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March 14, 2004

Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends:

Welcome to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln 2003-2004 Block and Bridle Annual. We are proud to have prepared the annual and hope it accurately portrays this year's activities. The annual serves not only as a collection of pictures, but was designed to represent the long hours and hard work put forth by the Block and Bridle members, initiates, and advisors.

As you read through our "Year in Review", we hope that you will be able to experience the exciting and meaningful year that the Nebraska chapter of Block and Bridle encountered. This annual is a reflection of our growth, development, and energy for leadership, integrity, scholarship, fellowship, cooperation, and participation in and out of the classroom and in the animal science industry. We hope to better serve the animal science industry by presenting the future with a fresh and new look at the wonderful world of animal husbandry and agriculture through the sharing of our annual.

We would like to thank the Animal Science faculty and our many generous sponsors that have supported us in all of our endeavors. With your help, we are able to continue our work to better our members and the world around us. We hope that you enjoy the annual and share it with our friends.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Becker
2003-2004 Historian

Jessika Uden
2003-2004 Assistant Historian
March 31, 2004

Block & Bridle Club
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Department of Animal Science
C201 Animal Science

Dear Block & Bridle Club Members:

Congratulations to all the members of Block and Bridle for an outstanding year of participation, accomplishments and leadership. The B&B Club Officers and Committee Chairs are commended for their dedication and for bringing about some timely improvements to enhance the impact of several activities. When this academic year comes to a close, I hope you look back and remember many valuable learning experiences, service and personal gains achieved during your membership in Block & Bridle. The trip to the National B&B meetings in San Antonio set a record for number of UNL members attending over many years.

I also extend a hearty “congratulations” to the three faculty advisors to the Club, Rosie Nold, Rick Rasby, and Brett White. They made valuable contributions to provide continuity, to challenge you to assess program planning and direction, and to enhance visibility of the Club. I thank them for their dedication and involvement.

The Block & Bridle Club maintains an excellent reputation for fostering friendship, collegial competition, and personal growth among its members. The activities you conduct build knowledge, technical and leadership skills, and confidence; all of which are key ingredients to success. Your selection of Frank Sibert as this year’s Honoree continues the legacy of recognizing individuals whose career and service in the livestock industry had monumental impact. Frank enriched many lives through his dynamic involvement with youth, community, and individuals representing many segments of the livestock industry in Nebraska and beyond.

Lastly, I wish continued success in school or beyond to all B&B members as you identify your career and personal goals and pursue those aspirations in work and life. I hope those plans include animal agriculture.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Beermann
Professor and Head

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April 4, 2004

Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends:

The University of Nebraska Block and Bridle Club has enjoyed another exciting and successful year. This success is due to great enthusiasm and hard work put forth by the officers, advisors and members. This enthusiasm was shown in the 24 members that journeyed to San Antonio for the 42nd National Block and Bridle Convention, where the club received the fourth place Chapter Published Yearbook Award.

We would to thank the Animal Science Faculty, especially our advisors Dr. Rosie Nold, Dr. Rick Rasby, and Dr. Brett White for their guidance and advice throughout the year.

Being President of the Block and Bridle Club has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Thank you for putting your trust and confidence in me and for the great cooperation that you have given. This club has given us many friends, good times and valuable memories that will never be forgotten.

As one of the past Honoree's once told me "to be successful be happy with what you do." I believe that if each and every one of us follows this simple rule we will be able to make a difference in our lives and in the industry. I wish each member good luck in their future goals and most of all I wish the best of luck to the club in its activities and endeavors in the years to come. I hope the tradition will remain vital, and that new ideas will open doors and opportunities for the members in the future.

Sincerely,

Aaron Fehringer
2003-2004 President
On December 2, 1919, representatives from four animal husbandry clubs met in Chicago, Illinois and formed the National Block and Bridle Club. The local clubs became chapters in the new organization. Nebraska was a charter chapter along with Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. During this meeting the chapters formed a constitution which included a statement of the club’s objectives.

They are:

- To promote a higher scholastic standard among students of Animal Husbandry
- To promote animal husbandry, especially all phases of student animal husbandry work in colleges and universities
- To bring about a closer relationship among the men and women pursuing some phase of animal husbandry as a profession

The Block and Bridle emblem is significant to club members of every age. It represents the principles on which the club is built. Character, sincerity, and moral life are depicted in the straight perpendicular of the “B” and are asked of members when they join. The distinct curves of the “B” are symbolic of the social pleasure, mental energy, and determination of the members.

The meat block represents the material aspects of our life. The bridle stands for the behavior of Block and Bridle members, the control over ourselves that we try to maintain, the mannerisms and respect we show towards others and the way in which we treat our animals.
Calendar of Events

- State Fair Beef Pit ........................................ August 23, 2003
- Big Red Welcome ........................................ August 24, 2003
- 4-H Herdsmanship ....................................... August 30-September 1, 2003
- Big Red Welcome ........................................ August 24, 2003
- Steak Fry .................................................. September 5, 2003
- Little Aksarben .......................................... October 24, 2003
- Fall Kids Day ............................................. November 21, 2003
- Holiday Gathering ....................................... December 10, 2003
- Steak Fry .................................................. January 23, 2004
- National Convention ..................................... February 19-22, 2004
- Big Red Beef Show ...................................... March 20, 2004
- Little MAEC Contest .................................... March 30, 2004
- Agricultural Education (CDE) Contests .......... April 1-2, 2004
- Honors Banquet ......................................... April 23, 2004
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Club Pictures

Junior Advisor: Rick Rasby
Senior Advisor: Rosie Nold
Freshman Advisor: Brett White

Initiates

From (Left to Right) Back Row: Brynn Husk, Jennafer Glaesemann, Amy Martin, Sarah Witte, Bill Pohlmeier, Krista Holstein, Jackelyn Snyder, Natalie Hart, Adam Freoff, Matt Porter, Jim Latoski. Front Row: Amy Bell, Sara Stepan, Brock Olson, J.D. Thibault, and Mark Hanson.
Club Pictures

**OFFICERS**

Aaron Fehringer  
President

Matt McGraw  
Vice President

Vicki Wray  
Secretary

Rob Smith  
Treasurer

Kami Marsh  
News Reporter

Ashley Lewis  
Marshall

Ryan Walrath  
Assistant Marshall

Kimberly Becker  
Historian

Jessika Uden  
Assistant Historian

Ashley Batie  
Ambassador

Nick Weinrich  
Ambassador

Adam Hamling  
Social Chair

Not Pictured: Genna Frenzen  
Program Chair

**Club Members**
Senior Tribute

The picture shows a memory of Nick Weinrich from Pierce, Nebraska. One of Nick's specialties while being hypnotized at National Convention was crowd control. Nick's major is Agribusiness. Nick served the club this year as an Ambassador. He was also chairman for the Nationals Committee as well as co-chair for the Big Red Beef Show.

Matt McGraw is an animal science major from Grand Island, Nebraska. He serves as the 2003-2004 Vice President for Block and Bridle and is in charge of the arrangements of the Honors Banquet. Whenever attending Nationals, Matt always ended up being the only "Nebraskan" on the tour that he chose. One of the greatest memories for Matt is that he will always remember all the friends that he made while being a part of the club.
Senior Tribute

**Kami Marsh** came all the way from Ord, Nebraska to join the Block and Bridle Club. She is a Horticulture Landscape Design and Business major. Kami was very involved in Block and Bridle participating in many events and having leadership roles such as Little Aksarben, Fall Kids Day Coordinator, State FFA Coordinator, News Reporter, and Program Chair. Kami is also very dedicated to other activities on campus by being the President of Horticulture Club and CASNR Advisory Board, and a CASNR Ambassador. She loves that fact that Block and Bridle is a club that is open to people even if they are not Animal Science majors. Kami will always love and cherish all the friends that she made in Block and Bridle. Even through the long hours (state livestock judging tabulations) fun was had by all. Another fun memory was teasing Dr. White at National Convention because he was always walking around on his cell phone “Can you hear me now?”

**Aaron Fehringer** has served the Block and Bridle Club as the 2003-2004 President. He was always willing to go the extra mile to make sure that all our events ran smoothly throughout the year. Aaron was the Treasurer for the 2002-2003 year. He has also assisted in both the Steak Fry's that were held this past year as well as the Holiday Gathering. Aaron has also been involved with the Beef Team, Meats Team, MAEC Team, and the Rodeo Club during his college career. Aaron originated in Humphrey, Nebraska and is double majoring in Animal Science and Grazing Livestock Systems.
**Senior Tribute**

**Adam Hamling** is an individual who likes to have fun in any situation which explains why he has been the Social Chair for the past year. Some of Adam's favorite Block and Bridle activities include: Little Aksarben, Little MAEC judging contest, Kid's Day, and the National Conventions in Washington, D.C. and San Antonio, Texas.

His first experience ever with meats judging came with the Little MAEC contest in which he proudly placed first. This sparked an interest with meats judging and motivated Adam to join the Junior Meats Judging Team the following semester.

Overall Adam has found Block and Bridle to be a very positive experience. Adam said that it has allowed him to participate in many activities that he had never been exposed to prior to Block and Bridle. He states that the friendships that he has made through the club are priceless.

**Rob Smith**, from Bartlett, Nebraska, is double majoring in Animal Science and Agricultural Education-Teaching. He has participated in events such as Little Aksarben, Steak Fry, Holiday Gathering, National Block and Bridle, Big Red Beef Show, and State Fair Herdsmanship. Two of his major leadership roles within the club included Steak Fry Chairman and Treasurer.

A few of Rob’s commitments across campus include Nebraska State FFA Career Development Events Student Coordinator, Animal Science Leadership Academy, and being a member of the UNL Agriculture Education Club.

According to Rob, “Block and Bridle has been a lot of fun this year: from enjoying a good steak at the steak fry to walking the hallway at nationals visiting with people from all over the nation, to lining up classes at the Big Red Beef Show. It was all hard work, but it was an even greater experience.”
Senior Tribute

Aaron Naber originates from Roca, Nebraska. He is majoring in Animal Science. Aaron has participated in Block and Bridle events such as helping at the Beef Pit, Steak Fry, Little MAEC, State FFA, National Block and Bridle Convention, and being an organizer for Little Aksarben and Kid's Day. He has also been actively involved within the Animal Science Department, having been a member of the Junior and Senior Meats and Livestock Judging Teams, on the MAEC Team, and serving as an animal science ambassador. One of his highest awards was placing Reserve High Individual in the National MAEC Contest. Aaron has enjoyed his time in Block and Bridle and is always encouraging new members to join the club.

Kristina Holt, is a Veterinary Science major from Thedford, Nebraska. Little Aksarben, Kids Day, State FFA, Little MAEC, State Fair Herdsmanship, and the Big Red Beef Show are Block and Bridle activities that Kristina has been involved in. She is also in the NU Pre-Vet Club,, Golden Key International Honor Society, 2003 Senior Livestock Judging Team, and the 2004 MAEC Team. Other activities Kristina has participated in include: A.C.E. Learning Community and Hall Orientation. Kristina will be attending K-State Veterinary College next fall.
Senior Tribute

Kimberly Becker, is an Agribusiness / Agricultural Economics major with an Agricultural Communication and Leadership minor from Scribner, Nebraska. This year Kim served as one of the chairmen for the Annual Steak Fry. MAEC Judging, Holiday Gathering, Judging Herdsmanship, and Little Aksarben include a few of Kim's favorite Block and Bridle Events. Some of Kim's other activities around campus include being a CASNR Ambassador and being Secretary for NAMA. One highlight for Kim this year was being chosen CASNR Outstanding Student Leader for 2004.
Treasurer's Report

UNL Block and Bridle Treasury
Submitted by Rob Smith

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Secretary's Report

Submitted by Vicki Wray

September 4th, 2003
State Fair Herdsmanship, Steak Fry, Fall Kids Day, Little Aksarben

September 18th, 2003
International Livestock Congress, Steak Fry, Fall Kids Day, Dues

October 2nd, 2003
National Convention, Little Aksarben, Clothing

October 16th, 2003
Little Aksarben, Fall Kids' Day, National Block and Bridle Convention, Dues, Ads

November 13th, 2003
CASNR Advisory Board Survey, Holiday Gathering, Little Aksarben

December 4th, 2003
Kids Day, Big Red Beef Show, National Convention, Steak Fry at Snow Stomp

January 22nd, 2003
Steak Fry will be held in cooperation with Snow Stomp-proceeds will help pay for the National Block and Bridle Convention expenses, Donation to Prairie Stomp T-Shirts

February 12th, 2003
Snow Stomp Steak Fry, Nebraska Youth Leadership Symposium, CASNR Week, Initiation took place-everyone told a clean animal joke, Big Red Beef Show March 19th-20th at Columbus, Nebraska, Easter Ham Sales, Year End Banquet

February 26th, 2003
Workhorse Awards, What to do with scrap book and web page?

March 25th, 2003
Officer Duty changes: The Historian will be in charge of the annual, the Assistant Historian helps with the annual, when needed, and also is in charge of the web page, the News Reporter is in charge of the scrapbook, Big Red Beef Show, Honoree Trip to Valentine, Nebraska April 3rd, Help needed for State FFA convention, Voting took place for workhorse awards
4-H Events

Herdsmanship

Labor Day weekend club members served as judges for the 4-H Herdsmanship Contest at the 2003 Nebraska State Fair. Block and Bridle members judged 4-H counties in the species of beef, sheep, and swine. The 4-H members are judged on various aspects of animal husbandry such as proper care, cleanliness, and safety. Rob Smith was the chairman for the event and thanks all the dependable people that helped out. Through our volunteering at the Nebraska State Fair, the club is not only able to express our support for the organization of 4-H, but we are leaving a lasting contribution to today's youth and the future leaders of our nation.

Trophy Sponsorship

Block and Bridle also supports 4-H by sponsoring three different awards at the Nebraska State Fair. These awards are designed in support for youth and the quality livestock that they exhibit. Block and Bridle Sponsors the top awards in the Beef Carcass Contest, and awards for the Highest Milk Production as well as the Highest Protein Production in the Dairy Division.
Events

Beef Pit at the Nebraska State Fair

The Block and Bridle Club worked at the Beef Pit at the 2003 Nebraska State Fair. This activity helped to support the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Association and was held from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on August 23, 2003. Aaron Fehringer was the chairperson in charge of making arrangements for this event. Club members helped by serving food and drinks, taking tickets, cleaning tables, and helping to clean up for closing. This is an important contribution that our club makes to a valuable organization within the beef industry and a strong supporter of Block and Bridle.

Big Red Welcome

The Big Red Welcome serves as a great event to recruit new members for our club. This event took place on August 24, 2003 during the evening. Ashley Batie and Ashley Lewis represented the club by setting up a display with pictures and handing out candy. The results were good with about twenty five people signing up to receive more information about the club and meeting times. We are always welcome to people joining our club!
Steak Fry

Each year UNL Block and Bridle helps kick off the new school year with the annual Steak Fry. On September 5, 2003, over one hundred and fifty students and faculty from across the campus joined the Block and Bridle members in eating a steak dinner prepared by the Animal Science Faculty. The courtyard in the front of the Animal Science building made for a perfect sitting.

The steak fry not only serves as a great recruitment event for the club, but also lets students and faculty get to know each other outside of the classroom setting. The steak fry was only one of the nights' events, with the "Prairie Stomp" dance sponsored by CASNR Advisory Board following.

Sponsors for this event included the Excel Corporation, Nebraska Beef Council, Nebraska Cattlemen, Cattlemen's Consulting, Millard Lumber, and the Animal Science Department.

This event was chaired by Rob Smith, Kimberly Becker, and Aaron Fehinger. They would like to thank the sponsors, members, Animal Science Faculty, and all that attended for helping to make this event a success.
Little Aksarben

With the clatter of clippers and laughter of friends, the contestants of the Little Aksarben Showmanship Contest prepared their animals for the annual event. On Friday evening October 24, 2004, students and club members, families and friends filled the arena of the Animal Science Building.

The event is open to any students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln who want to exhibit their skills in showing beef, sheep, swine, and horses. For three days prior to the event students are randomly given an animal to train and groom. The individuals are judged on their presentation and grooming of the animal as well as their knowledge.

Little Aksarben is divided into two parts, “Novice” and “Expert”. The “Novice” division is for those that have never shown that species. The “Expert” division is for individuals that have past experience in showing. The judges for the event were Rick Rasby, Ted Doane, Clyde Naber, and Cindy Wolverton.

Knights of Aksarben sponsored the plaques that were awarded to each division winner in each species. Vicki Wray, Ashley Lewis, and Aaron Naber co-charied this event.
Little Aksarben

Winners' Circle

Adam Hamling
Novice Horse

Ashley Benes
Expert Beef

Micky Wilson
Expert Sheep

Ashley Benes Reserve Overall
Shane Potter Champion Overall

Micky Wilson
Novice Swine

Shane Potter
Expert Horse

Krista Holstein
Novice Beef

Ashley Benes
Expert Swine

Morgan Moratz
Novice Sheep
Events

Kids Day

Kids Day gives daycare and preschool aged children the chance to see, touch, hear, and smell farm animals they would not ordinarily have a chance to see. This also allows for Block and Bridle members to teach the kids about animals.

The 2003 Fall Kid's Day was held on November 21, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with nearly two hundred kids in attendance. The chairman of the event was Kami Marsh and she would like to thank the following businesses for their donations: Nebraska Beef Council, Nebraska Pork Producers, Hy-Vee, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Nebraska Soybean Board, the Nebraska Poultry Producers, Nebraska Cattleman, and 4-H. A special thanks goes to Clyde Naber, and Ginger Mills for their help in setting up Kid's Day. Since the children were able to experience something new, their excitement and enthusiasm made the event enjoyable for everyone involved.

Holiday Gathering

The Holiday Gathering was held on December 10, 2003 as a way to thank the Animal Science Faculty and wish them a Happy Holiday Season. Ham and roast beef sandwiches, salads, and drinks were served to the Animal Science Faculty as well as Block and Bridle Club Members who helped. Aaron Fehringer was the chairman for the event and would like to thank all who attended the event.
National Convention

On March 18, 2004 twenty-four of Nebraska’s Block and Bridle members joined nineteen people from Iowa State to board the bus and head to San Antonio, Texas for the National Block and Bridle Convention. It was a long sixteen hour bus ride, but after arriving it was worth it. The event was filled with speakers and tours. There was also the opportunity to meet other Block and Bridle members from across the nation.

Nebraska members that toured the Snaffle Bit and Falcon-Seaboard Ranches near Fredericksburg, Texas. In the picture back row (L-R) Matt McGraw, Dr. Brett White, Jennifer Witte, Shane Potter, and Sara Stepan. Front Row (L-R) Adam Hammling, Jessika Uden, Ashley Lewis, Kami Marsh, and Ashley Batie.

Another tour option included the Spoetzl Brewery which was started by immigrant Czech and German farmers that settled the small town Shiner, Texas in 1887.
Visiting the Alamo was activity chosen by many Nebraskans during a little free time. Back row (L-R) Dr. Brett White, Shane Potter, Aaron Naber, Jennifer Witte, and Matt McGraw. Middle Row: Lindsay Kampbell, Jessika Uden, and Kami Marsh. Front Row: Kristina Holt and Sara Stepan.

The King Ranch sprawls across 825,000 acres of South Texas. As one of the largest working ranches in the United States, the King Ranch has grown into a major agribusiness corporation. Members in the picture to the left are: Back row (L-R) Jim Latoski, Vicki Wray, Matt Porter, Cathy Hervert, Austin Benes, and Crystal Olson. Front Row: Adam Freouf, Brock Olson, Kristina Holt, and Aaron Fehringer. The picture above was taken at the King Ranch Museum. Club members include Adam Freouf, Jim Latoski, Matt Porter, and Brock Olson.
National Convention Banquet

Back Row (L to R): Shane Potter, Austin Benes, Jim Latoski, Matt Porter, Rob Smith, Nick Weinrich, Aaron Faringer, Aaron Naber, and Adam Freouf. Middle Row: Adam Hamling, Brock Olson, Kristina Holt, Cathy Hervert, Sarah Stepan, Jennifer Witte, Jessika Uden, Lindsay Kampbell, Crystal Olson, and Advisor Dr. Brett White. Front Row: Ashley Batie, Vickie Wray, Ashley Lewis, Kimberly Becker, and Kami Marsh.

Awards

- Aaron Naber—Honorable Mention in National Outstanding Junior Scholarship
- 4th Place Annual Accepting the award is Historian Kimberly Becker
The 31st Annual Big Red Beef Show was held on March 20, 2004 in Columbus, Nebraska at Ag Park. The show was a Junior Nebraska Cattlemen Sanctioned Show. Over one hundred and twelve entries came to compete at the event. Josh Stroh from Lincoln, Nebraska evaluated breeding heifers, market heifers, market steers and showmanship. We would like to thank the following for their generous and continued support: CASNR, Pepsi, ADM, Sullivan Supply, University Foundation, Julian Canaday, Bull Barn Genetics, Feller & Company, Nebraska Cattlemen, Tread Well Pallets, Quirk Land and Cattle Co., Rishel Livestock Market LLC, Ruttman Livestock Services, Wagonhammer Cattle Co., Shovel Dot Ranch, Upstream Ranch, Cooksley Ranch, TWJ Farms, and Benes Cattle Co.

Big Red Beef Show Results

Champion Market Heifer
Mercede Weber

Champion Market Steer
Ryan Strumbersev

Res. Champion Market Heifer
Amanda Dostal

Res Champion Market Steer
Stetson Juneh

Champion Breeding Heifer
Emily Pohlman

Res. Champion Breeding Heifer
Mercede Weber
On March 30, 2004, many University of Nebraska-Lincoln students participated in the Block and Bridle Little MAEC Contest. The event took place in the Animal Science Building with Tessa Frenzen, Natalie Hart, Adam Freouf, Matt Porter, Kami Marsh, Aaron Fehringer, and Aaron Nabor volunteering to help with the event. Dr. Burson and Ryan Baumert did the official placings.

The final results are:

**Senior Division**

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Teams:

**First Place: "The Lone Rangers"**

- Jim Latoski
- Jamie Bauman
- Aaron Naber
- Kristina Holt

**Second Place: "Adam-n-the Girls"**

- Adam Hamling
- Ashley Batie
- Cathy Hvert
- Vicki Wray

**Junior Division**

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The State Agricultural Education Contests were held in the Animal Science Building on April 1 and 2, 2004. The campus became a sea of blue with FFA members wearing the traditional blue and gold jackets. The Livestock Judging Contest was held on Thursday and featured eleven total classes, questions, and oral reasons. The Block and Bridle members were responsible for registration, leading groups, stirring animals in each class, and helping to tabulate and enter the scores. Many club members also assisted the contest by being Official Judges or Reasons Takers. The event featured over four hundred youth from the state that had qualified at the District Level.

Friday features the Livestock Management Contests. FFA members put their knowledge to the test in one of six species areas: beef, sheep, swine, poultry, horse, and dairy. The Block and Bridle members were responsible for registration, leading groups, assisting with each test, grading, and tabulating.

Ryan Walrath and Jessika Uden served as co-chairs for the event. They would like to thank all of the people who graciously donated their time and helped to make the contests a big success!
Max Kimmerling

Family:

Wife: Viola
Children: Phillip (deceased), Linda Kopp, Kent (deceased), Kathy Strouf, Paul, & Kevin

Background:

A dairyman from Beatrice, NE, Max Kimmerling has given much of his time during the last 25 years to ensure Nebraska's dairy producers have a market for their milk. He was born June 5, 1927, attended school in Beatrice and graduated from Beatrice High School. He attended the University of Nebraska where he was a member of the Block and Bridle Club and served as secretary/treasurer of the Varsity Dairy Club. He also was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Zeta. He received a B.S. degree in Agriculture with majors in Dairy and Animal Husbandry. He and his wife Viola were married while Max was attending college.

After graduating from UNL, Max and Viola returned to the family farm in Gage County. They have been milking cows ever since. By today's standards, their herd is relatively small, 60 to 100 Holstein and Milking Shorthorn cows. But it is truly a family farm. Even today, on days when he is not involved in board meetings, Max is usually at the farm doing a significant amount of the milking and farm chores along with his son Paul and Paul's family. It is evident that Max and Viola place high value on involving the entire family in the farming activities. Their children and grandchildren have been very active in 4-H and Max and Viola readily share pictures of their family showing the prize Milking Shorthorns at county and state fairs and national shows.

Max was very involved in the activation of the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board. LB 275, a bill that provided an operative provision for the board, was passed into law in 1992. Through Max's leadership the board was activated in 1998 and Max served as Chairman from its inception to 2001. Max, a Corporate Board Member of Mid American Dairymen, Inc., was involved in the decision to merge Mid American with three other cooperatives to form Dairy Farmers of America in 1998. He served in the reorganization of DFA as one of its first corporate board members from 1998 until 2001. His fellow dairymen consider this service to be how he helped them the most. The work culminated in the largest cooperative in the U.S. More than 22,000 dairy farmers participate, marketing some 38 billion lbs. of milk annually with a value of approximately $8 billion.

Max has been described as a "take charge" person, a leader, but in a quiet and unassuming way. He is a strong promoter of agriculture and youth activities in the Beatrice community, in Nebraska, and nationally. As a fellow dairyman wrote, "Max has exemplified meeting the daily challenges of operating a successful dairy farm and of spending a large amount of time away from the farm fighting the battles for his fellow dairy farmers as they do the necessary things to have a profitable existence."
Frank Sibert

Family: Wife: Shirley

Background:

As a rancher, banker, cattle feeder, county agent, and through many other roles, Frank Sibert has served the Nebraska livestock industry for over 50 years. He and his wife Shirley have committed innumerable hours and significant funding in support of leadership and scholarship programs for young people.

Frank was born on October 7, 1929 in Red Cloud, Nebraska and spent his childhood and youth growing up on a farm near Inavale. At age 16, Frank joined the Army, but returned to Nebraska soon after completing his duties there. In 1952, Frank graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Animal Science. Also, he and Shirley were married in 1952.

After graduating from UNL, Frank served as an Assistant County Extension Agent in Dawes County. For two years, he also was in charge of the State Rural Youth Program, a part of the State 4-H Club Office. Following this, Frank left a lasting impression with many Nebraskans for his service to the Sandhills Cattle Association, where he served as manager for 10 years. Frank was also employed by the Stockyards Bank in Omaha as an ag loan officer and continued to develop his ties to the livestock industry. During his years in Omaha, he was an active member in the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. He served as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee for the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and was always active in helping with the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Expositions. In 1975, Frank and Shirley purchased the Rolling Stone Ranch in Valentine, and moved to the ranch in 1977. During the next 25 years, Frank was very busy with his own ranching business, but continued his outstanding service to the livestock industry.

One of the accomplishments of which Frank has the fondest memories is his time as Chairman of the Nebraska Cattlemen=s Research and Education Foundation Board when he led the effort to establish an endowed Professorship Chair in the Animal Science Department. This effort resulted in a $200,000 endowed fund which provides an annual stipend to an Animal Science professor who is chosen as the Nebraska Cattle Industry Professor. Frank and Shirley have been very generous in providing scholarships for Nebraska's youth. They established an endowment with the Nebraska Cattlemen's Foundation which annually provides a $1,000 college scholarship. They also established a $100,000 endowment in the Sandhills Area Foundation, which has been used to provide numerous scholarships to area youth. The Nebraska LEAD program also benefits from a $100,000 endowment established by the Siberts.

Frank's dedication to the livestock industry and the youth of this state has had and will continue to have an impact for generations to come. His generous giving of time, talent and treasure is a measure of his service to agriculture, to education and to the youth of Nebraska.
Honors Banquet

The 2003-2004 Block and Bridle Banquet was held on April 23, 2004. The banquet is an annual club tradition to mark the end of another successful academic year as a club. Club members, Animal Science students, Judging Teams, and other various individuals are recognized in front of family and friends for their outstanding achievements both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities.

The banquet also continues the special tradition of recognizing the Block and Bridle Honoree. The honoree is an individual who has made a significant contribution to animal agriculture for many years. The banquet is held in their honor and a portrait is presented, which is hung in the Animal Science Hall of Fame. The Honoree recognized at the 2003-2004 banquet was Frank Sibert.

The Block and Bridle awards given include:

**Don Geweke Awards (Little MAEC)**
- Aaron Naber
- Jamie Baumann
- Drew Miller

**Senior Workhorse**
- Nick Weinrich

**Outstanding Junior Activities**
- Vicki Wray

**Outstanding Sophomore Activities**
- Jessika Uden

**Outstanding Initiate**
- Matt Porter

**Mike Cull Award**
- Aaron Naber

**Outstanding Senior Scholarship**
- Co-winners
  - Kristina Holt
  - Aaron Naber

**Outstanding Junior Scholarship**
- Vicki Wray
Senior Meats Judging Team

Front Row (L to R): Ashley Batie, Vicki Wray, Cathy Hervert
Back Row: Faculty Advisor Dr. Dennis Burson, Garett Hoffman, Jim Latoski, Coach Ryan Baumert, and Department Head Dr. Don Beermann.

Iowa State Meats Contest
- 8th Place Team Overall
- 4th Place Team in Lamb Judging
- Vicki Wray 1st Place in Total Placings Division

Results

American Royal Meats Contest
- 7th Place Team in Total Placings
- 11th Place Team Overall
- Garett Hoffman 4th Place in Total Placings Division
- Jim Latoski 6th Place in Total Placings Division
- Cathy Hervert 11th Place in Beef Grading

International Meats Contest:
- 5th Place Team in Beef Grading
- Jim Latoski 6th Place in Beef Grading, 12th in Total Beef, and 16th in Total Placings
- Ashley Batie 15th Place in Beef Grading, 18th in Total Beef and also in Total Placings
2003 Judging Team

Front Row (L-R): Tyrell Rousey, Ben Andrews,

The UNL Livestock Judging Team annually competes in several regional and national competitions throughout the year including the National Western (Denver), the Sioux Empire Livestock Judging Contest (Sioux Falls), the Iowa Beef Expo (Des Moines), the National Barrow Show (Austin, MN), and the Mid-America Classic (Wichita). Additionally, for the first time, the junior (2004 team) competed in the national collegiate livestock judging contest held in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show in Houston, TX in mid-March.

On October 25, twenty-three teams and 115 individuals from across the country participated in the American Royal livestock judging contest held in Kansas City, Mo. The UNL team placed 5th in swine judging, 11th in sheep judging, 13th in beef cattle judging, 13th in oral reasons, and 11th overall. Individually, Aaron Naber placed 15th in swine judging and 16th in sheep judging.

In November, the 2003 UNL team competed in the 98th National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition at Louisville, Ky. Twenty-nine universities and 140 individual contestants competed. In sheep judging, Joe Wendell and Ben Andrews were the 7th and 8th high individuals, respectively. As a team, UNL placed 7th in the Suffolk division (market lambs), 4th in performance sheep judging, and 5th overall in sheep judging. In swine judging, Kristina Holt placed 14th. The team placed 18th overall in swine judging, but they were 5th in the Yorkshire division and 11th in performance swine judging. In cattle judging, the team placed 7th in the Shorthorn division, 17th in performance cattle judging, and 13th overall in cattle judging. In oral reasons, the team placed 14th. Overall, Aaron Naber and Joe Wendell were each among the top third of contestants, and the team placed 12th. Individually, Aaron Naber was recognized as a member of the All-American Livestock Judging Team. This honor encompasses not only the student’s judging ability in national competitions, but it also rewards academic performance, leadership, and community service.
2004 Livestock Judging

2004 Judging Team
Front Row (L-R): Ashley Batie, Vicki Wray
Middle Row (L-R): Ashley Holden, Jim Latoski
Back Row (L-R): Dr. Bryan Reiling, Coach and Faculty Advisor;
                Josh Stroh, Coach

The 2004 UNL team started practicing last fall, and they have competed in four different competitions thus far. Team members include Ashley Batie, Kearney; Ashley Holden, Broad Brook, Connecticut; Jim Latoski, Wray, Colorado; and Vicki Wray, Scotia. As in 2003, the 2004 team has made tremendous strides as they continue to improve their livestock evaluation and oral communication skills and they look forward to becoming a competitive force throughout the fall judging campaign. The 2004 team is coached by Josh Stroh.

Throughout the past year, these students and their coaches represented the Animal Science Department and the University of Nebraska with pride as they interacted with producers and alumni located throughout the state. For more than a year, they gave up breaks, weekends, and evenings to have an opportunity to compete, and at the same time, they continued to maintain strong academic performances. Livestock judging is a tool that allows us to continually teach decision-making skills, leadership, self-confidence, and communication. It also provides an opportunity for students to network with producers and industry personnel. The livestock judging program is advised by Dr. Bryan Reiling.
Meat Animal Evaluation Contest

The Meat Animal Evaluation Contest is a comprehensive event which includes market, breeding, meats, and communications divisions. Contestants evaluate animals for fat thickness, muscling, yield and quality grades and percent lean, as well as price groups of animals and rank them on performance such as lean gain per day. The breeding division includes ranking classes and questions for beef, sheep and swine breeding livestock, as well as keep/cull classes for all species. Carcass pricing; grading and ranking classes of carcasses and retail cuts compose the meats division. In the communications division, team members work together to address current issues facing the livestock industry.


The team was coached by Dr. Bryan Reiling (back row right) and Dr. Rosie Nold (back row left). Team members included (Back row L-R) Aaron Naber, Senior Animal Science, Roca, Nebraska; Aaron Fehringer, Senior Animal Science Major, Humphrey, Nebraska; Joe Wendell, Senior Animal Science Major, Smithfield, Nebraska; (front row: L-R) Travis Wolf, Senior Animal Science Major, Gothenburg, Nebraska; Kristina Holt, Senior Veterinary Science Major, Thedford, Nebraska; and Adam Hamling. Senior Animal Science major from Creston, Nebraska.
Equine Activities

2003 Horse Judging

The 2003 Horse Judging Team consisted of: Tara Swanson, from Lyons, Nebraska; Abbie Grossnicklaus, from Shelby, Nebraska; Jen Broz, of Wilber, Nebraska; Travis Keller, from Crete, Nebraska; and finally Jennifer Ingerwerson of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. The 2003 Horse Judging Team competed at the National Reining Horse Futurity in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This competition is unlike most other Horse Judging Team competitions. The National Reining Horse Association views this contest as a way to educate over 100 collegiate students on the sport of reining and the requirements to be a judge in their association.

2003 – 2004 Equestrian Team

The Equestrian Team, with a membership of twenty eight members, travels and competes in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. UNL is a member of Zone 9, Region 3, which includes schools from Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.
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