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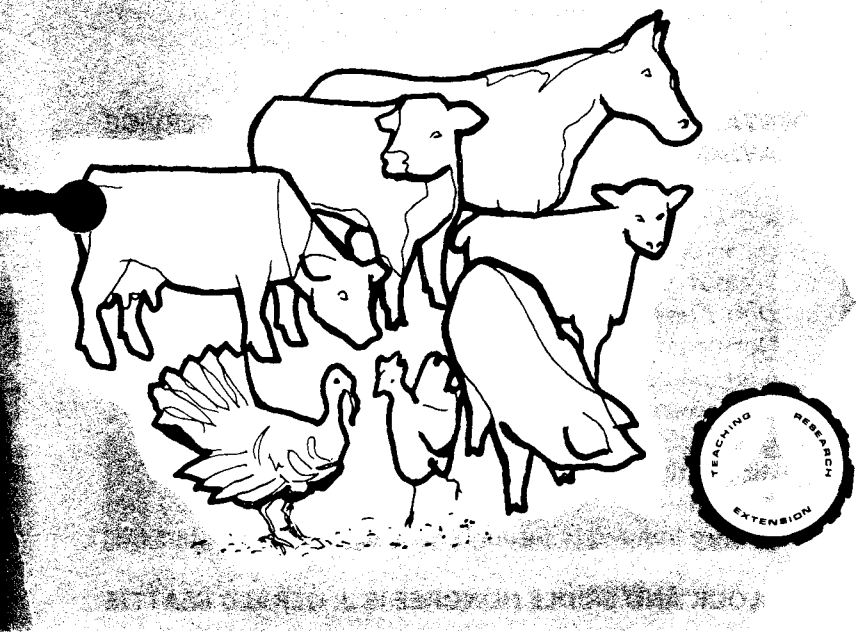

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Irv Omtvedt, Dept. Head

Keeping in touch with our graduates is important to us and we hope a couple of Newsletters each year may help bridge this gap. Here is Volume I.

In spite of prevailing economic conditions, job opportunities for our 1980 graduates have been outstanding again this year. About 90 percent stayed in Nebraska and about half are directly associated with a farm or ranching operation.

With our university livestock herds being moved off campus; increased student enrollments (20 percent increase in agriculture and 13 percent increase in animal science in the past 5 years); higher percentage of urban students (over 40 percent in agriculture); coupled with departmental growth and program shifts, additional animal science facilities are needed on campus.

The completion of the Animal Science Complex is now #1 on the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources capital construction request list. Hopefully, the 1981 budget will include planning money to get this project started. The proposed project includes a livestock center with animal holding facilities and a dividable arena plus a building addition connecting Loeffel Meat Laboratory and Marvel Baker Hall. Additional meat laboratory facilities, specialized research and teaching laboratories, classrooms and offices are proposed for the new addition.

Animal science faculty are located at Clay Center, Concord, North Platte and Scottsbluff, as well as on the East Campus. You have a standing invitation to visit us at any time. Hopefully, we will see many of you in Lincoln for the Animal Science Alumni Reunion on Oct. 4, 1980.

ANIMAL SCIENCE REUNION

Reserve the date of Oct. 4, 1980 for the animal science reunion. More details will be forth coming from Keith Gilster who is in charge of the program.

Alumni from the classes and judging teams for the years ending in 0 and 9 will be recognized.

A number of campus events will be of interest to guests. On Friday evening, Oct. 3, the Block and Bridle Club will sponsor the "Little Ak-Sar-Ben" livestock showmanship contest. The University of Nebraska-Florida State University football game will be played on the afternoon of Oct. 4.

The alumni reunion will take place on Saturday morning, Oct. 4, 1980.

Members of the Animal Science Department are looking forward to having many Alumni on campus the weekend of Oct. 4, 1980.

ANIMAL SCIENCE ALUMNUS RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Willard J. Visek, a 1947 graduate of the Animal Science Department, received the Doctor of Science Honorary Degree at the 1980 Spring Commencement. This is one of the highest honors given by the University of Nebraska.

Visek currently is the director of the Clinical Nutrition Institute of the University of Illinois School of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Visek has received numerous awards and honors from national and international organizations for his outstanding research contributions. He was a member of the livestock judging team in 1946 and graduated with honors.

ANIMAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Keith Gilster, Associate Professor of Animal Science, received the Distinguished Teaching Award at the 1980 Honors Convocation.

Gilster has developed an outstanding rapport with the students in the introductory courses. Since this award is university-wide and the nominees are from the entire university faculty, this is a very prestigious honor for the Animal Science Department and for Gilster.

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA AWARD TO SULLIVAN

Dr. Thomas W. Sullivan, professor of Poultry Nutrition in the Animal Science Department, was the recipient of the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit at the fall meeting of the Honor Society of Agriculture. Sullivan was cited for his many contributions to the poultry industry and his college and university activities. He had previously received recognition from the National Turkey Federation for his research activities with nutritional requirements of modern turkeys.

NATIONAL EXTENSION AWARD TO FRITSCHEN

Robert D. Fritschen, Associate Director of the Panhandle Station, Scottsbluff, Neb., and formerly Animal Science Specialist at the Northeast Station, Concord, Neb., was the recipient of the American Society of Animal Science Extension Award at the 1979 meeting of the Society in Tucson, Ariz.

Since this is a national honor, it is a very significant award for both Fritschen and the University of Nebraska.

STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVE LIVESTOCK SERVICE AWARDS

Two animal science staff members have recently received special livestock service awards from the Walnut Grove Products Company of Atlantic, Iowa. *Don Kubik*, extension dairy specialist, located at the Northeast Station, Concord, and *Earl Gleaves*, extension poultry specialist, Animal Science Department, UNL, were presented the awards at a luncheon in Lincoln April 28. The awards consisted of a special recognition plaque and a $450 check to each honoree. Both men have been active in supporting the dairy and poultry industries through their extension programs.

BLOCK AND BRIDLE HONOREE IS J. GERALD BEATTIE

J. Gerald Beattie of Sumner, a 1942 graduate of UNL, was selected as the 1980 Block and Bridle Club Honoree. A portrait of Beattie was unveiled at the Block and Bridle awards banquet April 25. The portrait will be placed in the Hall of Fame Gallery in Marvel Baker Hall.

The Block and Bridle Club annually recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the livestock industry. Beattie is the 43rd Nebraskan to be honored by the Animal Science Departmental Club.

ANIMAL SCIENCE GRADUATES COME FROM MANY STATES AND COUNTRIES

About 90 persons received degrees with major studies in Animal Science during the past school year. Graduates represented many states as well as several foreign countries.

Seventy-two students received B.S. degrees with Animal Science majors. Most of the students receiving the bachelor degree were from Nebraska, although Japan and Venezuela were represented in the class.

Eight students received the Master of Science Degree and 10 Doctor of Philosophy Degrees were awarded. The graduate degree recipients represented 12 states and five foreign countries.

MEET THE NEW ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS

Michael C. Brumm

Donald B. Hudman

Mary M. Beck

Doyle R. Wolverton

Michael C. Brumm has recently joined the Animal Science staff as the district swine specialist located at the Northeast Station in Concord. Brumm will be serving as the extension swine specialist in northeast Nebraska and will be continuing some of the swine housing studies formerly under the direction of Bob Fritschen.

Donald B. Hudman returned to Nebraska and is now located at the Panhandle Station at Scottsbluff. Hudman is on an extension research appointment and works with swine producers in the western part of the state. He is a native Texan, having obtained his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Texas A&M University and his Ph.D. at Iowa State. He was a member of the University of Nebraska Animal Science staff from 1956 to 1966.

Mary M. Beck came to Nebraska from the University of Maryland where she has completed her Ph.D. degree. Beck joins the staff as an avian physiologist and will be conducting research in the areas of environmental physiology and cerebral metabolism in birds. In addition, she will teach courses in avian biology and environmental physiology.

Doyle R. Wolverton joined the Animal Science staff from Iowa where he had been serving as area livestock agent, located at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Doyle will be serving as youth specialist in the position that Dave Williams had prior to his retirement.

Doyle is a native Iowan and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Iowa State University.

1979 LIVESTOCK, DAIRY AND MEATS JUDGING TEAMS

1979 Livestock Judging Team - left to right - Dr. Irv Omtvedt, Dept. Head; Patti Hollibaugh, Marsland; Chris Buechle, Valentine; Bryan Henderson, Alliance; Jay Volk, Arlington; Dan Magill, Blair; Steve Kile, Red Cloud; Kevin Large, Wauneta; Sam Smith, Blair; Layne Anderson, Oakland; George Marcy, Hay Springs; Kathy Auch, Colon; Karla Bluhm, Milford; and Coach R. B. Warren.

1979 Meats Judging Team - left to right - Dwight Loveday, Coach; Ann Hollingsworth, Assistant; Tim Cech, North bend; Steve Hulme, Cairo; Willow Krause, Alliance; Tim Marlatt, Ainsworth, Cindy Dunlay, Orleans; Craig Uhrig, Hemingford; Kathy Pool, Papillion; Dr. Irv Omtvedt, Dept. Head.

1979 Dairy Cattle Judging Team - left to right. Hoy Bailey, Wymore; Mark Meysenburg, Columbus; Franklin Eldridge, Coach; Dennis Drudik, Fairfield; and Dale Livermore, Grand Island.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Department of Animal Science (Husbandry) began in 1897 under the leadership of C. H. Elmendorf, a prominent hereford breeder from Kearney. A history book prepared in 1925 indicated that Elmendorf donated his services to the university in order to get the department established.

In 1899 E. A. Burnett, then a professor of Animal Husbandry at South Dakota Agricultural College, came to Nebraska to be the first teacher of animal production subjects. Burnett, a native of Michigan, had received his degree at Michigan State Agricultural College in 1887.

He became successively, Head of Animal Husbandry, Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Dean of the College of Agriculture and in 1928 was named Chancellor of the University until his retirement in 1938.

Chancellor Burnett was selected as the Block and Bridle Club Honoree in 1941 and his protrait is in the Hall of Fame Gallery. Burnett Hall, located in the center of the City Campus, was named for the first Animal Science teacher at the University of Nebraska.

Since this is the first Animal Science Newsletter - We would like to hear from you regarding future issues. What kinds of news items would you like to see in the newsletter? Would you be willing to contribute items for future issues? Please let us hear from you. (Editors)

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