Block and Bridle Annual, 2006

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*Cover Photograph taken by Lacy Uden, Juniata, NE.*
The Block and Bridle Emblem is significant to club members. It represents the principles on which this club is built. Character, sincerity, and moral life are asked of members when they join and are depicted in the straight perpendicular of the "B." The distinct curves of the "B" are symbolic of the social pleasure, mental energy and determination of 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 toward others, and the way in which we treat animals.

PURPOSE OF OUR CLUB

On December 2, 1919, student representatives from four animal husbandry clubs met in Chicago, Illinois, and formed the National Block & Bridle Club. The local clubs became chapters in the new national 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 clubs' objectives:

- 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
- pursing some phase of animal husbandry as a profession
April 10, 2006

Dear Members, Supporters & Friends of Block & Bridle Club,

Welcome to the 2005-2006 Block and Bridle Club annual. It's hard to believe yet another year has come to a close and it is time to reflect on the year that has passed. Our Block & Bridle members were as busy as ever trying to juggle the demands of school and involvement of numerous activities and events. I hope that this annual will successfully portray all of our year's efforts and accomplishments.

It has been a pleasure to put together this year's annual. This experience has given me an even deeper appreciation for all the hard work by, not only UNL Block and Bridle students put forth, but the advisors and faculty as well. I thought the annual "theme" successfully portrayed the purpose of Block and Bridle Club. In a sense, Block & Bridle has "branded" excellence into each club member. This club gives students the opportunity to become a leader, serve the community and give back to the animal science industry. As a second generation Block and Bridle member, I am proud to be a part of and serve a club that represents such a rich tradition in leadership, fellowship and participation within the animal science industry. As the Block and Bridle club continues to grow and change with agriculture, hopefully our efforts to better serve the agricultural community will impact the people we come in contact with and help build a stronger foundation in the future.

I would also like to give a big thanks to all the advertisers who helped support this year's annual. Without their continued support, this publication would not be possible. Additionally, I want to thank all the Block & Bridle members, officers and Animal Science Faculty who have contributed pictures and information to the annual. I would like to especially thank Sarah Witte for all her pictures!

Please take a little time to look through the annual and reflect on another successful year. I hope you enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Crystal L. Olson
2005-2006 Historian

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2005-2006 Historian

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
PREZIDENT'S ADDRESS

March 16, 2006

Dear Members, Friends, Family and Supporters,

This has been an excellent year of activities and accomplishments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those officers and individuals who put forth the extra time and effort to ensure that we had a successful year. I deeply appreciate the officers that not only fulfilled their individual responsibilities, but rose above and beyond to help ensure the club's future. I am very grateful for the many businesses and organizations that have guided us and encouraged us with their donation. Without their financial support, we would not be able to continue with many of our endeavors. Another important part of the club is the support and guidance that is provided by our advisors, we thank them for all their knowledge and help throughout the year.

The club has meant a great deal to me. It has provided me with many learning experiences and uncountable friendships. Another vital aspect of my Block and Bridle experience has been the interactions with the Animal Science Department faculty and many livestock industry professionals. This club offers more opportunities and activities than others on campus. What really sets this club apart is the hardworking and dedicated members who truly care about the livestock industry. I would like to congratulate each and every active member for their dedication to the club and I would encourage them to continue to take pride in every activity in the future.

As I reflect on my Block and Bridle career I am filled with satisfaction. When I was a freshman I didn't even know if I really wanted to join Block and Bridle. Upon attending my first meeting I was greeted by such nice people and an enjoyable atmosphere that I decided it was definitely an organization to be involved with during my college years. The ability of the club to put on big events such as the Annual Steak Fry and the Big Red Beef Show is truly impressive. The friends that I have made, the challenges encountered, goals accomplished, and the enjoyable times will definitely last a lifetime. I hope that these traditions will continue along with new ideas opening the doors of future opportunity. I wish the best of luck to the future club members and presidents to continue the traditions of success in years to come.

Sincerely,

Jessika Uden
2005-2006 President

Jessika Uden
2005-2006 President
March 30, 2006

Dear Block & Bridle Club Members:

The Block & Bridle Club fosters friendship and support, collegial competition, service, and personal growth among members who share a dedication to animal agriculture. The activities you conduct increase knowledge, enhance technical and leadership skills, and build confidence; all of which are key ingredients to success.

Congratulations to all members of Block and Bridle for an outstanding year of participation, accomplishments and enrichment of your educational experience. The Club Officers and Committee Chairs are commended for their leadership and dedication. When this academic year comes to a close, I hope you look back and remember valuable learning experiences, initiating or strengthening long-lasting friendships, and achieving new personal gains associated with Block & Bridle. The trip to the National B&B meeting continues to be a highlight for B&B members.

Your selection of Sherman Berg as this year’s Honoree continues the legacy of recognizing individuals whose career and service in the livestock industry had monumental impact. Sherm enriches many lives through his dynamic involvement with youth, community, and individuals representing many segments of the livestock industry in Nebraska and beyond.

I also extend a hearty “congratulations” to the three faculty advisors to the Club, Brett White, Galen Erickson, and Steve Jones. They made valuable contributions to provide continuity, to challenge you in program planning and direction, and to enhance visibility and impact of the Club. I thank them for their dedication and leadership involvement.

I wish continued success to all B&B members in completing your formal education, in pursuit of your career and personal goals, and in achieving your aspirations of happiness and success in work and life. I hope those plans include animal agriculture. Spread the good word that an education at UNL and participation in Block and Bridle builds character, creates networks, and provides life-long impact for all who engage and contribute.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Beermann
Professor and Head

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
BLOCK & BRIDLE MEMBERS

Super Seniors
Vicky Wray
Cathy Hervert

Seniors
Ashley Benes
Erin Clark
Tracy Hadenfeldt
Adam Krause
Brian Krause
Beth Maricle
Brent Nelms
Crystal Olson
Bill Pohlmeier
Rachel Reuss
Shane Potter
Debi Schulz
Dan Towey
Jessika Uden
Ace VanDeWalle
Sarah Vanness

Sophomores
Janae Althouse
Mallory Becker
Sarah Goodbrod
MaKayla Hirschman
Mikki Schmidt
Josh VanDeWalle

Freshman
Ryan Aufenkamp
Trenton Bohling
Dana Christensen
Quentin Dailey
Will Davis
Annie Doerr
Brian Dunekacke
Jacob Geis
Jeremy Haack
Tara Harms
Sarah Husk
Laura Joy
Garret Koester
Kyle Kohout
Brett Kreifels
Shantille Kruse
Sara Lock
Ryan Meguire
Keley Pedulla
Krista Rasmussen
Tony Roubal
Paul Schmid
Derek Schroder
Jessalyn Schrock
Jennifer Schuckman
Emily Taylor
Luke Smith
Emily Tschida
Brenda Walla
Jason Warner

Juniors
James Crook
Jennafer Glaesemann
Krista Holstein
Jenna Hradec
Brynn Husk
Sara Jurgens
Gabe Schnuelle
Andrea Schwarz
Chris Skrdla
Jackie Snyder
Sara Stepan
Josie Waterbury
Brytni Westlake
Sarah Witte
Jeremi Wurtz

OFFICER TEAM

Block & Bridle had 30 initiates in the fall and four in the spring semesters. Initiates were required to attend two initiate meetings, decorate a paddle, and participate in initiation. This year, initiates were asked to act out an animal, without making any noises, in front of the club until someone guessed the animal they were portraying. Animals ranged from a Hereford cow to a Hairy Hippo. We were excited to have had a strong initiate class that has participated and volunteered for many Block & Bridle activities.

(Left) Bryttni and Krista concentrate on taking the initiation test while (Right) Derek, Jason and Quentin try to figure out how to act out their animal.

2005-2006 Initiates

Dr. Brett White received his B.S. from UNL and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He teaches courses including: Physiology and Management of Reproduction and New Techniques in Reproductive Biology. His hobbies include fly-fishing, Husker football and sports. Block and Bridle members would like to thank Dr. White for his dedication and commitment over the past 3 years!

Senior Advisor
Dr. Brett White

Dr. Galen Erickson received his B.S. from Iowa State and his M.S. and Ph.D. from UNL. Erickson joined the staff in 2001 as the UNL Extension Beef Feedlot Specialist. He teaches feedlot management and feedlot nutrition. Erickson also does research on grain milling byproduct utilization, nutrition and environment interactions, grain and starch utilization, and growth promotion in feedlot cattle.

Junior Advisor
Dr. Galen Erickson

Dr. Steve Jones earned his B.S. from the University of Utah, his M.S. from the University of Arizona and his Ph.D. from Purdue University. Dr. Jones joined the University of Nebraska in 1984. His current primary teaching responsibilities are: an Animal Products Class and an Animal Biological Systems course. He has served three times as the advisor of the Block and Bridle Club. When not teaching at the University, Dr. Jones trains adult leaders in Boy and Girl Scouting, works with the youth at church and enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Steve is married to Tommi and they have four children, Jessica, TJ, Cassie and Emili.

Freshman Advisor
Dr. Steve Jones

We love our advisors!
Thanks for all your help this year!
Brian Krause is an Animal Science major from Homer, Nebraska and is the son of Rod and Lori Krause. Brian says his favorite part of Block & Bridle is having the opportunity to meet new people. "The meetings and activities bring people together in which you can interact with people you wouldn't meet anywhere else." His future plans are to attend graduate school in Meat Science. His advise to current students is "meet as many people as you can when you have the opportunity. You will never be surrounded by as many people your own age and with similar experiences at one time than in college. Don't sit back and wait for something to happen, go make it happen."

Crystal Olson is an Agriculture Journalism major from Axtell, NE and is the daughter of Scott and Vicky Olson. She says her favorite part of B & B is the people you meet and the memories you share together. Crystal plans to pursue a career in promotions and communications for agriculture and the beef industry. Her advise for current members is to take advantage of every opportunity UNL offers like judging teams, international study tours and leadership positions. "You'll never regret getting involved participating in extra-curricular activities but you'll always regret not doing it."

Bill Pohlmeier is the son of Gene and Jayne Pohlmeier from Lawrence, NE. He plans to attend Graduate School at the University of California-Davis. His favorite memory of B&B was the National Convention in Ohio because it was 'good times, with good people.'
Brent Nelms is the son of Dan and Sue Nelms of Benkelman, NE. Brent served as Assistant Marshall in 2004. His favorite memory was helping with the Big Red Beef Shows because “we all had a good time and got to know other members.” Brent plans to be a feedlot manager or ranch hand and increase his own herd. He advises members to “attend as many events as possible to get to know as many people as you can because those are the college memories that will really mean something.”

Sarah Vanness is the daughter of Byron and Connie Vanness of Wausa, NE. Sarah served as social chair this year and says her favorite B & B memory was going to the steak fry because it is a great time to hang out with friends and faculty. She plans to start a Masters program in Ruminant Nutrition at UNL in January.

Tracy Hadenfeldt is the daughter of Bill and Shari Hadenfeldt from Cairo, NE. Her future plans are to go to vet school at Iowa State University with a focus in large animal/equine. She hopes to return to rural Nebraska to start her practice.

Adam Krause is the son of Rod and Lori Krause of Homer, NE. His future plans are to attend Graduate school for Meat Science. His favorite part of B &B was the great people he meet and associated with. His advise to current members is to have fun because college will be over before you know it!
Debi Schulz (Top Left) is the daughter of Louis and Karen Schulz of Pierce, NE. Debi is an Agricultural Education major and her favorite memory of B&B was the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. “I was with a good group of people, and we had a lot of fun. Her future plans are to find a job within extension services and the 4-H program and work towards a Master’s degree. Debi advises “never be afraid to try something new and off the wall, you never know how much you’ll like it.”

Ace VanDeWalle (Top Middle) is the son of Leonard and Doris VanDeWalle of Orchard, NE. Ace is an Animal Science major and plans to attend graduate school. His favorite B&B memory was the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio and advises other members to just have fun!

Ashley Benes (Top Right) is the daughter of Mike and Joyce Benes. She is from Valparaiso, NE and is an Ag Education Major. Ashley says her favorite part of Block & Bridle is that it is a group for everyone. No matter what your major or your interests there is a place for you in the group and an activity that fits your interest area. She hopes to get a job in Cooperative Extension and advises club members to be as involved in B&B as much as you can. “If I had to do it over, I would definitely have been more involved. You get out as much as you put into this club.”

Shane Potter is an Agri-Business/Ag Economics major and from Weston, NE and the son of Joan Potter. Shane currently serves as Vice-President and has also been Social Chair. His favorite part of Block & Bridle is the people he’s met through Block & Bridle. “I got to know some pretty amazing people that I will always be friends with.” His future plan is to get his Masters in Agri-Business at UNL. Shane advises freshman to take advantage of every opportunity. “You only get one chance, don’t miss out on something great just because it looks like it might be a lot of work.”
Rachel Reuss is a Food Science and Technology Major and is the daughter of John and Elaine Reuss of Grand Island. Her favorite Block & Bridle memory was attending National Convention at Ohio State University. Her plans after graduation are undecided. Rachel advises current members to get involved because you never know who you'll end up meeting.

Beth Maricle is the daughter of Keith and Mary Ann Maricle of Albion, NE. Her favorite part of B & B was Kid’s Day. “There are always elementary students who dress up in their cowboy boots ready for the day while others do not want to step on the arena sand. I enjoy the reactions and excitement of the children seeing the livestock.” Beth’s future plans are to attend Graduate school at the University of Missouri majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis in Animal Genetics. She advises freshman to remember that stepping out of your comfort zone helps you to grow as a person. It is better to have taken a chance then to always wonder what could have been.

Rachel Reuss is a Food Science and Technology Major and is the daughter of John and Elaine Reuss of Grand Island. Her favorite Block & Bridle memory was attending National Convention at Ohio State University. Her plans after graduation are undecided. Rachel advises current members to get involved because you never know who you'll end up meeting.

Dan Towey is a Grazing Livestock Systems major and the son of James and Shelley Towey of Cedar Rapids, NE. He enjoyed meeting new people and listening to the interesting speakers at the meetings and events. His advise to current members is to make plans for school early and revise them often, but definitely don’t take yourself too seriously.

Jessika Uden is the daughter of Tim and Jeanette Uden of Juniata, NE. Jessika has been very active in B & B serving as President, Historian, and Assistant Historian. One of her favorite memories was attending the B & B National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. “The opportunity to meet so many great people from across the nation is priceless. It is a great experience that I would encourage every member to do.” Her future plans are to attend vet school at Iowa State University and become a large animal vet. Her biggest advice for freshman is to jump right in the action. “I wasn’t sure I wanted to be in Block & Bridle, but I was encouraged to get involved by other club members. I consider Block & Bridle to be one of my most enjoyable, memorable and beneficial college experiences.”
TAKING A LOOK BACK...

2005 HONORS BANQUET

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Senior Workhorse Award & Senior Scholarship Winner
Vicki Wray
Sponsored by: Nebraska Farmer Parr Young Fund

Mike Cull Scholarship
Ashley Batie

Outstanding Sophomore Activities
Jackie Snyder
Sponsored by: Waldo Farms

Outstanding Junior Activities & Junior Scholarship Winner
Jessika Uden
Sponsored by: Wray Farms Hermitage NGT

Outstanding Initiate
Janae Althouse
Sponsored by: Poultry & Egg Division, NE Dept. of Ag

'05-'06 Block & Bridle Annual
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

State Fair Beef Pit..............................August 21, 2005

Big Red Welcome................................August 25, 2005

4-H Herdsmanship..............................September 3-5, 2005

Steak Fry...........................................September 9, 2005

National B & B Convention....................October 20-23, 2005

Little Ak-sar-ben................................November 8, 2005

Kids Day.............................................November 11, 2005

Holiday Gathering..............................December 8, 2005

Big Red Beef Show..............................March 11, 2006

Honoree Trip.......................................March 24, 2006

Agricultural Education Contest...............April 6-7, 2006

Little MAEC Contest.........................April 4, 2006

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TREASURER'S REPORT
Submitted by: Brynn Husk

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SECRETARY'S REPORT
Submitted by: Beth Maricle

September: State Fair Herdsmanship, NE Cattlemen Beef Pit, Steak Fry with Ag Olympics, New Initiation Process, Little Ak-sar-ben, Kid's Day

October: Fall Initiation, Ads, Holiday Social, Kid's Day

November: Kid's Day, Holiday Social, Clothing

December: Clothing, Holiday Social, Big Red Beef Show, Elephant Gift Exchange

January: Big Red Beef Show, Honoree Selection, Hockey Game, Ads

February: Ads, Big Red Beef Show, Little MAEC, State FFA

March: Spring Initiation, Clothing, Big Red Beef Show, State FFA, CASNR Week, Honoree Trip

April: State FFA, Honoree Trip, Block & Bridle Banquet, Elections, Little MAEC
PROGRAMS

The purpose of the program chair is to introduce members to a variety of different career possibilities in the animal science industry. This year's meetings were packed full of speakers. Program Chair, Jennafer Glaesemann did an excellent job of lining up a speaker for each meeting. As an added bonus, most of the speakers bought us pizza!

Speakers

September: Jill Brown  
Career Specialist, UNL Career Services  
Bryan Carpenter  
Research and Development,  
Cargill Meat Solutions  
October: Dr. Mike Van Koevering,  
Elanco Animal Health  
November: Kathleen Kranz  
Vice President, Technical and Human Resources  
Greater Omaha Packing Co., Inc.  
December: Dr. Tom Rathje  
Chief Technological Officer,  
Danbred North America  
January: Erin Marotz  
Manager, UNL Dairy Unit  
March: Sallie Atkins  
Executive Director,  
Nebraska Beef Council  
April: Dr. Micah Kohles  
Veterinarian,  
Nebraska Animal Medical Center
SOCIALS

Yee Haw!

You know what they say, work hard, play hard. While Block & Bridle members certainly know how to work hard, they also know when it's a good time to relax and round-up club members for some fun. This year, we enjoyed a watermelon feed after the first meeting of the year. In the fall, several members kicked back their heels for some wilderness fun at the Platte River State Park. The club rented a cabin and enjoyed grilling hamburgers, smores and socializing with friends. In February, members took off for the Ice Box, home of the Lincoln Stars Hockey Team. Although the game was fun, we all agreed it's much more exciting to see some hockey fights!
BEEF PIT

Each year, several Block & Bridle members and officers gather at the Nebraska State Fair to donate their time at the Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit. The Beef Pit has been a Nebraska State Fair tradition for 22 years, and Block & Bridle is always willing to serve great-tasting Nebraska Corn-Fed prime rib, roast beef and BBQ brisket meals to fairgoers. Thank you to the 18 B & B members who took time out of their busy schedule to help support Beef. It's What's For Dinner!

BIG RED WELCOME

The first recruitment event for new members was held on August 21, 2005. Block & Bridle Ambassadors Janae Althouse and Josh VanDeWalle set up a display booth at the Big Red Welcome on UNL's City Campus.

The second recruitment event was held on August 24, 2005. Janae and Josh set up the Block & Bridle display for the Club Fair on UNL's East Campus. The purpose was to recruit new members, specifically students with agricultural majors.

STATE FAIR HERDSMANSHIP

On September 3-5, 2005, Block and Bridle members volunteered in judging Herdsmanship for 4-H during the Nebraska State Fair. During the three days, members judged the 4-H participants and clubs on the appearance of their exhibit area and care for their animals. Members judged several counties in the beef, swine and sheep species. The club is always happy to support such outstanding agricultural youth activities like 4-H.
STEAK FRY

The steak fry is the kick-off event of the year where students and faculty get to socialize and meet one another. This year's event was held September 9, 2005 outside of the Animal Science Complex. Excel Corporation, Nebraska Beef Council, and Cattlemen's Nutrition Services LLC were our generous sponsors this past year who helped pay for the food. Millard Lumber Company also provided the materials for seating. Without their continued support the annual steak fry would not be a success. The faculty also helped a great deal by grilling the steaks and serving food to people in line. By the end of the night, around 200 steaks were served and everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather!
A fun time was definitely had by all at this year's Block & Bridle National Convention held in Columbus, Ohio, October 20-23, 2005. Delegates had an opportunity to listen to different industry speakers and attend several workshops. The convention was held in conjunction with the All-American Quarter Horse Congress.

Some of the tours available for B & B participants were Cooper Farms, Firelands Winery & Hord Livestock Co., Pro Football Hall of Fame, Hartzler Family Dairy & Ice Cream Shoppe and Dickinson Cattle Company. The National Convention is also a great way to meet Block & Bridle members from other chapters across the U.S. The UNL Chapter was recognized for two awards: 4th Place Club Annual and Jessika Uden received 5th place for Outstanding Junior Award.

Members who attended this year's National Convention included: Front Row (L-R): Ace VanDeWalle, Bill Pohlmeier, Brent Nelms. Back Row (L-R): Cathy Hervert, Rachel Reuss, Beth Maricle, Dr. Brett White (Advisor), Debi Schulz, Ashley Benes, Jennafer Glaesemann, and Mallory Becker.
LITTLE AK-SAR-BEN

This year's Little Aksar-ben contest was held October 7, 2005 in the Animal Science Arena. Approximately 30 contestants participated.

Little Aksar-ben is a contest open to any University student who would like to challenge their showmanship skills. The show was divided into two classes for each species, novice and expert with the winners of each expert class returning to compete in a round robin competition that decides Overall Champion Showman.

A special thanks to our judges this year who were Dr. Ted Doane for sheep, Clyde Naber for swine, Kristin Grustad for horses and Will Griffin for beef. The chairman of Little Aksar-ben was Mallory Becker and she was assisted by MaKayla Hirschman and Jessika Uden.

The Results

Swine
Champion Expert- Jeremy Haack
Champion Novice- Trenton Bohling
Sheep
Champion Expert- Jeremy Haack
Champion Novice- Emily Dukat
Beef
Champion Expert- Will Davis
Champion Novice- Beth Maricle
Horses
Champion Expert- Emily Dukat
LITTLE AK-SAR-BEN WINNER’S CIRCLE

Expert Division

Sheep: Jeremy Haack
Horse: Emily Dukat
Overall Champion
Showman
Jeremy Haack

Beef: Will Davis
Swine: Jeremy Haack
Overall Reserve
Champion Showman
Will Davis

Novice Division

Beef: Beth Mariele
Sheep: Emily Dukat
Horse: Janae Althouse

*Not Pictured: Trenton Bohling, Swine
Kids Day is designed to give pre-school and grade school children a chance to learn about and see livestock through animal displays, posters, handouts, and student guides. This year’s event was held November 11, 2005. We had a terrific turn out of 320 kids and 70 adults. The kids learned a great deal about animals and agriculture. After the kids went through the displays, they were each given a sack full of agricultural information and toys. The bags that we handed out were filled with material that the following sponsors graciously donated: American Paint Horse Association, Nebraska Corn Board, Nebraska Soybean Board, American Angus Association, Arabian Horse Association, Nebraska Pork Producers Association, Nebraska 4-H, American Lamb Board, CASNR, University BookStore, and the Nebraska Beef Council.
UNL Block and Bridle Holiday Gathering provides the club an opportunity to say ‘Thank you.’ A committee consisting of Vicki Wray, Jennafer Glaseemann, Ace VanDeWalle, and Jessika Uden organized the University of Nebraska -Lincoln Block and Bridle Club’s annual “Holiday Gathering” on December 8th, 2005 at the Animal Science Complex. The purpose of the Block and Bridle Holiday Gathering is to thank the Animal Science faculty, staff and graduate students for the support they provide to the club year round. In addition, it provides the members with an opportunity to mingle and become more acquainted with Animal Science faculty and staff.

The Animal Science faculty and staff truly enjoyed themselves at the Holiday Gathering. It provided them the opportunity to converse with one another, as well as the students. They enjoyed food prepared by the members, which included homemade goodies.

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The Big Red Beef Show was held on March 11, 2006 in Columbus, Nebraska. The show consisted of approximately 120 exhibitors from Nebraska and surrounding states. Brandon Callis, from Kansas State University, was the judge. Big Red Beef Show was a success because of the hard work and dedication by the members and co-chairs, Janae Althouse and Jessika Uden.


(Above) Freshman Annie, Dana and Shantille try and catch a few hours of shut-eye before the big show day.

(Right) Krista ices her foot during the show. Apparently, there was too much horsing around going on during the night!

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Big Red Beef Show Team

Front Row (L to R): Jennafer Glaesemann, Dana Christensen, Shantille Kruse, Jessika Uden, Jackie Snyder, Crystal Olson, Sarah Witte. Back Row (L to R): James Crook, Krista Holstien, Dr. Galen Erickson (Faculty Advisor), Will Davis, Bryttni Westlake, Annie Doerr, Janae Althouse, Beth Maricle, Mallorie Wilken, Jeremi Wurtz, Garrett Koester and Brent Nelms.

'05-'06 Block & Bridle Annual
Twenty seven students took part in this year’s Little Meat Animal Evaluation Contest. This year students participated in the Meats part of the contest. There were 6 classes: Beef Carcasses, Pork Carcasses, Hams, Pork Loins, Beef Loins, and Beef Yield/Quality Grade. In the Expert Division, those with collegiate judging experience, Kiley Roundtree was highpoint individual in the contest, while Brittni Swedberg was a close second. The top Expert team consisted of Kiley Roundtree, Jackie Snyder, Brittni Swedberg, and Ace VanDeWalle. Taking home honors in the Novice division were Shantille Kruse while Mike Bartels was second. Members of the top team included Shantille Kruse, Jacob Geis, Trenton Bohling, and Krista Rasmussen. Thank you to Dr. Dennis Burson and Lauren Grimes, UNL’s Meats Judging Coach, who served as the officials for this year’s contest.
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CONTESTS

Once again, Block and Bridle helped out with the State FFA Livestock Judging and Livestock Management contests. It took 60 volunteers and many hours to make the contests work. With over 300 students competing in the two contests, Animal Science was filled to the brim with blue, corduroy jackets.

On April 6th, students competed in the Livestock Judging contest. They were required to judge 10 classes and answer questions on 3 of those classes, one of each species. Seniors then presented 3 sets of reasons to members of past judging teams, as well as members of the current team.

April 7th was the Livestock Management contest. Teams of 4 individuals from each school competed in a multi-species contest. They rotated through Horse, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, and Poultry segments, completing a short practicum at each station. They completed hands-on evaluation and management activities, as well as tool identification questions.

(Above) Sarah Witte and Debi Shultz pose with their favorite timer during the Livestock Management Contest.

(Right) Adam, Ace and Brian pretend like they're working hard during the Livestock Judging Contest.
Background

As retired President of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation, Sherman Berg is a true champion for youth interested in pursuing a career in agriculture within the state of Nebraska. Following 40 years of service to the livestock industry, he has directly impacted over 30,000 youth that have participated in the programs he has developed for the World’s Largest 4-H Livestock Show at Ak-Sar-Ben.

Sherman was born in Osage, Iowa on March 5, 1941. He grew up on a crop and livestock production farm that his family continues to operate. Sherman and his brother, Kendrick, still maintain a small herd of purebred Shorthorn Cattle. As an eager participant in 4-H, he showed livestock at the local, regional and national levels, exhibiting the Reserve Champion Steer at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition in 1959. Sherman attended Iowa State University prior to being called to duty for the Army. He was an active member of Block and Bridle and a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Following his military service, he spent 18 years with the American Shorthorn Association in Omaha, serving as Junior Activities Director and Editor of Shorthorn Country. Sherman was married to Cindy in 1965.

In 1982, he joined the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation as Director of Agricultural Activities. His initial charge was to establish an event that would benefit the youth of Omaha and promote the state’s agricultural background and heritage. He assisted in the development of the Nebraska LEAD Program, a 23-year tradition that has graduated hundreds of seasoned agricultural leaders. In addition, he aided in administering the annual county fair building support contributions that transformed many county fairs across the state.
However, his greatest impact on both the livestock industry and youth programming has come from his leadership of the 77-year old Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition, bringing more than 1,500 youth exhibitors to the region annually. Sherman developed the “Catch-a-Calf” program, a mentoring program that pairs a member of the Omaha business community with each youth involved. This effort has aided in narrowing the urban and rural divide that exists within the state and resulted in many scholarships being offered to 4-H’ers by their mentors. Further, Mr. Berg was instrumental in development of the Purple Ribbon Auction that garnered over $290,000 in scholarship funds for youth programs this past year alone. Other popular programs he developed include the quiz bowl, premier exhibitor competition and market goat show.

Sherman is one of the founders of the River City Roundup Fair and Festival that, for more than 23 years, has educated urban youth on the agriculture industry and its importance to the state. After becoming President of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation in 1998, the Pace Picante ProRodeo Challenge was added to the River City Roundup bringing national television exposure to the event. Sherman has also served as President of the Livestock Publications Council, the Omaha Agribusiness Club, the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. Berg is also a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, the Omaha Sports Commission Executive Committee, the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee and the Omaha Agribusiness Club.

Although Sherman retired as President of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation, he continues to foster his passion for its youth programs. He became a Foundation Consultant in January of 2004, continuing his lifelong dedication to the development of youth.

Sarah, Crystal and Jessika stand beside a PBR Semi. The bulls were being unloaded for the night’s event at the Quest Center. We didn’t see any Cowboys though, darn!
Members who attended the Honoree Trip with Mr. Berg included (Front Row) Sarah Witte, Janae Althouse, Jessika Uden, Sarah Vanness, (Back Row) Dr. White, Brynn Husk, Shane Potter, Crystal Olson and Rachel Reuss.

Back at the AK-SAR-BEN office, members were treated to pizza and pop.

After the Quest Center tour, B & B members were able to ask questions and learn more about Mr. Berg's career. They also met with the AK-SAR-BEN staff.
2006 HONORS BANQUET

The Honors Banquet for the 2005-2006 school year was held on April 21, 2006 at the East Campus Union. The annual banquet is an opportunity to recognize all the hard work and success of the club members, Animal Science students, Judging Teams, and other various individuals.

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 during their lifetime. The banquet is held in their honor and they are presented a portrait, which is hung in the Animal Science Hall of Fame. Sherman O. Berg was the Honoree recognized at the 2005-2006 Banquet.

Block and Bridle gives out awards as well. Kiley Roundtree, Bryttni Swedberg, and Shantille Kruse received the Don Geweke Awards for Little MAEC. Block and Bridle members vote for the Senior Workhorse Award, the Outstanding Junior Activities, and the Outstanding Sophomore Activities each year. Jessika Uden was chosen for the Senior Workhorse Award which is sponsored by Nebraska Farmer, Jackie Snyder for the Outstanding Junior Activities sponsored by Hormel Foods Corporation, and Janae Althouse for the Outstanding Sophomore Activities sponsored by Waldo Farms. Shantille Kruse was chosen by the Marshal and Assistant Marshal as the Outstanding Initiate which is sponsored by the Poultry and Egg Division of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Block and Bridle winners were Senior Jessika Uden sponsored by the Parr Young Fund, Junior Jackie Snyder sponsored by Hermitage NGT, and Jackie Snyder for the Mike Cull Scholarship.

Block and Bridle would like to thank everyone who attended the annual banquet. Thank you also to Shane Potter who was the chairman of this year’s banquet and Jackie Snyder for putting together the slide show.
A PICTURE SAYS A THOUSAND WORDS...
The 2005 UNL Livestock Judging Team had great success earning the respect of peers from across the country. 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.

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. Individually, 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. 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. For the fourth consecutive year, a UNL student was named to the All-American Livestock Judging Team. This year, Jessika Uden was named All-American.
MEATS JUDGING TEAM

Front Row (L-R): Ace VanDeWalle (Orchard, NE), Kiley Roundtree (Parks, NE), Eric Deerson (Mead, NE). Back Row (L-R): Dr. Beermann (Dept. Head), Sarah Witte (Scribner, NE), Jackelyn Snyder (North Platte), Rebecca Small (Genoa, NE), Brittni Swedberg (North Platte, NE), Ashley Batie (Coach), Lauren Grimes (Coach), Dr. Dennis Burson (Faculty Advisor).

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 was very hard working, and willing to give up nights and weekends for practice and contests.

To start off the fall season, 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. Next, the team traveled to Emporia, KS for the American Royal Contest where the team finished 6th in Placings, 9th in Pork and Beef Judging and Total Beef, and 10th in Beef Grading, for finish of 10th overall. 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 Van DeWalle was 18th in Pork Judging.

The team then traveled to Plainview, TX to compete in the Cargill Meat Solutions High Plains Contest where the team received an $800 travel voucher just to attend. 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.

The team's 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, was 16th in Total Beef, 18th in Beef Grading, 20th in Pork, and 20th overall. Kiley Roundtree placed 17th in Lamb, and 20th in Placings. Ace Van DeWalle was chosen by his peers as the recipient of the Rachel Hamilton “Spirit” Memorial Award. This is truly a prestigious honor, as one student from each university who displayed dedication and motivation throughout the judging season was chosen by their fellow teammates.
The Meat Animal Evaluation Team of Eric Deerson, Mead; Krista Holstein, Blair; Kate Jess, Des Moines, IA; Rodney Lamb, Anselmo; Beth Maricle, Albion; Ashlee Poulas, Fremont; Jackie Snyder, North Platte; and Jessika Uden, Juniata; competed in the National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest March 28-30. The contest was held at the Oklahoma City Stockyards and Oklahoma State University.

The team place 6th overall, and 4th in the Meats, Market Animal, and Communications Divisions. They also placed 5th in Combined Sheep Evaluation and Combined Swine Evaluation. Individually, Rodney Lamb placed 10th overall and 6th in Market Animal Evaluation. Beth Maricle placed 4th in Market Animal Evaluation and Jackie Snyder placed 5th in Meats Evaluation. The team was coached by Dr.'s Rosie Nold and Bryan Reiling.

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 and keep/cull classes as well as questions on all classes. Carcass pricing, grading and ranking classes make up the meats division. In Communications, team members work together to address a current issue in the livestock industry.
The 2005 Horse Judging Team had one of the most successful seasons of competition in UNL history. The team competed at four competitions. The first competition for the team was the American Paint Horse Association Spring Sweepstakes, held in Fort Worth, TX. With nearly 100 individuals competing and 21 teams, UNL finished 10th overall, 6th in reasons, 6th in halter, and 10th in performance. Individually, Jenilee Nodlinski was 12th, Rachelle Bose was 15th, and Erin Peery was 19th in halter judging. UNL took home 15th, 17th, and 19th in reasons, with Joel Condreay, Erin Peery, and Jenilee Nodlinski. The major highlight of this contest was in Erin Peery who finished as the High Individual in Performance and was 5th High Individual Overall.

Starting the fall semester, the team traveled to Columbus, OH to compete at the All American Quarter Horse Congress. With 22 teams competing, UNL finished the day 6th in Halter, 4th in Performance, 7th in Reasons, and 5th Overall. Individually, Jenilee Nodlinski (14th) and Erin Peery (20th) placed in halter. Joel Condreay (19th) and Erin Peery (14th) both scored well in the reasons room. And the two team members placed in the top ten in performance judging, Joel Condreay (3rd) and Erin Peery (7th). Overall, Joel Condreay and Erin Peery both finished in the top ten, 8th and 10th respectively.

The next competition for the Horse Judging Team was the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show. This contest brings together some of the most well respected universities. As a team, UNL finished 5th Overall, 9th in Reasons, 7th in Performance, and was named the Reserve World Champion in Halter judging. Joel Condreay, Erin Peery, and Jenilee Nodlinski all placed near the top in halter, 11th, 9th, and 6th, respectively. Mollie Grim was the high member on the team in performance judging, finishing 12th.

The final contest for this successful team was the Collegiate contest at the National Reining Horse Association Futurity. The team finished in the top 15 with over 30 teams competing. Without a doubt, this team represented UNL and the Department of Animal Science in a positive manner. Their dedication and success should be commended!
Back row (L-R): Megan Holland, Laramie, WY; Mollie Grim, Bonesteel, SD; Lindsey Horner, Kearney, NE; Ibbi Allan, A1da, NE; Erin Peery, Lees Summit, MO; Nila Holmquist, Olathe, KS; Clara Grundman, Talmage, NE; Meghan Piepho, Ogalalla, NE. Standing (L-R): Shawna Tibbetts, Palmer, NE; Kristen Schott, Battle Creek, NE; Jennifer Schuckman, Norfolk, NE; Lindsey Salesstrom, Tekamah, NE; Katie Peers, Elkhorn, NE; Emily Bausch, Bennett, NE; Tiffany Westerholt, Lincoln, NE; Christi Vildak, Waverly, NE; Alicia Wittwer, Dawson, NE; Meghan Boone, Ashland, NE; Janie Teren, Omaha, NE. Kneeling (L-R): Emily Osberg, Lincoln, NE; Emily Bruntz, Hastings, NE; Sara Joy, Dunbar, NE; Katie Wise, Ashland, NE; Cassie Gardine, Bertrand, NE. Not pictured: Rachelle Bose, Hastings, NE; Kylee Fredrick, Grand Island, NE; Sara Lock, Seguin, TX; Amanda Stastny, Omaha, NE; Liz Farrow, Omaha, NE; and Shannon Cosgrove, Lincoln, NE.

The 2005-2006 UNL Equestrian Team competes in Zone 9 Region 3 of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. During the regular season, the team competes against schools in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Nebraska. Regular season competition consists of 10 shows, where riders randomly draw the horse they will show. Riders earning a designated number of points during the regular season earn the honor of competing at the Regional Championships. This year, UNL had sixteen riders qualify to compete at the Regional Championship Show the first weekend of April in River Falls, WI. Any rider placing first or second in their respective division will advance to compete at the Zone Championships. With a possible 12 qualifiers for Zone Championships, UNL was thrilled to come home with half of the qualifiers in the region. Zone Championships were hosted by St. Mary's of the Woods College in Terre Haute, IN, the second weekend of April. Zone competition brings riders from over 30 schools. Riders placing first or second at Zone Championships qualify to compete at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Finals, held at Harrisburg, PA, the first week of May. Husker Equestrians tied with Kansas State University for qualifying the most riders for Nationals.

In addition, UNL earned Regional Championship Team honors, for the second year in a row! Also, Alicia Wittwer, a freshman from Dawson, NE was the High Point Rider for the season. With these accomplishments, UNL will compete as a team, with one rider from each division, and Alicia Wittwer will ride in the American Quarter Horse Association High Point Rider Cup at the Zone Championships and the National Finals. The team is looking to improve upon their 7th place finish from last years National Horse Show.
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