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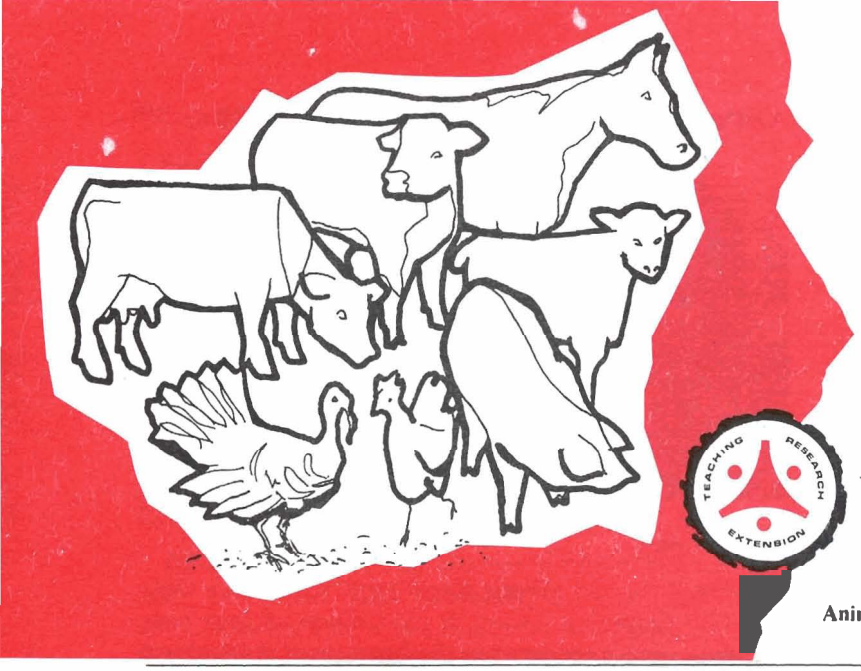

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ANIMAL SCIENCE REUNION

The annual Animal Science alumni reunion is scheduled for Saturday morning, September 18, 1982. This event provides an excellent opportunity for alumni and friends to renew acquaintances and enjoy a day of fellowship on campus.

Officers for 1982 include **Daryl Sander,** Platte Center-President; **Delbert Merritt,** Gering-vice President; and Board Members, **James Adams,** North Platte; **Randy Jensen,** Blair and **Vance Uden,** Franklin. **Keith Gilster** serves as the Animal Science faculty coordinator for the event.

The Department is also holding a Beef Field Day at the University Field Laboratory at Mead on September 17 for those who wish to come to Lincoln on Friday. We expect many of the alumni will want to see the Nebraska-New Mexico State University football game immediately following the reunion brunch.

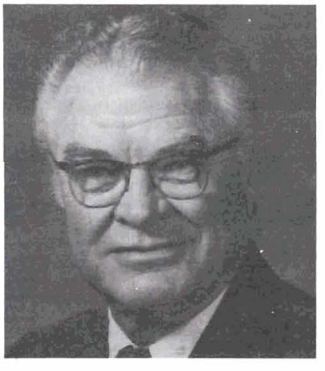
GENE SCHROEDER, 1982 BLOCK AND BRIDLE HONOREE

Gene Schroeder

Gene Schroeder, Palisade, NE, prominent Hereford breeder and recognized beef industry leader at both state and national levels, was honored at the annual Block and Bridle banquet April 23, 1982. Mr. Schroeder's picture was added to the Hall of Fame gallery in Marvel Baker Hall.

The Schroeder family operate both registered and commercial Hereford herds at the ranch in Hays and Hitchcock Counties. Schroeder was President of the American Hereford Association in 1981 and is active in the American National Cattlemen's Association. He is the 48th Nebraskan to be honored by the club since the award was initiated in 1938.

ALUMNUS RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE



O. Burr Ross

The UNL Board of Regents conferred an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree on **O. Burr Ross,** a 1936 graduate of the Animal Science Department, at the 1982 Spring Commencement. This is one of the highest honors given by the University.

Ross was cited for his academic and industry contributions. He retired as Vice-President of Conagra in 1980 and lives at Beaver Lake, Cass County, Nebraska.

FACULTY INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Several department staff have recently participated in international activities in various parts of the world.

Paul Guyer, Extension Beef Specialist, was a member of a beef trade mission to Japan and Korea in April sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Earl Gleaves, Extension Poultry Specialist, was a member of a poultry trade mission to Italy in April sponsored by the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association and The American Feed Grain Council.

Murray Danielson, Swine Researcher at the North Platte Station, participated in the European Animal Production meetings in Europe and was an invited speaker at a swine short course in Edinburgh, Scotland.

John Ward, Professor of Beef Nutrition, is serving as an exchange scientist in Romania. Dr. Ward is the third Nebraska Animal Science faculty member to visit Romania in the Visiting Scientist program. Several Romanian scientists have also visited the Department in recent years.

Merlyn Nielsen, Associate Professor of Beef Breeding, will spend a year in study at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He will be working with members of the Animal Breeding Research Organisation at the University.

Tom Sullivan, Professor of Poultry Nutrition, was a guest lecturer at an International Nutrition Conference in Medellin, Columbia, S.A. Sullivan discussed the nutrition of the laying hen.

Terry Klopfenstein, Professor of Beef Nutrition, presented seminars regarding the treatment of crop residues to improve their utilization by ruminant livestock at Madrid, Spain.

Ted Doane, Professor of Animal Science, served as a co-leader with Kansas State University for a study tour of 24 Animal Science students from Nebraska and Kansas. The group visited sheep and cattle production units and research installations in Australia and New Zealand. Nebraska participants included: **Joyce Beccard,** Nebraska City; **Jean Ann Cook,** Crawford; **Julie Gorton,** Lincoln; **Marlan Johnson,** Alvo; **Sharon Rose,** Lincoln; **Joel Ringenberg,** Lexington; **Barbara Rosenkotter,** Grand Island; and **Charles Woodside,** Lexington.

SCOTTISH RESEARCHER VISITING PROFESSOR

Dr. Charles Smith, Research Geneticist from the Animal Breeding Research Organisation of Edinburgh, Scotland, served as a Visiting Professor in Animal Science from September 15, 1981 to June 15, 1982. Dr. Smith worked primarily with **Gordon Dickerson** and **Rodger Johnson** in developing swine breeding models. Dr. Smith is native of Scotland but earned his Ph.D. degree at Iowa State University.

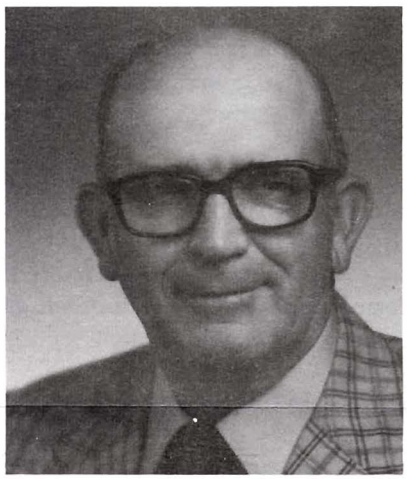
ANIMAL SCIENCE EMPLOYEES HONORED

Mary Rupe

Minnie Royal

Mary Rupe and **Minnie Royal** received IANR's Outstanding Employee Award in recognition of their outstanding service rendered in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Mary Rupe is in charge of meat sales at the Loeffel Meat Laboratory and Minnie Royal is a secretary for several faculty located in Mussehl Hall. They each received a $100 cash award and a certificate of recognition from IANR Vice Chancellor Arnold.

ANIMAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR RECEIVES UNL OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD



Ted Doane

Ted Doane, Professor of Animal Science, received the College of Agriculture Bereuter Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher Award at the 1982 Honors Convocation. Doane was recognized for his teaching effectiveness in the Department's introductory animal science and sheep production courses. He is the sixth Animal Science staff member to receive this coveted award. Students cited Dr. Doane for making a special effort to get to know the students and to help them in every way possible.

COMPLETION OF ANIMAL SCIENCE COMPLEX

Governor Thone included planning money for the completion of the Animal Science Complex in his budget request for 1982-83, but it failed to get included by the Appropriations Committee. Hopefully, the economy will turn around in time for this project to get funded in 1983. A pamphlet explaining the project is included with this mailing. The Animal Science Department is counting on alumni support to obtain legislative approval for this critically needed project.

ANIMAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dave Harmon, a Ph.D. student in ruminant nutrition from Ohio, and **Allan Schinckel,** a Ph.D. student in swine breeding from Iowa, were named recipients of the Widaman Outstanding Graduate Student Awards from the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station for 1982-83. This is a competitive award given to support basic graduate student research in agriculture and medicine and consists of $1,000 to be used in the student's basic research studies.

Dan Faulkner, a Ph.D. student in ruminant nutrition from Idaho, received second place in the graduate student competition at the Midwestern Section of the American Society of Animal Science. His paper was entitled, "The Effect of Corn Stalk Quality and Monensin on Calf Performance."

Bill Snyder, M.S. student in meat science from Nebraska, recieved first place and **Fritz Coon,** M.S. student in meat science from Washington, received second place in the competitive poster competition at the 1982 Reciprocal Meats Conference at VPI & State University.

STAFF MEMBERS HONORED BY INDUSTRY

Gordon Dickerson, Professor of Genetics and Animal Breeding, received the Pioneer Service Award from the Beef Improvement Federation at their 1982 meeting. This award recognizes the long time contributions made to beef cattle improvement by Dr. Dickerson.

Charles Adams, Professor of Meats, was selected to receive the 1982 UNL Livestock Service Award from the Walnut Grove Products Company. This special award is in recognition of his contributions to the livestock industry.

BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB OFFICERS

Block and Bridle Club officers for the 1982 fall semester are: President - **Jay Schroeder,** West Point; Vice-President - **Tony Lesiak,** Fullerton; Secretary -**Jennifer Uhrig,** Hemingford; Treasurer - **Mark Ford,** Cody; Marshall - **Theresa Konecky,** Wahoo; Asst. Marshall - **Greg Ibach,** Sumner; Historian - **Diane Asmus,** Glenvil; Asst. Historian - **Kent Andersen,** Lexington; Program Chairman - **Brenda Jespersen,** Hemingford; Faculty Advisors - **Larry Larson, Rodger Johnson** and **James Kinder.**

ACADEMIC QUADRATHLON TEAM COMPETES AT CHICAGO

Eleven teams competed in the 3rd Annual Academic Quadrathlon sponsored by the Block and Bridle Club this spring. The winning team consisted of **Lin Jeffres,** Burwell; **Sandy Johnson,** Blair; **Glen Peterson,** Burwell; and **Jay Schroeder,** West Point. This team represented Nebraska at the Midwestern Section of the American Society of Animal Science meetings at Chicago on March 21 and 22, 1982. The team was runner up in the Quiz Bowl competition with seven universities participating.

DAIRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the past year, a committee has been formed to provide ideas and suggestions for the departmental programs in dairy extension, research and teaching. Members of this committee are: Dairymen - **William Hamm,** Belvidere; **Dale Engleman,** Jansen; **Elizabeth Stark,** Hastings; **Randy Meier,** Grand Island; **Dennis Traeger,** Fairbury; **Lea Fairley,** Fairbury; **Max Kimmerling,** Beatrice; and **Meno Neuman,** Glenvil. Also on the committee are: **Ken Volle,** Winside, representing an artificial insemination stud; **Dr. Gary Mather,** veterinarian, Seward; **Norman Barney,** Norfolk feed company; **Leroy Wadzinski,** cheese plant, Ravena; and **Galen Hartman,** milk marketing cooperative. This group will be kept apprised of dairy program activities in our department as well as in related departments and plans to provide continuing support and encouragement to our dairy program efforts.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Horse Barn-Judging Pavilion was constructed in 1915 and has served many functions in its 67 years. It was originally designed as the gymnasium and barn for the University's draft horses. The gym area now serves as the livestock judging arena.

The wool room was originally built for storage of university vehicles such as buggies, carriages, wagons and early day automobiles. The second floor has served in many capacities in addition to storage of forages and other livestock feeds. The student living quarters served as the "home away from home" for many students during their college days. The present classroom was previously a small animal and a poultry nutrition laboratory.

Even though the draft horses are long gone, the building continues to serve a vital function in the Animal Science Department. Most of the livestock used in the live animal evaluation and production classes are housed in the original horse barn area. No doubt the old building holds many memories for Animal Science alumni.

1981 Livestock Judging Team—left to right - Dr. Irv Omtvedt, Dept. Head; Doug Frels, Hershey; Sheri Horn, Weeping Water; Jay Schroeder, West Point; Hoy Bailey, Wymore; Dave Bracht, West Point; Jim Monson, Brady; Mark Wieden, Blue Springs; Dave Oldfather, Lincoln; Mike Neary, Hastings; Kevin Woltemath, Lincoln; Carl Maahs, Walton; Tim Nollette, Nenzel; Jeff Baldridge, North Platte; Lin Jeffres, Burwell; Sandy Johnson, Blair; Rebecca Pittman, North Platte; R. B. Warren - coach. Team Record — 7th - Mid-South; 8th - American Royal; 21st - North American.

1981 Meats Judging Team—left to right - Dwight Loveday - coach; Rhonda Hineline; Kennard; Jayne Witte, Louisville, Ralph Robinson, Harrison; Rodney Beranek, Morse Bluff; Jeff Miller, North Bend; Spencer Vance, Red Cloud; Craig Uden, Bruning; Scott Langemeier, Schuyler; Allen Hines, Morse Bluff; Sharon Kriewald, North Loup; Jan Volk, Battle Creek; Assistant Coach - Jane Pauley; Dept. Head -Dr. Irv Omtvedt. Team Record — 1st - Iowa State; 3rd - American Royal; 2nd - International.

1982 AK-SAR-BEN Team—left to right - Back Row - Brian Brandt, Plymouth; Bryan Bechtel, Holdrege; Spencer Vance, Red Cloud; Mike Cooper, Bladen; Brent Meeks, Taylor, Craig Uden, Bruning; Scott Langemeier, Schuler; Jeff Miller, North Bend; Tom Huckfeldt, Gering; Lyn Schuerman, DeWitt. Front Row - Bryan Kinney, Waco; Rodney Beranek, Morse Bluff; Tony Lesiak, Fullerton; Ralph Robinson, Harrison; Jan Volk, Battle Creek; Sharon Kriewald, North Loup; Lisa Greve, Wakefield; LeaAnne Winget, Marsland; R. B. Warren - coach. Team Record — 2nd - Denver; 11th Fort Worth; 3rd - Omaha.

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