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■ From the Department Head's Desk

Our Centennial celebration was a success with excellent attendance at all activities. Special thanks to Chuck Schroeder, an alumnus and CEO of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, for his excellent presentation at the banquet. Through these 100 years, the department has striven for excellence in conducting teaching, Cooperative Extension and research programs. We are proud to be part of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, which is celebrating its Silver Anniversary—25 years of serving Nebraskans.

The department was pleased that one of our alumnae, Dr. Debra Miller, was invited to campus last October to participate in the University's Master's Week Program. Our students and alumni are our most important product, and we benefit from their successes and recognition.

We also continue to benefit from our alumni and friends' support for our programs and donations, including scholarships for our undergraduate majors, totalling nearly \$20,000 for the 1998-99 academic year.

Our Academic Quadrathlon Team won the 1998 Midwest Section Academic Quadrathlon last March in Iowa. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association sponsored the four-member team's trip to the Association's Convention to compete in a quiz bowl with the other regional winners.

The University of Nebraska Block and Bridle Club had an event-filled year. Fourteen representatives from the club, accompanied by faculty adviser Jess Miner, participated in the national convention last January in Denver. Of the 60+ clubs and nearly 1,000 participants, our club placed second in Yearbook and fifth in Club Activities. Jared Walahoski received third place finish in the Junior Scholarship Award competition and Judi Woitalewicz received Honorable Mention in the Senior Scholarship Award competition. The Honors Banquet is scheduled for April 23 and you are invited to attend to share in recognizing this year's honoree, the Block and Bridle Club achievements, recipients of undergraduate scholarships and the judging team activities.

Our department's international activities continue increasing. In the last year, our faculty have participated



Roger W. Mandigo

in meetings and collaborative programs throughout the world including Australia, Belgium, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, North and South Vietnam and Taiwan. This year marks the 32nd year of our affiliation with the Japanese Agricultural Training Program. To date, we have taught 1,370 Japanese students through the program. Also, in recognition of our faculty's programs, international students and visiting scientists select our department to continue their studies of the animal sciences.

Roger Mandigo

■ New Department Head Hired

Donald H. Beermann has accepted the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Animal Science and will begin his duties June 1, 1999. Dr. Beermann, a native of Denison, Iowa, earned a BS in Animal Science at Iowa State (1971). Both his MS (1974) and Ph.D. (1976) in Muscle Biology and Human Physiology were earned at the University of Wisconsin.

He remained in Wisconsin for the next two years serving as a postdoctoral fellow. He has been on the faculty at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., since 1978 and is currently Professor in the Departments of Animal Science and Food Science. His research interests include nutritional, endocrine and genetic regulation of protein synthesis, metabolism and growth of skeletal muscle, nutrient regulation of gene expression in skeletal muscle, protein and amino acid requirements for growth and the physical and sensory characteristics of muscle as a food. Dr. Beermann was the 1996 recipient of the American Meat Science Association Research Award and has been awarded the distinguished honor of being a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has authored 45 refereed journal articles and has served professional societies in numerous capacities. He is currently President-Elect of the American Society of Animal Science and will be the third of our faculty in the last five years to serve the association as its President, when he accepts the gavel from outgoing President, Terry Klopfenstein. "I am a strong advocate for enhancing the efficiency and



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sustainability of animal production and availability of animal-derived foods, of increasing public awareness of the contributions of animal agriculture to improved human health and quality of life, and of defining what 'real impacts' are levied on the environment and resources," Dr. Beermann said. Nebraska welcomes Dr. Beermann, his wife, Holly Ann, and their children, Dale, Brian and Bret, to our Animal Science family and looks forward to their arrival.

■ Thank You, Roger. . . .

When Elton Aberle resigned from Animal Science and moved to the University of Wisconsin, Roger Mandigo agreed to serve as interim department head. We are indebted to Dr. Mandigo for his allegiance to Animal Science and the guidance and leadership he provided in this event-filled period, while still conducting the strong research and teaching program he has built in his 33 years on the faculty. Dr. Mandigo's contributions and sacrifices are recognized and appreciated.

■ Animal Science Centennial Celebration

The Animal Science Department Centennial, celebrated Oct. 10, 1998, included various activities, class reunions and tours at the Animal Science building. A social hour and buffet dinner were held at the Cornhusker Hotel in the evening. The keynote address, focusing on the department's next 100 years was presented by alumnus Chuck Schroeder, Chief Executive Officer of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Paul Guyer, Charlie Adams, Bob Koch, Ernie Peo and R.B. Warren prepared a historical highlights summary which was also presented.

■ Prize Winning Newsletter

We are pleased to see our 1998 newsletter nationally recognized. The National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) sponsors a yearly Departmental Newsletter Competition Project and invites departments at land grant institutions throughout the United States to participate. We placed second in the contest; the Horticulture Department at the University of Arkansas placed first. The NAADA sponsors a similar competition project for alumni newsletters originating from the college level where the CASNR alumni newsletter placed first.

I want to thank everyone for their contributions to the animal science alumni newsletters and extend a special thanks to my secretary, Mary Lou Machacek, for her invaluable help in preparing each newsletter.

Earl F. Ellington

■ Graduate Program

In the 98-99 school year, there are 81 graduate students enrolled, down slightly from last year's record-high 88 students. Countries of origin and numbers of graduate students from each are as follows:

China	1	Saudi Arabia	3
Egypt	2	South Africa	1
Guatemala	1	Taiwan	3
India	2	Thailand	1
Jordan	2	United States	53
Korea	1	Venezuela	4
Mexico	7		

The numbers of students in each discipline are:

Breeding	20	Physiology	9
Meats	16	Ruminant Nutrition	23
Monogastric Nutrition	13		

■ Undergraduate Program

Academic Quadrathlon Team First in Midwest Region

The 1998 University of Nebraska Animal Science Quadrathlon pitted 19 student teams in a contest of knowledge and production skills. Nebraska's winning team placed first in the Midwest Regional Contest, winning both the lab practicum and quiz bowl events. The team was invited by the National Cattlemen's Foundation to Charlotte, N.C. to compete in February in a beef quiz bowl. Team members are Ryan Baumert, Vaden Hellerich, Amy Olsan and Shawn Peters.

■ Animal Science Graduates

In 1998 the Department of Animal Science had 63 graduates, close to the 30-year average of 60 graduates. Within the 30-year time frame, the largest group of graduates was 90 (1972) and the smallest 33 (1989). The 1998 class consisted of 45 males and 18 females and represented 20 percent of the undergraduate students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR).

The percentage of women graduates increased from 2 percent in 1968 to a high of 42 percent in 1993. Animal Science majors continue to represent about the same percentage of total majors from CASNR (30-year average 22 percent with high of 33 percent in 1972 and a low of 13 percent in 1989).

■ Dalbey-Halleck Research Farm

The Dalbey-Halleck farm in southeast Nebraska is a 1,180 animal research unit. Currently, 200 cow/calf pairs are being used in a management project focused on reducing input costs. Other research at the farm includes weaning management systems, where production and economics of each system are being evaluated. This research will aid cow/calf producers in evaluating their

weaning management practices and present options affecting their profit potential. The faculty supervisor of the farm is Rick Rasby. Mark Dragastin is the on-site manager, and he and his family live on the farm.

■ Integrated Resource Management (IRM)

Integrated Resource Management (IRM) is a joint educational program between the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension and Nebraska Cattlemen. Cooperative Extension specialists in Animal Science, as well as specialists in the departments of Agricultural Economics, Agronomy and Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, are the resource people for this program. The focus of IRM is to provide cow/calf producers with the tools to evaluate their operation's production and financial resources. Also emphasized is stewardship of land, water and livestock resources. It is estimated that over half of the cow/calf operations in Nebraska have been exposed to IRM concepts. Nebraska's IRM program has been recognized nationally by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association as one of the outstanding educational programs in the United States.

■ New Faculty

Rosemarie A. Nold joined the Animal Science Department as an Assistant Professor on June 1. Dr. Nold received her Ph.D. in meat science from South Dakota State University (SDSU). Her dissertation focused on muscle characterization and sensory attributes of pork, with the goal of providing information for developing value-added products. While at SDSU, Dr. Nold coached Intercollegiate Meats Judging Teams for five years and Meat Animal Evaluation Teams for four years. Prior to returning to graduate school, she was a county extension agent in Brookings County, S.D., with 4-H and agriculture responsibilities. A native of Pipestone, Minn., Dr. Nold received her M.S. from Kansas State University and her B.S. from SDSU.



Rosemarie A. Nold

As Extension Animal Science Youth Specialist, Dr. Nold's responsibilities include providing leadership for animal programs in 4-H and other youth programs. Traditional livestock programs, as well as animal science education for other youth audiences, also will be part of her responsibilities. She, her husband, Jerry, and their daughter Mary Jo live in rural Raymond.

■ Faculty Development Leave

Dr. Edward Grotjan, physiologist, spent the 1997 calendar year on a faculty developmental leave in the Department of Pharmacology and Molecular Biology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. This research unit is a recognized leader in the production of recombinant human gonadotropins, including modified forms that have enhanced biological activity. Some of these modifications are being evaluated in clinical trials for use in the treatment of human infertility, and could have use in assisted reproductive technologies in farm animals. The leave was partially sponsored by a Senior Fellow National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health.

■ Cattleman of the Year

Frank Sibert, Valentine, Neb., and a 1952 B.S. graduate of the University, has been selected as the Cattleman of the Year by the Nebraska Cattlemen.

■ Bud Britton Animal Science Golf Classic

The fourth annual tournament was held at Mahoney Golf Course on May 15, 1998. The winning team included Mark Allan, Dana Allen, Dan Colling and Brian Nielsen. Individual winners were Matt Anderson for closest to the pin, Donald Kuszak for longest putt and Brian Nielsen for longest drive. A steak fry followed at Burgess cabin.

■ Master's Week Honoree

Dr. Debra Miller, DVM, was a Master's Week Honoree in October for her success as the owner, director and a veterinarian of Animal Health Services, Somers Point, N.J. Dr. Miller earned her BS in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska in 1979. She earned her DVM in 1983 from Iowa State University. Dr. Miller established Animal Health Services, a full-service veterinary clinic open 24 hours a day in 1993. She employs two full-time veterinarians, more than 12 technicians and additional support staff, and serves more than 4,000 clients.

Before starting her own business, Dr. Miller practiced at a number of veterinary clinics in Hawaii, Nevada, Nebraska and New Jersey. Her interest in helping critically ill animals led her to specializing in emergency care, and ultimately, to starting her own clinic. Dr. Miller, an Omaha native, presented lectures to various animal science classes and attended the Nebraska vs. Texas football game.

■ SPF Secretary-Manager Accepts New Position

Dr. Thomas Socha, 1978 Ph.D. alumnus and secretary-manager of SPF for 24 years, accepted a position at North Dakota State University in Swine Extension and Research in Animal Production Systems. Dr. Socha began his new position on Oct. 15, 1998.

■ Farm Bureau Honors Waldo

Willard Waldo of DeWitt, Neb., a long-time promoter of Duroc hogs and Nebraska agriculture, was the 1998 recipient of the Silver Eagle Award from the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation.

Waldo, 86, was cited for his efforts to improve pure-bred livestock, for promoting agriculture and for his 60 years of support to the University of Nebraska.

The former state senator and vice president of the Nebraska Board of Education was honored at the Farm Bureau convention in Kearney, Neb.

■ Emeriti Addresses

Elton D. Aberle, 5810 Windsona Cir, Madison, WI 53711.

Charles Adams, 7101 Colby, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Daniel Bigbee, 423 Rogers Drive, Stillwater, OK 74075.

Don Clanton, 27310 Richards Ct., Elizabeth, CO 80107.

D. Murray Danielson, 721 Apache Drive, North Platte, NE 69101.

Gordon Dickerson, 6119 Everett, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Ted Doane, Route 1, Box 71, Waverly, NE 68462.

Franklin Eldridge, 3001 S 51 #552, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Paul Guyer, 230 Parkvale Drive, Lincoln, NE 68510.

Donald Hudman, 239 Davie Av, Stephenville, TX 76401.

Philip Kelly, Homestead Center, 4735 S 54, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Robert Koch, 6439 Westminster Ct, Lincoln, NE 68510.

Don Kubik, 568 S. 159th Ave., Omaha, NE 68118.

Leo Lucas, #17 7300 Old Post Rd, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Foster Owen, 355 Forsythia Ct., Auburn, AL 36830.

Ernie Peo, 6140 Lexington, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Tom Sullivan, 2317 W 5th St., Russellville, AR 72801-5540.

John Ward, 1208 Darlow, McPherson, KS 67460.

R.B. Warren, 1339 N 37th St., Lincoln, NE 68503.

Dave Williams, 823 Phoenix Ct, Grand Island, NE 68801.

Doyle Wolverton, 8300 Yankee Hill Road, Lincoln, NE 68516.

■ Block and Bridle Activities

1998 Honoree

Robert (Bob) G. Volk



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Robert (Bob) Volk was born April 21, 1938. His early years were spent near Battle Creek, Neb. He attended the University of Nebraska where he was a member of the Block and Bridle Club. Volk held numerous offices in the club including president in 1958. After graduation, he served as First Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves.

In 1961, Volk began his professional career with the Colorado Extension Service, after which he became affiliated with the *Drover's Journal* and the *American Hereford Journal* as a livestock fieldman. In 1967, he accepted a position as director of agricultural activities for Ak-Sar-Ben. In 1974, Volk became the general manager, a position which he held until 1990. During Volk's 23 years at Ak-Sar-Ben, he made major contributions to Nebraska's youth and livestock industry. He had administrative responsibility for nearly 800 full- and part-time employees, along with responsibility for the allocations of Ak-Sar-Ben funds which were used in part to build 4-H facilities in every county in Nebraska. Through his many positions and accomplishments, Volk has helped develop and maintain the world's largest 4-H Livestock Exposition and Rodeo.

In addition to his commitments to youth and livestock activities at Ak-Sar-Ben, Volk also was extensively involved in the horse racing. He established the Nebraska inter-track wagering simulcast system and, in 1989, expanded this system to all five Nebraska tracks.

In 1990, Volk was chosen as the manager for the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic in Kearney, Neb. Since the first event in 1991, the Classic has become the premier showcase for cattle breeders across the Midwest and receives international attention yearly. Volk is also actively involved in the Classic's Junior Livestock Show which attracted over 400 competitors this past year. He now serves as originator and consultant of the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic.

Volk and his wife, Jeanette, reside near Arlington, Neb. They and their two sons maintain a 120-head cow herd known as J&C Simmentals. Using a Cooperative Extension artificial insemination and embryo transfer program, J&C Simmentals has produced several nationally known sires. They have been awarded the Premier Breed Award at the Nebraska State Fair, as well as the Premier Exhibitor Award for 1996 and 1997. J&C Simmentals has sold cattle in 21 states and Canada. Their annual production sale ranked among the top 10 sales in the nation in 1996.

In addition, Volk is a member of the University of Nebraska Citizens Council and is an active member of several breed associations. Volk also is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington.

■ Officers for 1998-1999

President — Allison Ernst
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Assistant Historian — Leah Boeckenhauer
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Assistant Marshal — Brent Pohlman
Program Chair — Cindy Zimmerman
Ambassadors — Robert Lantis and Valerie Brauner

■ Activities for 1998-99

Prairie Stomp	September 11
Balloon Sales	September 26
Little Ak-Sar-Ben	October 2
Fall Kids' Day	October 28
Little MAEC-Market-Breeding	December 1
Christmas Lunch	December 11
National Meetings	January 27
Spring Kids' Day	March 10
Big Red Beef Show and Symposium	March 19-20
Little MAEC-Meats	March 30
State Ag Ed Contests	April 1-2
AQHA Horse Show	April 2-3
Honors Banquet	April 23

■ Recent Department Awards and Recognitions

Faculty

Elton Aberle — Honorary Block and Bridle Club Member, ASAS Fellow in the Administrative Category
Mary Beck — James A. Lake Academic Freedom Award
Dennis Brink and Terry Klopfenstein — Holling Family Senior Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards
Keith Gilster — Friend of Hall Award from Burr Hall
Jeff Keown — UNL Student Organization Rookie Adviser of the Year Award
Jim Kinder — ASAS Animal Physiology and Endocrinology Award
Terry Klopfenstein — ASAS President
Larry Larson — NACTA Teacher Fellow Award
Don Levis — ASAS Extension Award
Mark Morrison — Associate Professor, Tenure
Rosie Nold — Graduate Faculty Member
Daniel Pomp — ADSA/ASAS Young Researcher Award
Mike Zeece — Professor

Graduate Students

Galen Erickson — Purina Mills Research Fellowship, Widaman Trust Distinguished Graduate Assistant Award
Hector Jimenez-Severiano — Travel grant from the International Affairs Office

Curtis Novak — Widaman Trust Distinguished Graduate Assistant Award
Douglas Parde — Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association Scholarship
Vincente Vega Murillo — Sigma Xi Travel Grant
Tim Schnell, Dana Allen and D.J. Jordon — Arthaud Travel Awards
Jesse Sitz — Milton E. Mohr Scholarship
Rebecca Splan — Milton E. Mohr Fellowship

Undergraduate Students

Ryan Baumert, Vaden Hellerich, Amy Olsan and Shawn Peters, — Academic Quadrathlon
Jeff Brakenhoff — Doane Scholarship
Lindsey Deardorff — Mike Cull Block and Bridle Judging and Activities Award
Sarah Finkhouse and Brian Shaw — D.V. and Ernestine Stephens Memorial Scholarship
Byron Ford — Nutrition Service Associates Scholarship
Tara Freehling, Bryon Powles, James Dickey Bryon Ford, Justin Holl, Pat McInteer, Keith Placke, Heather Jensen, Nicole John and Daniel Powers — Alpha Zeta recognition
Jason Hirschfeld and Nicole John — William J. and Hazel J. Loeffel Scholarship
Joy Hlavac and Jason Hirschfeld — Winkler Scholarship
Justin Holl and Kelly Jordan — Walter A. and Alice V. Rockwell Scholarship
Blake Kuebler, Jeff Neumeister, Adam Olson and Mike Scholz — Francke Scholarship
Doyle Leefers, Jason Hirschfeld and Bart Deterding — Geweke Scholarship
Todd Longfellow — Chris and Sarah Raun Memorial Scholarship
Casey Macken and Scott Stehlik — Hathaway Award
Pat McInteer — Lincoln Coca-Cola Bottling Company Scholarship
Amy Olsan — Thomas H. Wake, III Scholarship
Brent Pohlmann — Baltzell-Agri-Products, Inc. Scholarship
Eric Ryan — Robert Boeckenhauer Memorial Scholarship
Jesse Sitz and Chad Villwok — Standard Manufacturing Company Scholarship
Jennifer Strickland — ASAS Undergraduate Student Research Paper
Jim Stutzman — Kiwanis Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Scholarship
Rosemary Vinton — Maurice E. Boeckenhauer Memorial Scholarship
Jared Walahoski — Derrick Scholarship, National Block and Bridle Club's choice as one of three outstanding students in the nation
Dan Wolfe — Derrick Scholarship
Barry Weber and Garrett Pohlman — Arthur W. and Viola Thompson Scholarship
Michael Webster — American Breeders Service Global Scholarship

Staff

Sherri Pitchie — Honorary Member, Block and Bridle Club
Clyde Naber — IANR Outstanding Employee Award for Managerial/Professional Staff

Departmental Service Awards

30 years: Earl Ellington, Ivan Rush, Terry Schrick
20 years: Dennis Brink, Gene Deutscher, Rodger Johnson, Don Levis, Kaye Peterson, Bruce Treffer
15 years: Elton Aberle, Doug Rudeen
10 years: Ed Grotjan, Janet Hyde, Tom McGargill, Cal Schrock, Dale Van Vleck
5 years: Ken Cejka, Dan Herold, Erin Marotz, Lyle Robeson, Ken Sweet

■ Judging Team Activities

1998 Livestock Judging Team



Front Row (L-R): Michael Hodges, Doyle Leefers, Joy Hlavac, Douglas Setlik. **Back Row (L-R):** Daniel Moser, Coach; Wade Franklin, Assistant Coach; Roger Mandigo, Interim Department Head.

1998 Meat Animal Evaluation Team



Front Row (L-R): Michael Webster, Heather Folks, Douglas Setlik, Matthew Oldehoeft, Greg Peters, Ryan Ruppert, Diane Bohaty, Terry Houser. **Back Row (L-R):** Keith E. Gilster, Coach; Travis Farran, Ryan Wellman, Ryan Baumert, Chad Soukup, Mike Hodges, Jeff Sindelar, Jason Mann; Coach, Elton Aberle; Department Head. Not pictured, Randy Borg.

At the United National Collegiate Meat Animal Evaluation Contest in St. Joseph, Mo., the 1998 University of Nebraska Meat Animal Evaluation Team placed fifth Overall, fifth in the Market Division, fifth in the Breeding Division, second in the Meats Division, fifth in Cattle and sixth in Hogs, seventh in Sheep and ninth in Communications. Terry Houser was eighth Overall, eighth in Market, ninth in Meats and third in cattle. Travis Farran was first in Market. Mike Webster was fourth in Meats. Ryan Wellman was 10th in Breeding. Eleven teams and 107 students participated.

The Northwestern Meat Animal Evaluation Contest in Laramie, Wy., hosted 54 students and six teams. The University of Nebraska Meat Animal Evaluation Team placed first Overall, first in the Market Division, first in the Breeding Division and first in the Meats Division. Doug Setlik placed first Overall, third in Market, fifth in Breeding and third in Meats. Mike Hodges placed second Overall, fifth in Market, first in Breeding and seventh in Meats. Travis Farran placed fifth Overall, sixth in Market and second in Meats. Mike Webster placed sixth Overall, 10th in Market, eighth in Breeding and 10th in Meats. Terry Houser placed seventh Overall and fourth in Meats. Heather Folks placed seventh in Market. Chad Soukup placed ninth in Market. Ryan Ruppert placed ninth in Breeding. Ryan Baumert placed first in Meats. Jeff Sindelar placed sixth in Meats.

1998 Meats Team



Front Row (L-R): Michael Zwingman, Justin Holl, Byron Ford, Dallas Choat. **Back Row (L-R):** Dennis Burson, Advisor; Jason Mann, Coach; Roger Mandigo, Interim Department Head.

The 1998 University of Nebraska Meats Judging Team competed in three fall contests in addition to the two contests they competed in the previous spring. The fall contests included the Iowa State Invitational in October, and the American Royal in Emporia, Kan., and the International in Dakota City, Neb., both in November. Justin Holl placed in the top 10 at Iowa State, and the entire team improved throughout the semester.

1998 Horse Judging Team



Front Row (L-R): Tanya Plueger, Katie Janning, Nicole John. **Back Row (L-R):** Andrea Tucker, Assistant Coach; Elizabeth Erickson, Roger Mandigo, Interim Department Head; Jamie Eggeling. Not pictured, Kathy Anderson, Coach.

In October, the Horse Judging team competed in the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio. Of 23 teams, they placed 12th Overall and were 10th in Halter, 13th in Performance and 14th in Reasons.

On November 18, the team traveled to the AQHA World Show in Oklahoma City, Okla., where they were 13th Overall, 15th in Halter, 13th in Performance and 15th in Reasons.

■ Your Newsletter Committee

Earl Ellington, Chair; Dennis Brink, Duane Reese and Dwane Zimmerman serve as the departmental newsletter committee. The Animal Science Department has long provided an annual newsletter to its alumni and friends. Each year we hear words of satisfaction from several of you. We certainly want not only news items and articles from you but also any comments on how we might improve the newsletter. We hope you find this newsletter interesting and informative.

■ Alumni News

Call for information for the year 2000 issue of the Animal Science Alumni Newsletter.

All of us enjoy learning about classmates and other alumni from the Animal Science Department, so we are asking you to send us some information about yourself for the next issue of our alumni newsletter. You might include memorable events from your college days, such as classes, club activities, employment, teachers and friends you would like to hear about. You also might include what you have been doing since leaving campus, such as employment (when and where), participation in community activities, hobbies and other personal details.

1930s

Orrin J. Marcy, 900 W 7th St, Apt. 305, Chadron, NE 69337-2509, is a retired farmer/rancher.

David K. Rice, 1915 N St., Gering, NE, 69341, retired in 1979 as a work unit conservationist from the Soil Conservation Service at Harrisburg, working there from 1962 to 1979 and prior to that at Chadron from 1944 to 1962. At 83, David is still an active fly fisherman and duck and pheasant hunter.

Richard E. Spangler, 249 Stagecoach Rd., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420, is retired and moved to California in 1980. He and his wife, Margie, are enjoying good health, still like Big Red football and attended the Nebraska/California game in Berkeley last fall.

Willard H. Waldo, P.O. Box 8, DeWitt, NE 68341, Phone: 402/683-6885. The Waldo family has been serving the swine industry since 1895. Willard and his wife, Beulah, were recently inducted into the National Pork Producers Council Pork Hall of Fame.

1940s

Millard W. Ickes, 21250 Midland Blvd, Caldwell, ID 83605.

Frank A. Loeffel, 300 Walnut St. #39, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Ned S. Raun, 919 S Woodcrest Dr, Stillwater, OK 74074, Phone: (405) 372-1267, FAX: (405) 372-2806, e-mail — nsraun@cosboy.net.

Edwin J. Rousek, 1175 W San Madele Ave., Fresno, CA 93711-3144, was a member of the Livestock Judging Team in the late 1930's. After finishing his master's degree, he joined the Army. Upon discharge, Edwin was offered a full professorship at California State University, Fresno. He served as Animal Science Department Chairman for six years. Edwin is now retired.

Harold M. Stevens, 203 E 17th St, Lexington, NE 68850, Phone: (308) 324-2096 is retired as an extension agent chairman, Dawson County Cooperative Extension Service.

Howard S. Teague, 627 Fairfield Lane, Louisville, CO 80027, retired in 1990 after 14 years of service with USDA (CSRS), Washington, DC. He was previously employed for 20 years at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and worked at the Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, for four years. He is now active in Habitat for Humanity, Rotary, City Tree Board and church. Howard's e-mail address is HSTeague@aol.com.

Richard C. Wahlstrom, 1817 8th St, Brookings, SD 57006, has been on the Animal Science staff at South Dakota State University for 36 years.

1950s

O.P. Agaswala, Cinema Rd, Hardoi. V.P. 241001, India, Phone: 05852-347, graduated with a master's degree in Dairy Husbandry in 1957. He retired in 1988 as professor and head of Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, India. He is now president of the Alumni Association of the Allahabad Agricultural Institute.

Merwyn G. French, 7620 Englewood Dr, Lincoln, NE 68510, Phone: (402) 488-7622 is in professional farm management, and is a real estate broker and appraiser.

Ronald H. Kohlmeier, 15622 Century Lake Dr, Chesterfield, MO 63017-4912 is currently an independent consultant involved with technology transfer in 32 different countries. His daughter, Pam, also received a B.S. in Arts and Science and a Medical degree in Omaha and is practicing emergency room medicine in Chicago.

Mervyn Schliefert, 1 Camelot Way, Kearney, NE 68847-4246, is retired from Equitable Real Estate and is now doing part-time farm real estate sales and appraising for Farmers National Company.

Robert G. Volk, RR 2, Box 60, Arlington, NE 68002, Phone: (402) 478-4350 is affiliated with J and C Simmentals.

1960s

Robert H. Hatch, 10203 Parkstone Dr., Louisville, KY 40241 is retired.

James W. Kuhlman, 722 Hampshire Ave N, Mason City, IA 50401-2440, Extension Educator, Cerro Gordo County, Mason City, Iowa.

Thomas J. Reimers, Cornell University, 1 Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, is a professor of endocrinology and was recently awarded the Wallace Wood Distinguished Service Award of the Finger Lakes Trail Conference. This award is given to a person who contributes above and beyond all expectations to the volunteer organization.

1970s

Yoshinobu Arima, 1262 Hanenishi, Kute, Ohda, Shimane 694-0051, Japan, works at Shimane Prefectural Livestock Experimental Station and has applied for a faculty position at a new university that Shimane Prefecture plans to open in 2000.

Larry L. Merchen, 800 Cornhusker Drive, West Point, NE 68788, works as a Food Inspector with USDA.

David R. Notter, 1501 Boxwood Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060-1903, received the ASAS Animal Breeding and Genetics Award.

Kim (Kleinschmidt) Peterson, 145 N. Jackson, P.O. Box 35, Grafton, NE 68365, is Communications Associate at the University of Nebraska South Central Research and Extension Center, Clay Center, Neb. Kim also serves as a 4-H leader, helps her sons show cattle and is an Emergency Medical Technician on the local rescue squad. Kim, her husband and sons live in Grafton.

Christine W. (Schultz) Birt, is a science teacher at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Omaha. Prior to this, Christine was employed at A & L Midwest Laboratories for 12 years. Christine and her husband, Randall, have three children.

W.C. Schwartz, BilMar Foods, Inc., 8300 96th Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464, Phone: (616) 875-8131.

1980s

Curt Arens, RR 2, Box 92, Crofton, NE 68730, is farming. Curt was married May 2 to Donna Zauha, Madison and the couple lives on the family farm south of Crofton.

Abdul Salam Babji, 190 Jln. Sri Hartamas Dua, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 50480, e-mail — daging@pkrisc.cc.ukm.my. Abdul is Department Head of Food Science and Nutrition at Universiti Ke Bangsaan Malaysia. Abdul, his wife, Sawiah, named their second daughter, Neblina, after Lincoln, Neb., to show their fondness for the city.

Linda (Woodside) Barton, P.O. Box 208, Overton, NE 68863, is employed as a Consumer Accounting Representative with Dawson County Public Power, Lexington, Neb. Her interests include training and trailing Labrador retrievers, hunting, quilting and other outdoor activities. Linda has two sons, Jerrod and Justin.

Thomas W. Burnell, 6201 Wildflower Ln, Gurnee, IL 60031, Phone: (847) 855-0117, is affiliated with Continental Grain Company.

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■ Calendar of Events for 1998 - 1999

BEEF

1998 Annual IRM Conference — Nov. 5-6 — Kearney

1998 Annual Beef Cattlemen's Roundups

Dec. 14 — Cambridge

Dec. 15 — Ogallala

Dec. 16 — Cozad

Dec. 17 — Brewster

Dec. 18 — Valentine

Range Cow Symposium — Four-State Beef Conference — Jan. 14 — Tecumseh

Beef 706 Course — Jan. 26-28, May 25-27, Aug 10-12, Lincoln

Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic — Feb. 16-21 — Kearney

Feedlot Roundtable — Mar. 4 — Grand Island

UNL Bull Sale — Saturday, April 24, 1 p.m., Animal Science Building, Lincoln

Gudmundsen Sandhills Lab Field Day — Oct. 26

DAIRY

Heart of America DHI Regional Management Meetings

Jan. 26 — Beatrice

Jan. 15 — West Point

Jan. 16 — Hartington

Jan. 18 — York

Jan. 25 — O'Neill

Dairy Workshop: Focus on Feeding and Waste Management

Jan. 25 — West Point

Feb. 4 — Arlington

Feb. 23 — Humphrey

Mar. 4 — Crofton

TBA — Beatrice

Kearney Dairy Expo — May 20-21

SWINE

Pork Industry Exposition — Feb. 3-4, Columbus Ag Park

High Oil Corn Clinics

Feb. 15 — Petersburg, American Legion — 1:30

Feb. 15 — O'Neill, Extension Office — 7:00

Feb. 16 — Concord, Haskell Ag Lab — 1:30

Feb. 16 — West Point, Courthouse — 7:00

Feb. 18 — Hartington, City Auditorium — 1:30

Feb. 18 — Center, Extension Office — 7:00

Feb. 22 — Beatrice, Extension Office — 1:30

Feb. 22 — Mead, ARDC — 7:00

Feb. 23 — York, 4-H Building — 7:00

Feb. 26 — Auburn, 4-H Building — 9:30

Feb. 26 — Syracuse, First National Bank — 1:30

Mar. 2 — Fairfield, City Auditorium — 1:30

Mar. 2 — Kearney, 4-H Building — 7:00

Mar. 3 — Brady, Community Building — 9:30

Mar. 3 — Scottsbluff, Coors Hospitality Room — 6:00

George A. Young Swine Conference — Aug 6, Lincoln

HORSE

National Reining Horse Association Judges Seminar — Feb. 27-28, Animal Science Building

Horsin' Around — Mar. 13-14, Animal Science Arena, UNL

State 4-H Horse Exposition — July 11-15, Grand Island

POULTRY

Nebraska Poultry Industries Annual Convention — Mar. 10-11, Columbus

OTHER

Animal Science Honors Banquet — April 23, Lincoln

AK-SAR-BEN Livestock Exposition — Sept. 22-27, Omaha

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