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Nebraska as well as the State and its beef industry. As stated by an attendee from Cornell University, “This year’s meeting was a tremendous success. I’ve attended several meetings since the BIF meeting and talked with other scientists, industry professionals and producers. All agree that the meetings held in Omaha were the best they can remember. The program focus on ‘Improving Beef Cattle Efficiency’ was excellent; activities were well planned and executed. All in all, a top notch event.”

Nebraska’s historical and present position of national ranking in beef cow-calf numbers has been paramount to the economic foundation of the state. Nebraska’s large grass and forage resources have proven successful for the cow-calf production which has required innovative technologies in the utilization of genetic knowledge for cattle breeding. Selection programs and crossbreeding strategies have been and will continue to be of critical importance to the economic livelihood of Nebraska’s cow-calf producers. During his time Jim has presented 21 Bull Selection Clinics and 13 Replacement Heifer Selection Clinics. In the later 1990’s, he presented several programs on the use of composite breeds as an alternative crossbreeding program to capture the benefits of heterosis. In recent years, he has taught in our Nebraska Beef 706 workshops, and has been a steady contributor to extension teaching in Integrated Resource Management and Total Quality Management for Nebraska producers.

An article in BEEF Magazine written by Troy Marshall in 2005 said that every time he heard Jim speak, he learned something that helped improve his operation. There were times he had to tap his expertise in a one-on-one situation which proved to be more fruitful. Like many people in this industry, his impact went far beyond his research and education, to a pronounced personal level in
I wish for all Animal Science alumni and friends a prosperous, peaceful and gratifying new year! We are half-way through our 2005-2006 academic year, and the first half brought great news. We achieved a 58% increase in Animal Science new student enrollment (47 versus 29) compared with 2004. The entire increase was attributed to freshman enrollment. Enrollment in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) is up 3.5%. Retention rates of Animal Science students and of CASNR students is 90%. We have 22 new graduate students that started last fall and a few more just arrived for spring semester.

The 2005 calendar year was benchmarked by great accomplishments and memorable events that will impact our future. Many faculty, staff and students received awards and recognition for their excellence in teaching, advising, extension, research and service (see page 9). There were announcements of faculty retirements, a new faculty member hired, celebrations of long-term alumni support and major projects completed, and opportunities and challenges that we have to work through. We are excited to have Lisa Karr-Lilienthal join us in the position of Companion Animal Lecturer. Read more about her on page 3. We are also planning to interview candidates for our molecular reproductive physiologist and nonruminant nutritionist assistant professor positions.

Animal Science alumni and friends of the Department are “stepping up” to help us resolve some of those challenges and do much more. Alumni and others make great contributions to the Department in a multitude of ways:

- increased scholarship support
- direct assistance with recruitment
- participation in courses, club activities and department events
- assistance with youth leadership training and career path identification
- participation in our strategic planning process
- support of our judging teams

Your initiatives help us maintain informative and timely communications that improve relationships throughout the state. In short, you assist us in our dedication to fulfill the Land Grant mission. It is enriching for me to learn about the personal experiences of alumni and where their education and careers have taken them beyond graduation.

An outstanding example of the long-term impact of alumni support is found in the William J. and Hazel J. Loeffel Scholarship Fund. Professor Loeffel was a pioneer teacher and investigator in meat science at the University of Nebraska. He was also recognized as a dedicated administrator and public servant. From 1938 until retirement in 1959, he served as chairman of the Animal Husbandry Department. In 1948, William and his wife Hazel established an endowed scholarship fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation to provide tuition assistance for undergraduate or graduate students studying animal science at UNL. Since 1964, 100 Loeffel Scholarships have been awarded to 88 animal science students. William’s son, Frank, and over thirty Loeffel family members and friends joined us at a luncheon in September to celebrate this ongoing contribution.

As aspects of agriculture become more complex, we prepare animal science students to understand and manage those complexities. They are provided the most current subject material, relevant practical experience and exposure to new technologies and regulatory aspects of agriculture through completing a degree in Animal Science. Along with the increase in complexity of agricultural businesses comes increased diversity in career opportunities. Completion of a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science opens many doors to those seeking a successful career in agriculture. Our number one priority in the Animal Science Department and in all of CASNR is to provide the most complete and current education and learning experience that students can find anywhere in Nebraska and beyond. It is especially important that we convey to high school and middle school students the value of a college degree in preparing for successful careers in animal agriculture.

Who would have guessed that 2005 would bring the multitude of new opportunities we were provided. I am particularly pleased about the good fortune of having many junior faculty recognized for their accomplishments, along with the local and national recognition more senior faculty received. We have much to be thankful for during 2005, and I look forward with great enthusiasm toward enriching and expanding our horizons for 2006.
Jim Gosey Retires (continued from page 1)

Jim says that he has had the best job in the world and that working in Nebraska in the heart of the beef cattle industry for him has been a blessing. He has had the privilege to work with some of the finest people on earth. Jim, we wish for you many relaxed days sharing time with family and your cows. Happy Trails to you!

(Parts taken from BEEF Magazine article written By Troy Marshall)

New Faculty

Companion Animal Lecturer Position Filled

Lisa Karr-Lillenthal will join our faculty in February filling the newly created position of “Companion Animal Lecturer” with teaching and extension responsibilities. Lisa received her B.S. (1998) in Chemistry, and M.S. (2001) and Ph.D. (2004) in Animal Science from the University of Illinois. Since receiving her doctorate, she has served as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Illinois. Lisa was trained in nonruminant nutrition with an emphasis on companion animals. She has experience teaching both undergraduate and graduate student courses and in organizing and conducting educational activities for students. She has also been involved in organization and development of nutritional research related to companion animals, swine, and poultry. Lisa has a strong interest in youth programs including 4-H and FFA and she has served as a 4-H leader. We look forward to her arrival and to expansion of our companion animal program.

Japanese Agricultural Training Program (JATP) — 1968-2006

Thirty nine years ago, May 1966, the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture (Animal Science) entered into an agreement with the Japanese Agricultural Training Council and the National 4-H Club Foundation to teach Japanese students a three-month basic animal science course in beef and swine. The first group arrived in November, 1966 and completed the course in February, 1968. The next 38 groups arrived in January and completed the course in March. Because of economic growth and international trends, Japan was forced to modernize its agriculture programs, and therefore, this program helped the Japanese farmer to deepen his understanding of the international world.

When the first few groups arrived they lived in a dorm like setting, known as Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, and their classes were held in the same building. Later they were sent to host families and their classes were held in the Animal Science Building.

The Japanese students that were in the program arrived in the United States in June. The major program consisted of three phases. Phase One was to study English at Big Bend Community College at Moses Lake, WA. While studying English the students worked in the apple industry harvesting the apple crop. During Phase Two lasting about a year, the students were employed on commercial farms, ranches and other enterprises throughout the United States, which usually included their field of interest such as beef, swine, dairy, poultry, row crops, ornamental/horticulture, citrus, deciduous fruits and vegetables. Phase Three included basic training courses in the trainee’s chosen field of interest. In the first year, Group A, the University of Nebraska led courses in beef and swine. When Group B came to Nebraska in 1969 dairy was added and in 1970 poultry was also added to the training course. From 1970 to the present the University of Nebraska has taught beef, swine, dairy and poultry production to over 1,400 Japanese students.

The first academic coordinator was Dr. Ted H. Doane; and after four years he was followed by Dr. Jim D. Heldt. In 1997 Ted was asked to handle coordinating the program again. In 1968, Mr. Dwight F. Stephens took a leave of absence from his U.S.D.A. Director’s position at Fort Reno, Oklahoma to teach the beef production course. In 1974, Dr. Frank Baker, Department Head, asked Mr. Stephens to coordinate the Japanese program and teach a class of beef production to a group of undergraduate students at the University of Nebraska. As a result, Mr. Stephens retired from the U.S.D.A. position at Fort Reno and came to Nebraska serving as an instructor and coordinator (continued on next page)
of this program for 13 years. In 1975, Dr. Paul Q. Guyer took over the coordinator position and directed the program for eight years followed by Dr. John K. Ward who coordinated and taught beef production for two years. Throughout all those years, the coordinators have used numerous faculty members and graduate students to help teach the different species sections.

During Mr. Stephens tenure, he would bring in three or four foreign students to talk with the Japanese students about their country. The trainees enjoyed those visits and learned a lot about the student and his country. The students would go on field trips visiting several ranches, commercial industries, and enterprises to learn about their species and the end product.

In 1995 the Training Council asked if an Agribusiness instructor could be added. Since that time the Agricultural Economics Department has provided an instructor to teach an agribusiness section. The four animal species segment is taught one-half of the day and the agribusiness the other half day. The agribusiness enhances the students’ knowledge of economic needs of livestock. The students learn about cash flow and financial concerns of their specific species. Some of this information was included in the previous curriculum, this just gives the trainee more expertise in agribusiness, marketing and world agriculture.

The students put their knowledge they learned from the basic production courses and the agribusiness concepts into their Future Plan. Many of these students are quite creative putting their Future Plan together showing what they want to do when they return to Japan and possibly the family farm.

Some trainees have returned to the University of Nebraska to pursue higher degrees. There have been at least 11 students pursue a Ph.D. degree and many more the M.S. degree through the U.S. educational system. The students who have received advanced degrees hold responsible positions throughout the world. Most of those positions are either in their native country, Japan, or in the United States. We have some of the trainees return for an advanced degree and work as interpreters for the courses. Several trainees have large dairies, poultry farms, beef cattle feedlots, and swine operations throughout Japan.

Since the inception of the program in 1968 up to the present class (MM) we have taught a total of 1,408 trainees. The number of trainees by species is: Beef 545, dairy 501, swine 213, and poultry 149. The 2006 group arrived in January and will complete the course at the end of March.

Dr. Mohammad Koohmaraie Named Director of Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center

Dr. Mohammad Koohmaraie became Director of the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center effective September 2005. Dr. Koohmaraie received his B.S. degree in 1978 in Animal Science from Pahlavi University in Iran, his M.S. degree in 1980 from Texas A&M University at Kingsville, and his Ph.D. degree in 1984 in Animal Science with a major in Meat Science and Muscle Biochemistry and a minor in Food Microbiology from Oregon State University in Corvallis. From 1984 to 1987, Dr. Koohmaraie did postdoctoral work at MARC and Michigan State University. In 1987, he joined the staff at MARC as a Research Physiologist, and in 1991 became the Research Leader of the Meats Research Unit.

Throughout his career, Dr. Koohmaraie has focused his research efforts on the biological mechanisms regulating meat tenderness. Some of his current meat quality research objectives include the development of non-invasive instrumentation for carcass classification for yield and quality. He has the responsibility for post-harvest food safety research. He works closely with members of the meat industry to design projects to address food safety problems relevant to the industry. The focal point of these projects is to develop methodology to assess the prevalence of key foodborne pathogens and intervention strategies to reduce/eliminate these pathogens from the red meat supply.

Gudmundsen Open House Includes Dedication — Donor Elaine Wolf and Family Honored

The sixth annual University of Nebraska Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory Open House on August 31 included dedication of the Wagonhammer Education Center and Ray Bohy Conference Room.

NU Vice President and IANR Harlan Vice Chancellor John Owens officially thanked Elaine Wolf and her son Jay. Elaine, with her late husband, James, made the initial gift to build the center in 2001. The education center is named after their Wagonhammer Cattle Company. The conference room where most of the ceremonies took place is named for Ray Bohy whose bequest enabled the project to move forward.

In addition to the conference room, the center provides classrooms, office space and research sample preparation facilities for faculty and graduate students.
The open house included activities designed to allow producers to come and go throughout the day and attracted more than 350 to the ranch.

Gudmundsen, formerly known as the Rafter C Ranch, was donated to the NU Foundation in 1978 by Elmer “Pete” and Abbie Gudmundsen. They made the donation in order to “improve, advance and support agriculture in the State of Nebraska in ways that have relevance to the Sandhills area of the state through added research, improved teaching and continuing education and service to the agricultural industry.”

With lectures on use of distillers grains co-products in beef production, heifer development, ethanol, beef products and a cattle market forecast, the open house program helped to fulfill that promise. Research and education programs carried out in the spirit of the bequest since 1981, include joint projects with animal, range, soil, veterinary, economics, entomology, geology, hydrology, forestry and wildlife specialists.

Gudmundsen is part of the University’s Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Forty-Four to Tyson Corporation Tour**

This fall, four faculty and forty undergraduate and graduate students from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources participated in a tour of Tyson Corporation Headquarters in Springdale, Arkansas. Tyson was gracious enough to sponsor the three-day event, covering transportation, housing, and meal costs. Chris Calkins, Professor of Animal Science, organized the event. Students from Animal Science, Food Science, and Hospitality Management had the opportunity to visit Tyson headquarters, tour poultry slaughter and processing plants, and to learn about career opportunities in the food industry. A highlight of the trip was meeting with former President Don Tyson, also known as “Top Gun.” It was a fun and educational visit!

*(Contributed by Chris Calkins)*

Feudlot Expansion at Agricultural Research and Development Center

The University of Nebraska research feedlot at the Agricultural Research and Development Center has 100 pens. In June, 2004, a 50 pen expansion project was initiated. The design adds 32 research pens (10 to 20 head pens) similar to the existing feedlot, 16 smaller research pens (8 head pens) for environmental work, and 2 large (150 head pens) for limit-feeding cattle and holding cattle prior to experiments. A new site was developed near the individual feeding facility on two bromegrass pastures. The water lines, pens, earth moving, holding pond, irrigation system and 18 pens are completed. Runoff control, cement aprons and water lines for the remaining pens are completed as well.

Our research needs justified the expansion and will allow us to conduct more research projects, and larger experiments. We are excited to begin using the pens and look forward to completing the entire facility in 2006. A cattle handling facility to weigh cattle, receive calves at this new site near pastures, and to service the individual feeding facility is also being constructed. Funds for the expansion were provided through feedlot revolving dollars, with some support from the Department of Animal Science. The handling facility will be built with funds from an endowment to the University Foundation from the Jim Roberts family.

Feel free to stop by and see the new facility when you are in the area. If you want to know more or have questions about the feedlot program or ruminant nutrition program, please contact Galen Erickson at erickson4@unl.edu or 402-472-6402.

*(Contributed by Galen Erickson)*

Equine Science Option

The Animal Science Department is excited to announce our new “Equine Science Option.” This option will enable students to obtain an Animal Science degree, focused in the equine area. With the addition of several new courses, the equine program offers a wide variety of courses to students with a horse interest. Those who take equine classes will not only learn the basic scientific principles of horse science, they also will gain the practical experience needed to be successful in their chosen career.

*(Photo courtesy of Galen Erickson)*

*(Contributed by Galen Erickson)*

Former President Don Tyson (center with glasses around neck) shown here with a group of students and faculty who toured the Tyson Corporation Headquarters in Springdale, Arkansas. *(Photo courtesy of Chris Calkins)*
The Equine Science option includes the basic Animal Science core curriculum, combined with several equine focused courses. The Animal Science Department now offers the following equine specific courses:

- Fundamentals of the Horse Industry (ASCI 252, 2 credits, fall)
- Basic Equitation (ASCI 260, 2 credits, 1 fall section, 3 spring sections)
- Advanced Equitation (ASCI 360, 2 credits, fall)
- Principles of Horse Evaluation and Judging (ASCI 300E, 2 credits, spring)
- Advanced Horse Evaluation and Judging (ASCI 400E, 2 credits, fall)
- Equine Reproduction (ASCI 342, 2 credits, spring of even years)
- Equine Nutrition (ASCI 322, 2 credits, spring of odd years)
- Horse Industry Study Tour (ASCI 311, 2 credits, spring)
- Horse Management (ASCI 450, 3 credits, fall)

Students with an equine interest also gain experience through internships, serve as teaching assistants or participate in extension programs for course credit. There are also extracurricular opportunities for students such as the UNL Horse Judging Team, UNL Equestrian Team or UNL Rodeo Team.

(Contributed by Kathy Anderson)

Alumni Giving Information

Often an alumnus will ask the question “How can I help out the Animal Science Department?” or “What type of funds are needed to help further the goals of the Department?”

One excellent way to help us with our Education, Research, and Extension Programs is to work with the University of Nebraska Foundation in furthering these efforts. Every department at UNL would like to receive monetary donations to help in their education efforts. There are two important ways that friends of the University can show their interest and support for our programs: restricted donations that can only be used for specific purposes or unrestricted donations where the use is left up to the discretion of the Department Head. Both types of funds are beginning to assume more importance in continuing our Department goals and strategic plans. These grants or funds have in the past been used in the following general areas:

Student Assistance Funds. These funds include scholarships for students majoring in Animal Science, and have also been made available to defray costs for student organizations such as the Block and Bridle Club, Animal Science Graduate Student Association, Judging Teams, or the Equestrian Team.

Several scholarships are awarded in memory of specific graduates or family members, or in memory of a favorite professor. We have also received funds to help in graduate and undergraduate travel to present scientific papers or for fellowships, to help defray tuition costs. As an example, one grant is awarded each year to honor an outstanding international graduate student that has achieved high scholarship during his/her stay at Nebraska. These awards or grants can be specified to be used for undergraduate or graduate students who exemplify top leadership and scholarship in the Animal Science Department.

General Education Support. There is also another category of funding that assists students in a specific teaching program. These grants can be used to help fund industry tours, or other classroom activities that will enhance the overall learning experience of our students. These field trips are assuming greater importance as we increase our efforts to bring our students “real life educational experience” in animal agriculture.

Facilities and Salary Support. Other areas that have received alumni support over the years include funds to improve Animal Science facilities and programs. These could include areas that enhance teaching equipment, teaching assistant support, livestock facilities or general repair and upkeep.

Several programs have been initiated to help in providing additional salaries for Professorships in given areas as well as providing funds for faculty development opportunities.

As can be gleaned from this listing, generous alumni have endowed this department with many gifts over the years that have had a significant positive impact on our overall ability to train students, improve facilities, retain quality faculty and increase travel and training for faculty and students. These gifts help us to augment our programs and take them to the next level in helping maintain the Animal Science Department as one of the premier programs in the country.

If you would be interested in contributions to an existing fund or starting a new fund to help the academic programs of the Animal Science Department, you can contact Ms. Ann Bruntz, Director of Development, University Foundation (402) 472-2151 or Dr. Donald Beermann, Department Head, Animal Science at (402) 472-3571.

The staff and students in Animal Science would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person or organization that has played a pivotal role over the years in maintaining the quality of our programs. Your support is gratefully appreciated and will bear fruit for years to come, not only to Nebraska but to our country and the world.

(Contributed by Jeff Keown)

Bud Britton Golf Classic

The 15th annual Bud Britton Golf Classic was held on Friday, May 13, 2005 at Mahoney Golf Course. The winning team consisted of Matt Anderson, Flint Harrelson, Elliott Jesch, and Jeff Perkins. They shot a -1 and tied with Rodger Johnson, Jerry Hansen, and Darrel Strube but won based on scores for the hardest handicapped holes. The other teams were all close, with two teams at even par, two teams at +1, and one team at +2. The closest to the pin prize went to Grant Crawford for a shot within a few feet on hole #9, the longest drive on hole #8 went to Nick Rasby, and longest putt on hole #3 went to Jeff Perkins.

2006 Nebraska Cattlemen’s Ball

The Cattlemen’s Ball is held each year to showcase rural Nebraska, promote beef in a healthy diet and raise money for health care research. The UNMC Eppley Cancer Center is the primary recipient of this fund-raising effort with 90 percent of the proceeds going toward cancer research programs at Eppley.
The remaining 10 percent of the funds raised will stay in the local area and be used for health care activities.

The 2006 Cattlemen’s Ball, which is called this year “The Red, White and Blue River Ball,” will be held on June 3, 2006 in Milford, Nebraska. The tickets for the Cattlemen’s Ball are on sale and can be purchased at Jones National Bank & Trust in Milford by calling 1-888-562-3602 or 402-761-3602. For more information and ticket prices, visit the Website at www.cattlemensball.com.

Top Hand ticket holders ($65) may attend the Saturday afternoon and evening activities beginning at 1:00 p.m. Trail Boss ticket holders ($300) receive a champagne reception, commemorative gift, Trail Boss brunch and preferred seating for the evening dinner and concert. Tickets are limited. The event, which is open to the public, will be hosted by Bob and Marg Dickinson and the Midwest Feeding Company. Chairpersons will be Ron and Annette Wallman and Doug and Gail Brand of Seward.

(Contributed by Doug Brand)

Block & Bridle Activities

Officers and Advisors for 2005-2006

Jessika Uden, Juniata – President
Shane Potter, Weston – Vice President
Elizabeth Maricle, Albion – Secretary
Brynn Husk, Blair – Treasurer
Jackelyn Snyder, North Platte – Marshall
Mallory Becker, McClellandtown, PA – Assistant Marshall
Janae Althouse, Eagle – Ambassador
Joshua VanDeWalle, Cedar Rapids – Ambassador
Vicky Wray, Scotia – Historian
Jennafer Glaesemann, Fairbury – Program Chair
Betsy Kruse, Cedar Bluffs – News Reporter
Sarah Vanness, Wausa – Social Chair
Brett White – Senior Advisor
Galen Erickson – 2nd Year Advisor
Steve Jones – 1st Year Advisor

Kid’s Day

The annual Kid’s Day was held on November 11, 2005 in the Animal Science Building. This event is held each year in the spring or fall to expose young children to animal agriculture. For many of the children this is the first time they have ever seen a farm animal giving us a good opportunity to shape their attitude towards agriculture in a positive manner. There were in excess of 290 children in attendance from daycares and schools around the Lincoln area.

This is a sizeable event to organize and conduct. We would not have been able to accomplish this without the help of the staff at the Animal Science building especially, Clyde Naber and Nancy Savery, and the volunteer work of all our members. We put together a packet full of information and fun stuff for each child that comes to Kid’s Day. The packet is composed of material that has been graciously donated by such organizations as the Nebraska Pork Producers Association, the American Paint Association, and the Nebraska Beef Council. These are just three of the nearly twenty sponsors for the event. We sincerely appreciate the support we have received from the agricultural industry.

Annual Steak Fry

Our 7th Annual Steak Fry was held on September 9, 2005. We had a very successful turnout with serving approximately 250 students, staff, faculty, and community members. The meal included steak, baked beans, coleslaw, and a drink. Block and Bridle would like to thank all of the faculty and members who assisted in cooking, setting-up, clean-up and taking tickets. A special thank you goes to the sponsors of Excel Corporation, Millard Lumber, Cattlemen’s Nutrition Services, LLC, and Nebraska Beef Council. Block and Bridle wants to thank everyone for their great support in making this event successful.
Ambassador Activities

The Animal Science Ambassadors didn’t ease into the school year; they started with a plethora of promoting and recruiting events that have continued to keep them busy. Among the many activities the Animal Science Ambassadors plan throughout the year are group and individual tours.

Recently, the Animal Science Ambassadors lined up tours for Auburn and Crete High schools, hosting a total of 44 students. The students were provided meats, genetics, equine, and ruminant nutrition sample laboratories. Many Animal Science faculty were involved with the group’s activities. The faculty presented on their area of expertise, conversed with students about the department and provided hands on activities.

Throughout the year the Animal Science Ambassadors have been meeting with prospective students and providing tours of the facilities, as well as a student’s point of view on the Animal Science Department.

Another recruiting event the Animal Science Ambassadors participated in was “Experience the Power of Red Day,” one of College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CAS-NR) main recruitment events, where students have the chance to explore a wide variety of opportunities provided by each department within the college. In the morning, Animal Science faculty and Animal Science Ambassadors interact with students, answering questions and explaining the various aspects of a degree in Animal Science as well as the careers associated with it. During department breakout sessions, students participate in an interactive faculty presentation about the areas of study, curriculum, classes, and careers pertaining to each of the six Animal Science options. In addition, Animal Science Ambassadors briefly presented on topics such as extracurricular activities, housing, judging teams, faculty, and adjusting to the college lifestyle. In the afternoon, optional departmental tours were led by Animal Science Ambassadors, providing more specific information relative to prospective students and answering individual questions parents and students had.

Another popular departmental recruitment event is the Animal Science Overnight, which was designed to give high school seniors a first hand look at the Animal Science Department.

This year the Animal Science overnight was held on November 3-4, 2005. There were 25 high school seniors in attendance from as close as Lincoln, Nebraska, to as far away as Plano, Texas. Students arrived on Thursday evening and attended the Animal Science Internship Fair, to see the possibilities available to them, prior to spending the night with Animal Science students who live in University Housing. Breakfast was provided on Friday morning, at which students interacted with faculty before going to an Animal Science 100 lecture. After class, they attended a mock Animal Science 100 lab where they experienced an array of opportunities available to them from meat science to equine science, as well as different production and management techniques.

Husker Harvest Days was one of the off campus activities in which Animal Science Ambassadors were involved. After driving to Grand Island, Nebraska, they provided an interactive Animal Science Jeopardy game, answered questions about the department, and provided a raffle for prospective students.

UNL Animal Science Ambassadors had a unique opportunity to assist with the 3rd annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium (NYBLS). The Animal Science Ambassadors gave tours of the Animal Science Complex and answered any questions the NYBLS participants had. On Sunday of the symposium, Animal Science Ambassadors hosted participants to either a worship service or a tour of Memorial Stadium.

Each recruitment activity performed by the Animal Science Ambassadors is designed to give a personal feel to the Animal Science Department, in addition to making the department seem more approachable for prospective students.

The 2005-2006 Animal Science Student Ambassadors are Mollie Grim (Bonesteel, SD); Krista Holstein (Blair); Jackie Snyder (North Platte); Kate Jess (Des Moines, IA); and Josh VanDeWalle (Cedar Rapids).

(Contributed by Rosie Nold)
Recent Department Awards and Recognitions

Faculty
Tim Carr – Gamma Sigma Delta Excellence in Teaching Award
Galen Erickson – IANR Dinsdale Family Faculty Award
Libby Lugar – Region President in Zone 9 Region 3 for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association
Rodger Johnson – Darrell W. Nelson Excellence in Graduate Student Advising Award
Phil Miller – CASNR Lawrence K. Crowe Undergraduate Advising Award
Ivan Rush – Gamma Sigma Delta Excellence in Extension Award

Staff
Tommi Jones – Hartley Doane Optimist Mentoring Award

Graduate Students
Michelle Baltes – William G. Whitmore Travel Award
Grant Crawford – William G. Whitmore Travel Award
Matt Luebbe – William G. Whitmore Travel Award
Jeremy Martin – William G. Whitmore Travel Award
Roman Moreno – Ned S. & Esther B. Raun International Graduate Fellowship
Jason Scheffler – UNL student representative on the Graduate Council
Hiroko Taica – Poultry Science Association Poster Presentation Award of Excellence
Robin Ten Broeck – William G. Whitmore Travel Awards

Other Recognitions
Bill Bevans (B.S. ’80), Waverly – owner of Bevans Enterprises, Inc. received the 2005 Honor Farm Family Award from Capital City Kiwanis Club of Lincoln.
Doug Burrin (M.S. ’83; Ph.D. ’87), Houston, TX – American Society of Animal Science 2005 Animal Growth & Development Award
Ray (B.S. ’42) & Dorothy and Wayne & Mary (B.S. ’80) Crawford, Alliance – Legacy Award from Nebraska Cattlemen
Ted and Alice Doane, and Willard Waldo (B.S. ’34 and Block and Bridle Honoree ’67), Dewitt – Grand Marshalls of the Nebraska State Fair parade.
Bob Dickey, Laurel (2005 B&B Honoree) – Nebraska Agribusiness Club recognition
Earl F. Ellington – Awarded Membership in the Golden Wildcat Society, University of Kentucky
David Harmon (M.S. ’80; Ph.D. ’83), Nicholasville, KY – American Society of Animal Science 2005 Corbin Ward in Companion Animal Biology
Gene White, (M.S. ’71), Lincoln, – Nebraska Agribusiness Club recognition.
Craig Uden (B.S. ’91), Elwood – Outstanding Feedlot Council Member from Nebraska Cattlemen

Undergraduate Students Recognitions
William P. Davis – Frank & Shirley Sibert Scholarship
Nicholas J. Easterly – Robert E. Lute II Scholarship
Lesha Eggers – Gamma Sigma Delta Membership
Tracy Hadenfeldt – Gamma Sigma Delta Membership
Adam Krause – National Meat Association Scholarship
Brian Krause – National Meat Association Scholarship
Amy Martin – Gamma Sigma Delta Membership
Paul J. Schmid – Frank & Shirley Sibert Scholarship
Ace VanDeWalle – National Meat Association Scholarship, Meat Industry Suppliers Alliance Scholarship
Sarah Vanness – Capital City Kiwanis Club Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Scholarship

University Service Awards
Terry Klopfenstein (Faculty) – 40 years
Ruth Ulmer (Department Office) – 35 years
Tony Anderson (Extension Educator Affiliate), Mary Beck (Faculty), Jeff Bergman (ARDC Cow Calf Unit), and Terry Gompert (Extension Educator Affiliate) – 25 years
Mark Dragastin (Dalbey-Halleck), Larry Howard (Extension Educator Affiliate), Jeff Keown (Faculty), Allison Miller (ARDC Feedlot), and Jennifer Nixon (Extension Educator Affiliate) – 20 years
Don Adams (Faculty), Phil Miller (Faculty), Lyle Robeson (Poultry), and Gary Stauffer (Extension Educator Affiliate) – 15 years
Deb Clopton (Physiology), Deb DeWald (Department Office), Tommi Jones (Meats Research Lab), Rick Koesch (Faculty), Sherri Pitchie, (Meats/Breeding & Genetics Secretary), Daniel Pomp (Faculty), Rebecca Cederberg (Physiology), Andrea Cupp (Faculty), Galen Erickson (Faculty), Bryan Reiling (Faculty), Julie Reiling (Meats), Patricia Weber (Poultry), and Brett White (Faculty) – 10 years

Judging Activities
Livestock Judging 2005

For nearly a year, eight UNL students and their coach traveled throughout the state and across the country networking with livestock industry professionals in preparation for regional and national competitions in livestock judging. The 2005 UNL Livestock Judging Team had great success earning the respect of peers from across the country. However, it would not be possible for these students to have experienced this opportunity if not for the financial support provided by our friends and alumni. Thank you. In particular, the team wishes to recognize major sponsors including Mr. Ernie Weyeneth and the Kimmel Foundation, the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Research and Education Foundation, and Nebraska Farm Bureau Services, Inc. We also want to thank the producers who gave generously of their time providing the team an opportunity to practice, and for your gracious hospitality.
This year, all team members were from Nebraska including Tracy Hadenfeldt, Cairo, Bruce Hasebrook, Bellwood, Beau Klug, Columbus, Steve Landon, Greenwood, Crystal Olson, Minden, Jessika Uden, Juniata, Mallorie Wilken, Bloomfield, and Jeremi Wurtz, Valley. The team was coached by Josh Stroh with assistance provided by Aaron Cooper; the faculty advisor was Dr. Bryan Reiling.

A recap of the spring campaign revealed that among 25 teams who competed at the National Western (Denver, CO) in January, UNL placed 14th overall, 9th in swine, 11th in placings, and 17th in the beef, sheep, and reasons divisions. At the Sioux Empire Contest (Sioux Falls, SD), Jessika Uden was 3rd in sheep judging, and Bruce Hasebrook tied for 9th in beef judging. At the Iowa Beef Expo (Des Moines, IA) where 13 teams competed, UNL was 4th in placings, 7th in reasons, and 6th overall. Individually, Beau Klug ranked 2nd in placings and 8th overall; and Bruce Hasebrook was 5th in placings, 18th in reasons, and 12th overall. Jessika Uden and Jeremi Wurtz also placed 11th in placings, 17th in reasons, and 12th overall, respectively. The 2005 spring judging campaign concluded with UNL competing in the Intercollegiate Senior Livestock Judging Contest at the Houston Stock Show (Houston, TX) where twenty-one teams and 151 individuals participated. UNL won the sheep judging division and placed 12th in beef cattle judging, 15th in reasons, and 12th overall. Individually, Bruce Hasebrook (6th), Mallorie Wilken (10th), and Jessika Uden (19th) all placed in sheep judging. Mallorie was also 5th in placings, and Bruce was 17th. Additionally, within the alternate division, Crystal Olson was the 4th high individual overall.

Upon start of the fall judging campaign, the National Barrow Show Swine Judging Contest proved challenging, but it was a great experience and the students enjoyed learning more about swine evaluation and the purebred swine industry. However, after nearly 3 weeks of judging pigs, team members were ready to shift gears and evaluate other species of livestock. On September 24, the team competed at the Mid-South Fair (Memphis, TN) against 9 other university teams. The team was 2nd in total placings, 4th in reasons, and 3rd overall! Within each species, the team placed 2nd in cattle judging and 4th in both swine and sheep judging. Based on a total of 5,000 possible team points, the University of Nebraska was merely 23 points behind Texas A&M (3-time national champion)! Individually, approximately 60 individuals competed, and our students garnered significant recognition as follows: Tracy Hadenfeldt (10th cattle), Crystal Olson (3rd swine, 6th sheep, 11th reasons, 12th overall), Jessika Uden (7th swine, 10th placings, and 13th overall), Mallorie Wilken (4th cattle, 6th placings, 8th overall), and Jeremi Wurtz (11th sheep, 11th placings).

On October 22, the team competed at the American Royal (Kansas City, MO); one of the most prestigious competitions in collegiate livestock judging. Twenty-four schools were represented and 118 individuals competed. As a team, UNL placed 10th overall, 5th in sheep judging, 8th in swine judging, 13th in reasons, and 16th in beef cattle judging. It was a high-scoring contest providing minimal differentiation between teams. UNL scored 4,651 points out of a possible 5,000 total team points; they were merely 38 points out of the Top 5! Individually, Crystal Olson had a fine day as she individually won the sheep division! She also placed 18th in reasons. Mallorie Wilken similarly had a nice day placing 14th in beef judging.

Competition concluded on November 14, when the team competed in the National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (Louisville, KY). The team placed 11th out of 30 teams in beef cattle judging, 21st in sheep judging, 17th in swine judging, 18th in reasons, and 18th overall. Obviously, the team was disappointed with how they finished. However, throughout the 2005 judging season, this team “turned some heads” and showed that indeed UNL can compete, and for the fourth consecutive year, a UNL student was named to the All-American Livestock Judging Team! These students must be nominated, and their selection is based upon judging, industry involvement, leadership, and academics. Those chosen are indeed a select group of students; only 10 students are recognized each year. This year, Jessika Uden was named All-American!

In addition, the students and I certainly wish to publicly thank Josh for his commitment to excellence and dedication to the UNL Livestock Judging Program. No one worked harder than he, and he functioned to move our program forward. Josh, we wish you and Heidi (his fiancé) the best of good fortune as you embark on the next phase of your lives. Congratulations, good luck, and thank you!

(Contributed by Bryan Reiling)

Meats Judging

This past year, the 2005 Senior Meats Judging Team traveled about the country from Iowa to Colorado and down to Texas representing the Department of Animal Science and the University of Nebraska. The team wrapped up their judging season this November after traveling to three contests in the Spring and four this Fall. Team members are Eric Deerson (Mead), Kiley Roundtree (Parks), Becky Small (Genoa), Jackie Snyder (North Platte), Brittini Swedberg (North Platte), Sarah Witte (Scribner), and Ace VanDeWalle (Orchard). The team was coached this fall by Lauren Grimes and Ashley Batic.

This fall the team competed at the Iowa State Contest (Ames, IA) where the team placed 4th in Beef Grading and Pork Judging, 5th in Summer Sausage Evaluation, and finished 5th Overall. Jackie Snyder placed 11th Overall.

At the American Royal Contest, held at Emporia, KS, the team finished 6th in Placings, 9th in Pork and Beef Judging and...
Meats Judging Team — Back Row — Dr. Don Beermann, Head; Sarah Witte (Scribner), Jackie Snyder (North Platte), Becky Small (Genoa), Britni Swedberg (North Platte), Ashley Batie (Coach), Lauren Grimes (Coach), and Dr. Dennis Burson (Advisor). Front Row — Ace VanDeWalle (Orchard), Kiley Roundtree (Parks), and Eric Deerson (Mead).

Total Beef, and 10th in Beef Grading, for a finish of 10th Overall out of 15 teams and 97 students. Jackie Snyder placed 8th in Beef Grading, 9th in Total Beef, 18th in Beef Judging, 19th in Placings, and 21st Overall. Kiley Roundtree was 6th in Placings, and Ace VanDeWalle was 13th in Pork Judging.

The team traveled to Plainview, TX where they competed in the Cargill Meat Solutions High Plains Contest where they received an $800 travel voucher for attending. The team finished 4th in Lamb Judging, 10th in Placings and Specifications, 11th in Beef and Pork Judging, and 12th Overall out of 15 teams. Jackie Snyder placed 35th out of 90 contestants.

There final competition was the International (National Championship) in Dakota City, NE. The team placed 7th in Lamb, 8th in Pork and Reasons, 9th in Beef Grading, and 13th Overall out of 15 teams and 60 individuals. Jackie Snyder tied for 9th in Placings, 16th in Total Beef, 18th in Beef Judging, 20th in Pork, and 20th Overall. Kiley Roundtree placed 17th in Lamb and 20th in Placings. The team ended on a very impressive note, as they improved their reasons score by 77 points from the previous contest, and by 48 points from their previous highest reasons score in a contest.

Congratulations to the students on a successful year and thanks to all supporters of the Meats Team, as well as all judging teams with the Department of Animal Science, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the University of Nebraska.

Horse Judging

The 2005 UNL Horse Judging Team finished a successful year of judging competition in early December. The team was made up of 5 UNL undergraduates, Jenilee Nodlinski, Hemingford; Shane Potter, Weston; Joel Condreay, Dorchester; Mollie Grim, Bonesteel, SD; and Erin Peery, Lee’s Summit, MO. Coach of the Horse Judging Team is Libby Lugar, Lecturer in Animal Science.

The first competition for the team was at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, in Columbus, OH. The team finished 5th Overall, 4th in Performance, 6th in Halter, and 7th in Reasons. The team then went on to compete at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, in Oklahoma City. This contest brings together the top teams in the nation to compete for the World Championship of Horse Judging. UNL was extremely well represented, bringing home the Reserve World Championship in Halter, 7th place in Performance, 9th place in Reasons, and 5th place Overall. The team was very pleased with their results, consistently placing among the universities with the most highly recognized equine programs.

2nd Annual R.B. Warren Memorial Judging Contest and Reunion Scheduled

The 2nd Annual R.B. Warren Memorial Judging Contest and Reunion has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2006. We would like to bring together all friends and alumni of the UNL Judging Program for a day of fun competition and fellowship; an opportunity to reminisce. Haven't judged in 20 or more years? Never fear, you don't have to win to be recognized, but if the competitive fires still burn, bribes will be considered! It's all for fun and support of the UNL Judging Program! Following competition, there will be time to socialize with friends and interact with current faculty and UNL administration; meet the current team members, visit with old coaches (oops, I didn't mean to imply they were old), and see what we're doing in Animal Science. We'll conclude the festivities with a Prime Rib dinner and benefit auction! As in 2005, we will auction the R.B. Memorial Judging Team Sponsorship, but if you have other items that you wish to donate, those would be greatly appreciated. Contact either Dr. Bryan Reiling (breiling@unl.edu); 402-472-8960 or Mr. Scott Langemeier (402-764-2111). Certainly, we appreciate the support of all who attended and participated in 2005. Cost for the dinner and all festivities will be $25/person. The reunion is scheduled for the Saturday after the annual Block and Bridle Awards Banquet (Friday, April 21); if you haven't been back to Lincoln for a few years, we encourage you to mark the dates and join us for both events!
Deaths

LeRoy Nelson (B.S. ’51) passed away at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, after being in ill health for several years. LeRoy was Walnut Grove’s senior nutritionist when the Animal Science Department had joint programs with the company, such as the Livestock Service Award, of which many of our faculty were recipients, and getting us the first computer in the Department.

Hibberd Represents IANR During Trade Mission to Cuba

Charles (Chuck) Hibberd (B.S. ’77), Director of the Panhandle Research and Extension Center at Scottsbluff, represented IANR when he traveled with the Nebraska delegation to Cuba in August to negotiate a multimillion dollar deal to sell Great Northern beans to the island nation. He called the deal “absolutely phenomenal.”

Chuck said that the opportunity to go to Cuba and be part of the negotiation process to restart agricultural trade was a great opportunity for Nebraska. The delegation was led by Governor Dave Heineman who negotiated a $30 million trade agreement over 18 months which included 5,000 metric tons of Great Northerns. The financial agreement is twice as high as any of the other 23 states that have trade agreements with Cuba.

Chuck served the delegation as an adviser and resource person. The Cubans were interested in other products as well, such as sunflowers, beef liver, and dried skim milk, and went to Hibberd to learn more about them. The Panhandle produces more sunflowers than any other area of Nebraska. Chuck reported that the highlight of the trip was an evening reception in which the contract to export the beans was announced by Governor Heineman and Cuban officials. Chuck reported, “We worked very hard to establish good relationships and we were successful in doing that.” “That’s why we got the deal.”

(Taken from an article in the “The Leading Object” Written by Lori McGinnis)

Your Newsletter Leadership

Earl Ellington (Chair), Ted Doane, Jim Gosey, Jeff Keown, Duane Reese, Nancy Savery, and Minnie Stephens serve as the current departmental newsletter committee. The Animal Science Department has a long history of providing newsletters to its alumni and friends. Each year we hear words of satisfaction from several of you. We certainly encourage you to send us news items and any comments on how we might improve the newsletter.

Call for Information for the 2006 Summer Issue of the Animal Science Alumni Newsletter

All of us enjoy learning about classmates and other alumni from the Animal Science Department. We ask that you send 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, friends and other items of interest. You 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 that may be of interest. Please see back page for more information and how you may obtain additional departmental information and activity notices via e-mail.
Chris Langemeier is a 1997 University of Nebraska–Lincoln College of Agriculture and Natural Resources graduate with a major in Animal Science. He was elected to the Nebraska State Legislature in 2004. Senator Langemeier was born in and remains a lifelong resident of Schuyler, Nebraska. He is the owner of Land Mark Management and Realty, Inc., a real estate, farm management and general real estate appraisal firm also located in Schuyler. The senator and his wife, Kerri (Saner) Langemier, also a University of Nebraska–Lincoln College of Agriculture and Natural Resources graduate with an Animal Science major, have two children, Jakub and Aaron. Several members of the Senator’s family, too, graduated from the University of Nebraska.

Prior to his election to the Unicameral, Senator Langemeier was and continues to be a member of the Schuyler Chamber of Commerce serving as its president in 2002 and also serving as a Schuyler Chamber Ambassador. He is a member of the Schuyler Economic Development Committee; American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers; the Schuyler Rotary Club; Schuyler Sertoma Club, organizer and volunteer for the Colfax County Recycling Facility. The senator has also been involved with the Colfax County 4-H for over 10 years, serving on their board during that time.

Senator Langemeier formerly held several positions relating to natural resources serving as a director at large for the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District; treasurer for the Lower Platte North NRD; and representative for the Lower Platte to natural resources serving as a director at large for the Lower Platte North NRD; and representative for the Lower Platte North NRD to the Nebraska Association of Natural Resource Districts. Along with his assigned duties on the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee as well as the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature, he has maintained his interest in natural resources since beginning his role as a state senator in 2005, and has taken a leadership position in helping the state begin the process of implementing LB 962, a bill passed in 2004, that calls for sweeping changes in the state’s water laws and in particular, those concerning irrigation.

Campaigning as a conservative, Senator Langemeier won election the old fashioned way by knocking on virtually every door in the diverse 23rd Legislative District which encompasses western Douglas and Sarpy counties along with most of Saunders County, Butler County and the southern half of Colfax County. The senator is an advocate for local control where possible and proposes slow, measured growth of government. He credits his family for their support not only during, but since his election. He notes that being away from his young family during the session is difficult but says it is also a motivator. “I’m not down here to just vote but to make a difference,” he said recently. “Anybody can come down to vote. I enjoy being in public service. I like having the opportunity to make a difference.”

The American Angus Association of Board of Directors selected two couples from Nebraska to be inducted in the Angus Heritage Foundation. These inductees are Vance and Connie Uden, Franklin, and Bill and Barbara Rishel, North Platte. Vance (B.S.’62) and his wife have been lifetime Angus breeders and promoters working as leaders and junior supporters. They have shared many experiences in the Angus breed, including showing Angus at the first ever Nebraska Junior Angus show, where they met. The Udens have been progressive breeders and leaders in the industry. Vance served two terms as an American Angus Association Director. They both have served as Nebraska Junior advisors for many years and Connie still chairs the Nebraska junior scholarship program. In 1998 the Udens donated a heifer to the Angus Foundation and have chaired two National Junior Angus Shows and two regional shows.

The Rishel’s have been promoters of many of the Animal Science programs. Bill and Barbara have been raising Angus cattle since the 1960’s and are leaders in performance testing and providing service to their customers. The Rishels have also vested an interest in the future of the breed through its youth. Their three daughters were very active in the junior programs. They have donated a heifer for the 2006 Angus Foundation for sale. The proceeds going to the Angus Foundation, to support education, youth and research of the Angus Breed.

The Haumont/Cooksley Family of rural Custer County has a long and deep history of public service to the local area as well as the State of Nebraska. The ancestors of those who have attended and graduated from the University of Nebraska settled in Custer County in 1878. That homestead, now known as “Cooksley Clear Creek Farms, Inc.,” has been the home of 10 people over four generations to date who have chosen to attend the university. Among the family’s notable achievements: Frank J. Haumont, was founder of public power in central Nebraska; Leo Cooksley, ’41, was president of the Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders and the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers; Mary Bell Haumont-Cooksley, ’42, was the first woman in the state to serve as an exalted ruler in the Elks organization; and Kevin Cooksley, ’72, is treasurer of the Broken Bow Public Schools board and active at the state level for the Nebraska Cattlemen, the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska State Grange.

Kevin is partner/manager of the family farm/ranch operation and a former U.S.A. Captain (Airborne). They breed and sell Registered Polled Herefords, Shorthorns, and Red Angus Cross cattle, as well as thoroughbred horses. There have been 25 family members who have attended the University of Nebraska, with 19 graduating from the university.
Alumni News

William M. Derrick, former member of Block and Bridle wanted us say that he appreciates the Alumni Newsletter. He enjoyed the report on the Beef Teaching Herds and recalled the efforts of his father and Marvel Baker in sustaining such herds. He can remember that in the summer of the late 50’s he worked in the hayfields for Vince Arthaud and most certainly did not know the purpose of the exacting standards that he set at that time. Now it all makes more sense.

1983

Dr. Libbi Hawkins, DVM (M.S. ’83) is the owner of the Gabriel Park Veterinary Clinic in Portland Oregon. She reports that she graduated with honors from Kansas State University school of Veterinary Medicine in 1995 and moved back to her home state of Oregon. She practiced emergency medicine in Portland for 2 ½ years, then practiced at the veterinary clinic where she started as a Kennel person until July 2005. She opened up her own clinic in October 2005, specializing in medicine and surgery. She is enjoying life in beautiful Oregon with her family and friends.

1993

Kristin Barkhouse Sauerhoff (M.S. ’93; Ph.D. ’95) – Kristin is employed with Kellogg’s as Associate Director of Statistics and Product Development Market Research. She has taken quite an interest in analysis of Market Research data (e.g., asking 200 consumers how much they like Raisin Bran) and, as a result, she was given management responsibility over a position that handles the Market Research for Kellogg’s cost reductions. She also manages two full-time statisticians – one of whom is a University of Nebraska graduate, who worked under Dr. Walt Stroup. She really enjoys her job, but she recently realized that she hadn’t even opened SAS up in at least a couple of months. She has two children, Aidan (5) and Audrey (2). Kristin and husband, Jim, recently built a new home and lives the suburban life in Kalama-zoo, MI. She hopes that all her friends from her school days are well and would like very much to hear from them. You can contact her via e-mail at Kristin.Sauerhoff@kellogg.com.

1997

Claudia Obrock-Hegel Martin (M.S.’97) has a new son, Noah Graham, born in August. He has a big brother, Benjamin, who enjoys having Noah around. The Martin family lives in Virginia Beach, VA.

1998

Erick L. Muehlenbein (M.S. ’98) is an associate veterinarian at the Effingham Veterinary Clinic located in Effingham, IL. The practice is a mixed animal practice, mainly involving dairy cattle and small animals.
Calendar of Events

Beef:
- Nebraska Beef Feedlot Roundtable –
  - February 7, 2006 – Columbus – Ag Park
  - February 8, 2006 – Lexington – Holiday Inn Express
  - February 9, 2006 – Gering – Gering Convention Center
- NU Bull Sale, April 15, 2006

Dairy:
- Nebraska State Dairyman’s Meeting, ARDC Building, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. Speaker – Ted Matthews, University of Minnesota – “Passing on the farm to the next generation – psychological concerns”

Horse:
- Horsin Around, February 11 and 12, 2006, Lincoln, Animal Science Complex (Featured trainers are Bruce and SueEllen Vickery from Ohio)
- Equestrian Academy, January 24, 31, February 7, 21, 28 and March 7, 2006, Broadcast from Chase Hall and available via satellite at local extension offices
- 4-H Show Judges Workshop, March 10, 2006, Lincoln, Animal Science Complex
- 4-H Horse Stampede, March 11, 2006, Lincoln, Animal Science Complex
- 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop, April 1, 2006, Grand Island, Hall County Extension Office
- District 4-H Horse Shows
  - June 19, 2006 – Beatrice
  - June 20, 2006 – O’Neill
  - June 21, 2006 – Oakland
  - June 22, 2006 – Lincoln
  - June 27, 2006 – Sidney
  - June 28, 2006 – Valentine
  - June 29, 2006 – McCook
  - June 30, 2006 – Lexington
- State 4-H Horse Show, July 16-20, 2006, Grand Island, Fonner Park

Poultry:
- Nebraska Poultry Industries Convention, February 21 and 22, 2006, New World Inn and Conference Center, Columbus, NE

Swine:
- Nebraska Pork and Livestock Expo, February 7, 2006, Ag Park, Columbus, NE

Other:
- Block and Bridle Honors Banquet, April 21, 2006, East Campus Union
- Second Annual R.B. Warren Memorial Judging Contest and Reunion, April 22, 2006, Lincoln, Animal Science Complex
- Cattlemen’s Ball, June 3, 2006, Milford, NE
Animal Science Trivia

Picture #1

See answers at the bottom of page 14.
Contributions to Animal Science Programs

The ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT is dedicated to providing quality educational opportunities and leadership to students and clientele with diversity in training and experience. Please help us in continuing to provide these opportunities by contributing to one of these funds.

Animal Science Discretionary Fund #2047
This fund was developed to provide a flexible source of funding to enrich and enhance our Animal Science programs. These enhancements help to ensure that our teaching, research, and extension programs remain at the cutting edge of science and are responsive to the needs of our students and stakeholders.

Animal Science Scholarship Fund #8110
The Animal Science Department has been fortunate to have a number of named funds contributed by alumni and friends that benefit our undergraduate and graduate students. These funds have been very instrumental in enabling our students to complete their education. As part of the Department’s recruitment efforts, the Department’s scholarship program has been expanded to include Freshman Scholarships. This fund was established to assist in funding the Freshman Scholarships.

Animal Science Judging Team Fund #2194
The Animal Science Department is proud of the accomplishments and tradition our judging teams have established. Judging teams are an essential component of our undergraduate teaching program. Judging teaches many critical career skills beyond the techniques of animal or product evaluation. Judging team participation allows students to meet the leaders in our industry, visit outstanding livestock and horse operations and packing plants, and obtain excellent knowledge of U.S. animal agriculture. Professor R.B. Warren established this fund approximately 25 years ago, and it has been an invaluable source of financial support for the program. All funds contributed directly benefit the students who are members of our teams through reimbursement of a part of their direct travel costs, meals, and lodging for workouts and contests.

Equestrian Team Development Fund #8774
The UNL Equestrian Team is a Student Recognized Organization now directed by the Department of Animal Science. The program prepares students to compete in regional and national Intercollegiate Horse Show Association events. The UNL Equestrian Team Development Fund is used to help defray transportation, equipment, student enrichment and competition expenses incurred by the 28 students who comprise the team.

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Alumni Information

PLEASE NOTE: In an attempt to improve our contact with alumni, the Department of Animal Science is in the process of developing an alumni e-mail listserve. If you would like to receive more frequent updates and news about the Department including upcoming events, please send us your e-mail address.

To keep us informed of your location, professional involvement and items of interest, please complete the following information sheet and return it to Vicky Kobes, University of Nebraska, C203 Animal Sciences, P.O. Box 830908, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908; e-mail: vkobes1@unl.edu. Should you know of Animal Science Alumni who are not receiving this newsletter, please let us know how we may contact them.

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