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From the Department Head’s Desk

So much has happened in the year since our last newsletter that I struggle to know where to begin. The most important statement I need to share is this: The department is moving forward with many positive changes and with a very positive attitude. Despite the ramifications of the tragedies in New York and Washington, D.C., and despite the significant budget constraints we will wrestle with this fall, there are many successes to share. We are “getting on” with normal daily responsibilities; implementing improvement plans and maintaining excellence in all we do. Three faculty members were promoted from Associate to full Professor: Rick Grant, Dairy Nutrition extension and research; Steve Jones, Meat Science and Growth Biology teaching and research; and Dennis Burson, Meat Science extension and teaching. In addition, Rick Koelsch, Livestock Environment extension and research, who holds a joint appointment in Biological Systems Engineering and Animal Science, was promoted to Associate Professor.

Our undergraduate enrollment is stable at 175, and graduate student numbers increased significantly this fall to 87 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates. The faculty and the College Curriculum Committee approved a new core curriculum with options in Production and Management, Animal Products, Business, Biology, and Pre-veterinary Animal Science. These pathways or options help define for students appropriate course offerings for developing a focus within the major. Minors in other departments are still possible. A cooperative effort with faculty in Cultural Leadership, Education and Communication resulted in a USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant being funded to create a new Leadership Option pilot program in Animal Science. This leadership program will include some course work, an internship, shadowing animal industry people, and an interactive seminar series. The program will be implemented next spring or fall.

In April and October we met with our External Advisory Council, newly created in 2001, to share an overview of our extension and research programs. We seek their input regarding impact and direction of our programs. We also ask them about issues related to allocation of resources to faculty positions, programs and facilities. At present, we have four faculty vacancies, including Austin Lewis, who decided to retire at the end of September 2001. Austin’s contributions to swine nutrition research, nutrition teaching, and committee service will be missed. He was granted Emeritus status and we hope to keep him actively involved in department activities.

We hired one new faculty member this year and hope to complete the search for the Beef Physiologist extension and research position at North Platte as soon as interviews are completed. Dr. Galen Erickson joined the Department June 1, to fill the Feedlot Nutrition position vacated by Todd Milton. Galen will carry out research (50%), extension (40%) and teaching (10%) activities in support of the beef feedlot industry. Galen is a native of Iowa and completed his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees with Terry Klopfenstein, working on by-product feed use and nutrient management of beef cattle systems.

We received approval and support from the IANR Deans and Vice Chancellor to hire an Equine Lecturer to enhance our undergraduate course offerings and extension effort in the equine area. Increasing undergraduate enrollment is a high priority for IANR and the department. Increasing the opportunities for equine focus and continued recruitment activities should help us achieve this goal. We appreciate any assistance alumni can provide in recruiting students to the Animal Science major, and remind you that we will hold an open house for prospective students, complemented by a college open house on Saturday, February 2, 2002. Attendance at our open house last year was almost double that of our first, held in February 2000. We have excellent faculty and facilities to support our teaching program, but we need to do a better job of sharing information about the diversity of educational and employment opportunities that exist for Animal Science majors. I want to share, too, that we have created several freshman scholarships to help in our recruitment efforts. If alumni are interested in adding to this scholarship pool, we welcome your contributions and comments. These will supplement the twenty-some undergraduate scholarships we currently award on an annual basis to Animal Science majors.

With regard to ongoing activities in the department, you need to know that the multitude of faculty accom-
plishments in teaching, research and extension programs is laudable. Faculty publication lists, invited presentations at regional, national, and international meetings, awards received by faculty, level of extramural funding, and success with University of Nebraska Foundation Instrumentation grants and Tobacco Settlement Fund grants were notable achievements.

I have one final item I wish to share regarding a historic event. I invite you to visit the Animal Science complex and view the mural that was installed in the building this fall. This Frank C. Murphy mural hung in the former National Live Stock and Meat Board (NLSMB) offices at 444 N. Michigan Avenue in Chicago in 1981. When the NLSMB was dissolved, the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association moved into the offices. When they vacated the building in September 2000, they gifted the mural to our department. A professional conservator was employed to remove, restore and prepare the mural for transport to UNL. This was made possible by a generous gift from Betty Albert, widow of alumnus Waco Albert. The project was completed when we framed and displayed the acknowledgment and mural background information this fall. The mural is a unique historic piece that adds to the visual identity of the department’s mission and commitment to the livestock and meat industry in the state.

■ Faculty Retirement

Austin J. Lewis retired from the Animal Science Department on September 30, 2001, after 25 years at the University of Nebraska. Austin came to the University as an Assistant Professor in 1977 but previously worked as a Research Associate at NU from 1974-1975. He received his B.S. (1967) in Animal Production from The University of Reading, England and his Ph.D. (1971) in Applied Biochemistry and Nutrition from the University of Nottingham, England. Austin’s research has been in Swine Nutrition with emphasis on the amino acid nutrition of swine, and this has included investigations of the amino acid requirements of all classes of swine as well as the bioavailability of amino acids. Austin taught nutrition courses for undergraduate and graduate students in the department, as well as served as an instructor for the Interdepartmental Nutrition Seminar. During his time at Nebraska, he published several research papers, served as editor for the Journal of Animal Science, and has either edited or written books and chapters for books. Austin will remain in Lincoln where his wife, Nancy, continues her teaching and research duties in the Department of Nutritional Science and Dietetics. Austin will continue his affiliation with the Animal Science Department as Professor Emeritus.

■ Faculty Resignation

Donald G. Levis resigned his position as Professor of Animal Science (Physiology area) after 23 years at the University of Nebraska to accept a position at the Ohio Pork Industry Center at the Ohio State University. Don came to the University of Nebraska in 1978 from North Carolina State University. From 1978 to 1989, he served the South Central Extension District as a Swine Extension Specialist at Clay Center, Neb. From 1989 until his resignation, he was located in the Animal Science Department in Lincoln as a Swine Extension Specialist.

■ New Faculty

Galen E. Erickson joined our faculty as the Beef Feedlot Nutritionist in June. Galen received his B.S. from Iowa State University in 1995 and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska in 1997 and 2001, respectively. Galen worked as a Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant at Nebraska, as a Research Technician for the Integrated Farm Research Project, and prior to his current position, as a Lecturer in the Animal Science Department. He received the 2000 Graduate Teaching Award from the Nebraska Alumni Association and the 1998-1999 Purina Mills Research Fellowship Award. His main focus will be conducting research in the feedlot nutrition/management area, teaching feedlot management, and working with beef producers in the role of beef cattle feedlot extension specialist.

■ Graduate Program

For the 2001-2002 school year, 87 graduate students are enrolled, up slightly from last year’s 83 students. Countries of origin and numbers of graduate students from each area are:

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Dr. Tom Burnell, B.S. (1984) and M.S. (1985) from the University of Nebraska, was on campus during the "UNL Master’s Week" in November. Tom brings a list of experiences in industry. His current position is CEO of GenomicFX, Inc. Tom worked in the academic field as an Assistant Professor at Auburn University before entering private industry. His experiences in industry have taken both a domestic and international flavor.

The Annual Bud Britton Animal Science Golf Classic was held May 11 at Mahoney Golf Course. There were 28 golfers, making up seven teams. Darren Critser was an alumnus who participated in this event. Several other faculty and graduate students joined the steak fry, which was held after the golf classic at Ki and Darcy Fanning’s home. The winning team included Tom McGargill, Galen Erickson, Kathy Anderson and Bill Matzke; the longest putt was won by Jeff Perkins; the longest drive was won by Daniel Pomp; and the winner of the closest to the pin was Matt Anderson. We would enjoy having more alumni participate. For more information on this May’s Bud Britton Golf Classic, contact Phil Miller, (402) 472-6421.

Former Block and Bridle Honoree Lloyd I. Bevans died March 4, 2001. He was born on April 7, 1925, in Waverly, Neb. Lloyd attended Nebraska Wesleyan and graduated from the University of Nebraska Law College in 1953. In 1942, when he was a high school junior, he started the Bevans Turkey Farm as an FFA project. Mr. Bevans was the 1984 Block and Bridle Honoree. His turkey farm eventually became the largest in Lancaster County with approximately 200,000 birds raised at one time. Mr. Bevans also was involved in education, serving on the Southeast Community College Board and the NU Agriculture Advisory Board for years. He was a businessman, exploring many interests such as the Waverly Industrial Development, National Crane, Waverly Lumber and Hardware and North Meadows Developments. He served the city of Waverly as their city attorney and also served on the Waverly Town Board. He served both the industry and business world well.

A memorial service was held July 1 in Valentine for W. Everett Brown. In 1993, after attending the University of Nebraska Agriculture College for two years, Mr. Brown made By the Way Ranch in Valentine his home where, for the next 18 years, he was employed by his uncle, Sam McKelvie (1938 B&B Honoree). Mr. Brown operated the Fair Way Ranch and raised registered Herefords from 1951-1979. He was active in the Nebraska and American Hereford Associations, Nebraska Cattlemen and Sandhills Cattle Association. He retired in 1985 and he and his wife moved to Mesa, Ariz., where he died in September 2000.

Merle Brinegar (B.S. 1947) passed away in Alaska on July 14. Mr. Brinegar was born in Alexandria and was on the faculty for a brief time in the 1950s. Mr. Brinegar retired as President of Continental Grain (now ConiGroup) World Meat Industries Group. In 1998, he established the Brinegar Faculty Development Fund in the Animal Science Department at the UN Foundation.

Archie White passed away on October 27. Mr. White was selected the 1976 Block and Bridle Honoree in recognition of his swine industry and youth leader activities. His career included employment with the Nebraska Pork Producers Association and Hormel.

Research News

Sheila E. Scheidel was granted a patent in 1999 for her development of a complete management program which economically produces eggs high in Omega 3 fatty acids. The university patented the system and holds the trademark on Omega Eggs.

In early 2001, an agreement between NU and Perishable Distributors of Iowa made it possible for Hy-Vee Supermarkets in seven states to be licensed to sell the Omega Eggs. The eggs contain 350 milligrams of Omega 3 fatty acids compared with 60 milligrams in regular eggs. These eggs also have 180 milligrams of cholesterol compared with about 215 milligrams in regular eggs, and a third less saturated fat. It has taken five years to obtain this license and get these eggs out to a multi-state area. This is an example of NU Institute of Agriculture and
Natural Resources research being made available to consumers. It shows that our agricultural research doesn’t only benefit producers — consumers are the ultimate beneficiaries.

Undergraduates Kevin Zuhlke and Lora Ellinger successfully completed the International Pork Industry Internship Program in Denmark. This six-month program was developed by Denmark’s Dalum Agricultural College and Communicating for Agriculture, Fergus Falls, Minn., in cooperation with the University of Nebraska under the leadership of Duane Reese, Extension Swine Specialist. Kevin and Lora worked on a 500-acre crop and swine farm near Esbjerg, Denmark. They spent most of their time working in a 330-sow farrow-to-finish seedstock operation. The farm also generated income from the sale of wheat, barley, grass seed, rapeseed, sugar beets, straw, and manure. Lora said, “This program was a very educational and maturing experience for me, and I gained a different perspective on the USA and our pork industry.” Kevin commented, “In Denmark I learned many different things that I plan to use back home — not only in pork production, but also in life. I feel that through this experience I grew as a scholar and as an individual.”

Charles H. Adams received the University of Nebraska Alumni Association’s Doc Elliott Award. He was also given the Lifelong Contributions to the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Award, presented by Kappa Cresent — Nebraska Chapter.

Franklin E. Eldridge has been traveling since the death of Della, his wife of 59 years. He traveled by automobile to both the East and West Coasts. He is learning to adjust to living alone.

Paul Q. Guyer has been retired since 1986. He worked with the Japanese Agricultural Trainees for several years after his retirement. Paul had bypass surgery and has been on dialysis which limits his travels and his gardening.

Irvin T. Omtvedt retired on June 30, 2000. Since retiring, he spends more time with his grandchildren in Kearney, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo., as well as with family in Wisconsin. He and Wanda have enjoyed cruises down the Danube and trips to the northeast to see the changing fall colors. They also traveled to Australia and New Zealand. Irv is still active in the agriculture industries. Most notable is his service to the Nebraska Rural Development Commission and the Food and Society Steering Committee for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. In addition, he serves as secretary of the Agriculture Builders of Nebraska and has worked with the IANR and University Public Policy Center for Rural Community Initiatives. Irv says he at least can control his schedule enough so he can do a little fishing and care for his large yard.

Thomas W. Sullivan, who is now living in Russellville, Ark., has been busy “working” with INTSORMIL. He was sent to Africa, along with an Agricultural Economist, to gather information on the potential for using grain sorghum and millet as a poultry and livestock feedstuff. This work involved visiting and interviewing personnel at poultry farms, dairy farms, universities and ministries of agriculture in Kenya, Ghana, Mali and Senegal. He also traveled to Thailand to visit two of his former graduate students. Tom gave all his Poultry Science journals to Khon Kaen University in northeast Thailand which has the largest enrollment of agricultural students in that country. Besides traveling, he has been active in the Russellville, Ark., Kiwanis Club, his church and community activities. He recently was named “Citizen of the Year” by the Kiwanis Club for his many service activities. He also has a tree farm which he plans to enlarge from 40 to 100 acres. He feels that trees are easier to take care of than beef cattle or poultry.
Block & Bridle Honoree of the Year

Sallie (James) Atkins was born in Alliance, Neb., and spent her early years on the Gudmundsen Ranch northeast of Whitman which was managed by her father. This ranch later became the NU Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory. Sallie attended school in Mullen, Neb., and graduated from Mullen High School in 1969. On August 30, 1969, Sallie married Alan and in 1971 they moved to Halsey to ranch with Alan’s parents. Sallie helped on the ranch and became active with the Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Cattlemen, Sandhills Cattle Association and the Nebraska Beef Council. Sallie is recognized as an enthusiastic and effective leader of the beef industry, as a friend and mentor of youth, and as an ally of all beef producers.

Her tireless and enthusiastic efforts to promote beef across Nebraska soon grew to the point she was asked to help on the national stage. She has served on the board of directors of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Executive Committee, Beef Industry Food Safety Council and Board of Directors of the International Stockmen’s Education Foundation. She has served as beef Vice-chair of the International Livestock Congress and has Chaired the Ag in the Classroom project of the American National Cattle Women. Sallie’s efforts in Nebraska grew as she worked with the University of Nebraska Food Safety Executive Committee, board of directors of the UNL Center for Grassland Studies, Advisory Board for the NU Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory, President of the Nebraska Ag Leadership Council and the Ag Builders of Nebraska. Currently, Sallie is serving as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Beef Council where she has worked tirelessly to build an excellent staff and to encourage programs that use checkoff dollars wisely. Sallie, along with the board of directors, guides the implementation of nearly $8 million of Nebraska producer check-off dollars. She pioneered Project Ag-Venture in Nebraska classrooms to help school children better understand agriculture. She helped implement the Beef Ambassador Program for high school students and helped transform the Beef Team at UNL from a concept to a reality by providing frontline beef information to shoppers at retail meat cases.

President — Justan Wynegar
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Little Ak-Sar-Ben
Fall Kids’ Day
National Convention
Little MAEC-Market-Breeding
Holiday Luncheon
Spring Kids’ Day
Little MAEC-Meats Division
Big Red Beef Show
State FFA Contest
Honors Banquet

Faculty

Charlie Adams — University of Nebraska Alumni Association’s Doc Elliott Award and Lifelong Contributions to Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Award from Kappa Crescent — Nebraska Chapter
Curtis Alderson — Associate Extension Educator
Mary Beck — First Vice President of Poultry Science Association
Don Beermann — Retiring member of American Society of Animal Science Board of Directors, and President-Elect of Federation of Animal Science Societies
Gary Bennett — American Society of Animal Science Rockefeller Prentice Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics
Dennis Burson — Professor
Earl Ellington — College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Dean’s Special Recognition Award
Galen Erickson — Graduate Faculty Member
Joe Ford — American Society of Animal Science Animal Physiology and Endocrinology Award
Richard Grant — Professor
Steven Jones — Professor
Richard Koelsch — Associate Professor
Terry Klopfenstein — President of Federation of Animal Science Societies
Larry Larson — College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Outstanding Teaching Award
Roger Mandigo — North American Meat Processors Association’s Harry J. Rudnick Educator’s Award
Phillip Miller — College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Superior Academic Advising Award
Bob Meduna — Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents
Merlyn Nielsen — College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Superior Academic Advising Award
Irv Omtvedt — Public Service to Agriculture Award from Nebraska Agribusiness Club
Ivan Rush — Award of Merit from Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute
Bruce Treffer — Associate Extension Educator
Jack Weber — Graduate Faculty Member

Graduate Students

Mariana Burks — John W. McDonald Fellowship and Richard H. Larson Minority Fellowship
Kelly Creighton — Gretchen Bechtol Lee Fellowship and John W. McDonald Fellowship
Mohammad Jalal — Hubbard Nutrition Award
Nancy Jerez — Milton E. Mohr Fellowship
Steven Kitt — Widaman Distinguished Graduate Assistant Award and Arthaud Travel Award
Khathutsheko Nephawe — Frank Baker Essay Contest and Ned & Esther Raun International Fellowship
Janice Rumph — John Hallman Memorial Award, Frank Baker Essay Contest winner, and Widaman Distinguished Graduate Assistant Award
Stephanie Wesolowski — Widaman Distinguished Graduate Assistant Award
Kim Franzen — Poultry Science Association Award of Excellence

Undergraduate Students

Jonathan Anderson, Emily Buescher, Genna Frenzen, and Justan Wynegar — American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award (Sophomores)
Daniel Longfellow and Melissa Waite — American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award (Juniors)

Joseph Baumert, Travis Chrisman, Sheryl Colgan, Renee McFiee, Douglas Parde, and Chad Zadina — American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award (Seniors)

Joe Baumert — American Meat Science Association Undergraduate Student Travel Award
Emily Buescher — D. V. and Ernestine Stephens Memorial Scholarship, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Excellence in Leadership Award
Jordan Spatz — ABS Global Scholarship
Justan Wynegar — Baltzell-Agri Products, Inc. Scholarship, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Outstanding Club Member of Block and Bridle
Jeremy Young — Maurice E. Boeckenhauer Memorial Scholarship
Genna Frenzen — Robert Boeckenhauer Memorial Scholarship
Sheryl Colgan — Lincoln Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Scholarship
Matthew McGraw — Doane Scholarship
Aaron Bessmer, Kristin Nollette, Thomas Satkus III, and Jarrod Tremayne — William J. and Hazel J. Loeffel Scholarship
Scott Gotschall — Nutrition Service Associates Scholarship
Paul Guenther and Elizabeth LaBonty — Chris and Sarah Raun Memorial Scholarship
Angela Walker, Ryan Brewster, Kristen Fellers, and Robbie Peterson — Walter A. and Alice V. Rockwell Scholarship
Wade Kloeppeing, Aaron Naber, Sarah Heidzig, and Gina Chandler — Max and Ora Mae Stark Scholarship
Emily Buescher — D.V. and Ernestine Stephens Memorial Scholarship
Melissa Waite and Megan Voss — Aurthur W. and Viola Thompson Scholarship
Daniel Longfellow — Thomas H. Wake, III Scholarship
Benny Mote — Waldo Farms Scholarship
Robbie Peterson — Outstanding Club Member of College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Advisory Board
Jill Walahoski — College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Outstanding Student Officer Award and President of Block and Bridle chosen as Outstanding Student Organization by CASNR

Staff

Ruth Ulmer — Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources Outstanding Office-Service Employee for October 2000
Allen Specht — Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources Outstanding Managerial-Professional Employee for May-June 2001
Alumni Awards

Booren — Signal Service Award from American Meat Science Association
Paul Engler — University of Nebraska Alumni Achievement Award
Gary Falty — Nebraska Pork Producers Association Booster Award
Richard Frahm — Fellow of American Society of Animal Science
Casey Frye — Elected to American Meat Science Association Board of Directors
Larry Hand — Serving American Meat Science Association as Chair of MIRC (Meat Industry Research Conference)
Ann Hollingsworth — American Meat Science Association Past-President
Collette Schultz-Kaster — American Meat Science Association Board of Directors
Rob Raun — University of Nebraska Alumni Achievement Award
Rich Shinn — University of Nebraska Alumni Achievement Award

University of Nebraska Service Awards

40 years: Minnie Stephens
35 years: Roger Mandigo
30 years: Jim Gosey
25 years: Scott Brady, Austin Lewis
20 years: Matt Anderson, Chris Calkins, Terry Mader, Karl Moline
15 years: Darryl Barnhill, Robert Meduna, Rick Rasby
10 years: Kathy Anderson, Dan Cheleen
5 years: Tim Carr, Jess Miner, Troy Walz, Alan Zinn

2001 Meat Animal Evaluation Team

Front (Left to Right) — Perry Brewer, coach; Jamie Meyer, Pilger; Jared Hardin, Paxton; Timothy Bartak, Merna.
Back (Left to Right) — Don Beermann, department head; Travis Chrisman, York; Tyler Specht, Hartington; Will Jordan, Broken Bow; Keith Gilster, coach.

The 2001 Meat Animal Evaluation Team placed second in market, third in breeding, second in meats and second overall in the Nebraska Prairie MAEC at Norfolk, Neb. Timothy Bartak was fourth in market, Will Jordan seventh in breeding and fifth in meats, Jamie Meyer eighth in meats, Tyler Specht ninth in market, eighth in breeding, ninth in meats and ninth overall.
At the United National Collegiate Meat Animal Evaluation contest in St. Joseph, Mo., and Lincoln, Neb., the team placed seventh in market, ninth in breeding, eighth in meats, ninth in cattle, ninth in hogs, sixth in sheep, tenth in communication and eighth overall. Travis Chrisman seventh in market, twentieth in meats, first in hogs, sixteenth in sheep and eighth overall.

2000-01 Livestock Judging Teams

2000 Senior Judging Team

Front (Left to Right) — Hilary Maricle, Spalding; Erin Creech, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Back (Left to Right) — Don Beermann, department head; Bryan Reiling, coach.

2001 Junior Judging Team

Front (Left to Right) — Barry Weber, Friend; Brandon Pohlmann, Plymouth; Jeremy Martin, coach.
Back (Left to Right) — Don Beermann, department head; Brian Wray, Scotia; Clay Mead, Kearney; Bryan Reiling, coach.
During the past two years, the Livestock Judging Team has been trying to rebuild and re-establish itself as a competitive entity on the national scene. Student commitment has wavered, the students who remained involved have represented the department and the university with pride. The fall of 2000 had two students (Hilary Maricle from Spalding and Erin Creech from Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada) participating in two major contests, the American Royal in Kansas City and the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville. Erin was awarded the Derrick Family Scholarship, and Hilary was awarded the G. H. Francke Scholarship for their continued involvement with the livestock judging program.

The junior team participated in contests in the National Western in Denver, the Sioux Empire Livestock Show in Sioux Falls, and the Iowa Beef Expo in Des Moines. Team members for the spring of 2001 included: Clay Mead, Kearney; Brandon Pohlmann, Plymouth; Barry Weber, Friend; and Brian Wray, Scotia. The results included an overall top 20 finish by Brandon Pohlmann at the National Western, a perfect “50” reasons score by Brian Wray in Sioux Falls, and Clay Mead was identified as the overall high individual at the Iowa Beef Expo. The Winkler Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Clay Mead.

This fall we learned that student priorities had again made it hard for us to have a complete team, therefore only Clay Mead and Brian Wray would return to compete. Clay will be able to compete next year in the fall, while Brian, however, will participate as an individual this fall at the American Royal and International.

2001 Meats Team

The 2001 Meat Judging Team made up of Luke Schmid, Jamie Bauman, Don Moss, Brent Harlen, Ryan Brewster, and Adrienne Auch, competed in two contests this past spring. The first competition was the National Western which was held at ConAgra Beef in Greeley, Colo., in January. The team was outstanding in beef grading, finishing third as a team and fifth in total beef. Don Moss finished sixth in beef grading and total beef, sixth in pork judging, and thirteenth overall. Jamie Bauman was eighth in beef grading, ninth in total beef, and seventeenth overall.

Southwestern at Columbia Packing in Dallas, Tex., was the other contest this team competed in with an overall score of 78 points in just three weeks. The team was recognized for placing fourth in lamb judging and fourth in specifications. Jamie Bauman finished fourth in placing, second in specifications, and finishing nineteenth overall. Don Moss finished twentieth overall. Luke Schmid finished eighth in beef grading in the alternates portion of the contest.

The team this fall included Don Moss, Luke Schmid, Adrienne Auch and Jamie Bauman. The year started out at the Iowa State Invitational Meat Judging Contest, Ames Iowa, with Luke Schmid finishing third. The team then competed in the Excel-High Plains Contest in Plainview, Tex. This was the first team from Nebraska to compete in this contest where Don Moss and Jamie Bauman finished eighteenth and twentieth, respectively, in beef grading. Luke Schmid was sixteenth in lamb judging and tenth in placing.

The team will be competing later this year in the American Royal in Emporia, Kan., and the International Contest in Dakota City, Neb. As this year comes to an end and a new one begins, we continue to push for student involvement as we strive to have a strong and successful judging program.

Earl Ellington (chair), Dennis Brink, Ted Doane, Jeff Keown and Duane Reese serve as the current departmental newsletter committee. The Animal Science Department has a long history of providing 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 sincerely hope you find this one interesting and informative.
All of us enjoy learning about classmates and other alumni from the Animal Science Department, so we ask that you send information about yourself for the next issue of our newsletter. You might include memorable events from your college days, such as classes, club activities, employment, teachers, friends and other items of interest. You might also include what you have been doing since leaving campus, such as employment (when and where), participation in community activities, hobbies and other personal details that may be of interest. Please see the back page for more information and how you may obtain additional departmental information and activity notices via e-mail.

1940s

Ellis Scott Ruby, 1947 B.S., 1948 M.S., RR #1, Box 115A, Seward, NE 68434. He is an International Agricultural Specialist and is currently working with Land-O-Lakes International as a consultant. He has traveled quite extensively to several foreign countries for several companies and with the Farmer-to-Farmer Program.

1970s

Jimmy Wise, 1977 Ph.D., 8116 Lake Drive, Mounds, OK 74078, e-mail: Jimmy.Wise@usda.gov. The USDA is letting him work out of his home so that he can help his parents. His father has had serious back trouble and doesn’t get around too well. He also is in the process of trying to build a new house for himself. This is giving him some challenges. In April 2001, Jimmy received the Oklahoma State Distinguished Graduate Award.

Dale Grosbach, 1978 B.S., 1980 M.S., 4001 NE 59th Terrace, Gladstone, MO 64119, e-mail: grosda@yahoo.com. Dale is continuing to work in Information Technology consulting, specializing in the SAP system. He is now working for Computer Sciences Corporation. He recently received his certification in the New Customer Relationship Management systems for SAP. His wife Debbie and he recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary and have three children.

1980s

Roberta (Barr) Pinkerton, 1983 B.S., 13695 W. Hwy 4, Beatrice, NE 68310, e-mail: mp33337@alltel.net. She is currently the Community Economic Development Coordinator for the Omaha Public Power District.

Richard M. Klein, 1984 B.S., 7706 Cashland Ct., Alexandria, VA 22315, e-mail: prklein1@juno.com. Richard is a Program Analyst working with the Defense Information Support Agency.

Winoo Lapjatupon, Ph.D. 1986. Dr. Lapjatupon is CEO of his own company which employees 250 people in the production of feed supplements, pork and other food items.

Anuchit Ruksomboone, Ph.D. 1987. Dr. Ruksomboone is Director of Nutrition for Krung Thai Public Co. Ltd., his uncle’s company which operates the third largest feed mill and poultry company in Thailand.

1990s

Leslie Ehnis, M.S. 1998, 31998 Hwy O, Falcon, MO 65470, e-mail: EhnisL@missouri.ed. She is working as a Regional Livestock Specialist for the University of Missouri’s Outreach and Extension Service in Lebanon, Mo.

2000s

Tina (Ritchie) Rockenbach, 2000 B.S., 205 South Monroe, Pilger, NE 68768, e-mail: rock-ne@inebraska.com. Tina is currently employed full-time at Premium Pork’s hog confinement near Winside, Neb. She is the Nursery Manager and an assistant to the manager. She would enjoy speaking or visiting with undergraduates about her experiences.
BEEF
- Range Beef Cow Symposium, December 11-13, 2001, Casper, WY
- 4-State Beef Conference, January 16, 2002, Tecumseh, NE
- Feedlot Roundtable, February 21, 2002, Grand Island, NE
- Beef Improvement Federation, July 10-13, 2002, Omaha, NE

DAIRY
- Dairy Seminars
  - February 2002 — Dates to be announced. Contact Rick Grant (402/472-6442; E-mail rgrant1@unl.edu) or Jeff Keown (402/472-6453; E-mail jkeown1@unl.edu) for further information.

SWINE
- NPPA Annual Convention, January 17-18, 2002, Holiday Inn, York, NE
- Nebraska Pork Industry Expo and Feeder Pig Show, February 6-7, 2002, Platte County Ag Park, Columbus, NE
- Educational Opportunities — 2002
  - Farrowing Basics
    January 8-9 — Animal Science Complex, Lincoln, 9:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
    January 15 — American Legion, Sutton, 9:00 a.m.
    January 29 — Courthouse, West Point, 9:00 a.m.
    February 19-20 — Lifelong Learning Center, NCCC, Norfolk, 9:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
    February 22 — Arbor Manor, Auburn, 9:00 a.m.
    February 26 — Auditorium, Hartington, 9:00 a.m.
    March 12 — Fairgrounds, Lexington, 9:00 a.m. (Taught in Spanish)
  - Focus “02”
    February 15 — Arbor Manor, Auburn, 9:30 a.m.
    February 19 — Courthouse, West Point, 7:00 p.m.
    February 27 — Dawes County Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg., Chadron, 3:00 p.m.
    February 28 — Cedar Valley Coop, Cedar Rapids, 1:00 p.m.
    March 6 — Gage County Extension Office, Beatrice, 9:30 a.m.
    March 14 — City Auditorium, Hartington, 1:00 p.m.
  - Nebraska Livestock Waste Regulations Home Study Course
    Available after January 1, 2002
  - Trouble-Shooting Ventilation Systems: Problem Ventilation Clinics
    February 27 — Dawes County Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg., Chadron, 12:00 Noon
    March 5 — Courthouse, West Point, 7:00 p.m.
  - Value Added — Dancing on the Hot Coals
    February 13 — Seward County Extension Office, Seward, 1:00 p.m.
    February 15 — Arbor Manor, Auburn, 1:00 p.m.
    March 7 — KC Hall, Albion, 1:00 p.m.

HORSE
- Horsin Around — February 9-10, 2002 Animal Science Building Arena
- District Horse Shows — June 18-21 and June 24-27, 2002
- State Horse Show — July 14-18, 2002

POULTRY
- Nebraska Poultry Industries Convention — March 6-7, 2002, New World Inn, Columbus, NE
- Midwest Poultry Federation Trade Show and Education Workshops — March 19-21, 2002, St. Paul, MN

OTHER
- Animal Science Open House — February 2, 2002
- Animal Science Block and Bridle Honors Banquet — May 3, 2002, Lincoln
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