (Wheat,
Maize, Sorghum, Rice, Millet, ...)
DSSAT, SALUS, ...*

Widely used worldwide
Widely cited, adopted concepts
And models

Joe has advised many students who are now in many different countries.
Carlos (Brazil) and Bruno (Italy) are good examples!

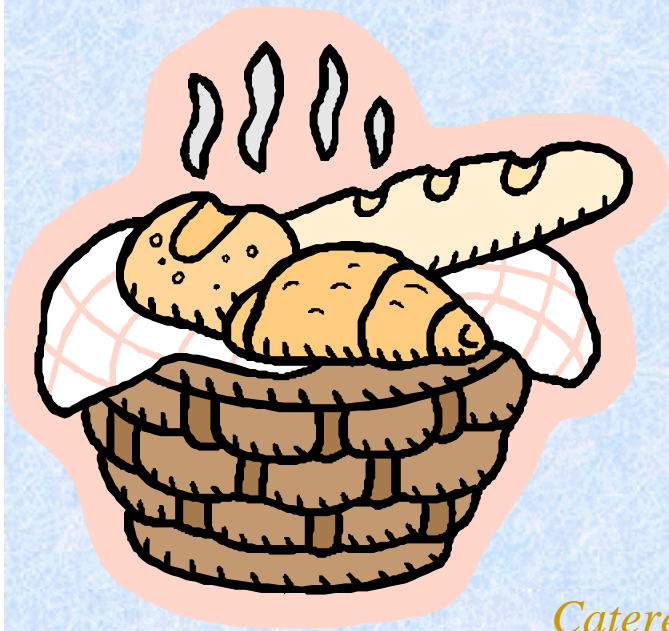


Joe, Bruno and Jim in the Ann and Joe Ritchie “Hotel”.
Ann and Joe open their home to students and colleagues





A recent gathering at the Ritchie Home
for food and fun. One of many!
Great Food, Great Company!



Catered by Bruno's Italian Cuisine



Behind the scenes—a familiar picture.
One of Joe's many "hidden" talents!



Joe has received numerous awards. Here, he and Ann receive Joe's award for Outstanding Alumnus of the Year (1994) from ACC



Mrs. Ritchie

Ann

Joe

Frequent Travelers. Sardinia, Italy in 1993

The Big Reason to Move Back To Texas, Family Gathering in July 2000



Professor Joe T. Ritchie



***What a Journey!!
What an Impact!!***



Congratulations, Joe and Ann!

We All Love You!