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THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Looking back, this has been a reasonably good year for the Fort Hays State University Agriculture Department. A 13 year decline in Agriculture majors was reversed with an increase of 3.6% for the fall of 1989, spring of 1990 academic year. Considering the continuing population decline in our primary service area, an increase in Agriculture majors was a significant accomplishment. At this writing, another increase in our Agriculture majors (about 4%) seems assured. There are numerous reasons for these increases: continued excellent academic programs; well qualified faculty; excellent alumni support (students as well as financial); continued high placement rate for our graduates; a friendly caring faculty; attention to applied programs; the "Awards of Excellence" incoming freshmen programs and many others. Perhaps it is noteworthy that an active, thriving scholarship program (initiated by President Hammond a few years ago) has helped in the increasing Agriculture enrollment at FHSU. Also, effective utilization of present agriculture grants and scholarships from alumni and friends has had a positive impact. One must also realize that the somewhat improved farm economy in the recent past has been a positive factor also. However, the FHSU program has never been blessed with an outstanding (even with the generous donations of alumni) scholarship program for all Agriculture majors.

Well, things are looking better. Just a few days prior to harvest this past summer, Edward and Carolyn Scanlon of rural WaKeeney donated \$122,000 worth of stock to FHSU with Agriculture majors being the primary benefactors. This permanent endowed scholarship fund will give preference to students from Trego County majoring in Agriculture with good academic records. The generosity of Edward and Carolyn, lifetime farmers, will be a continuing benefit for students from the area. This very generous gift is deeply appreciated.

The fortunes of Fort Hays State University Agriculture students and prospective students received more good news a few days later as harvest ended. On a hot, windy afternoon, attorney Bill Elliott, Hill City, presented checks in excess of \$650,000 to establish the Herbert L. Fought endowed scholarship and grant fund. As Bill Elliott indicated, Herbert and his wife Susie loved the land that provided a rewarding lifetime for them in Norton County Kansas. They wanted to help industrious students who want to make their living in Agriculture. They further indicated that recipients of their financial assistance should be of good moral fiber, from Western Kansas (preference) and in need of financial help.

Again, the FHSU Agriculture program is appreciative of this very generous gift.

Thanks to the many generous donations from the FHSU Agriculture alumni and friends each year, the very generous gift from Edward and Carolyn Scanlon and the extremely generous gift from Herbert and Susie Fought, Agriculture majors at Fort Hays State University can look forward to a very good financial assistance program.

It is obvious that my first statement was somewhat incorrect. It has been a VERY good year for the Fort Hays State University Agriculture Department!

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

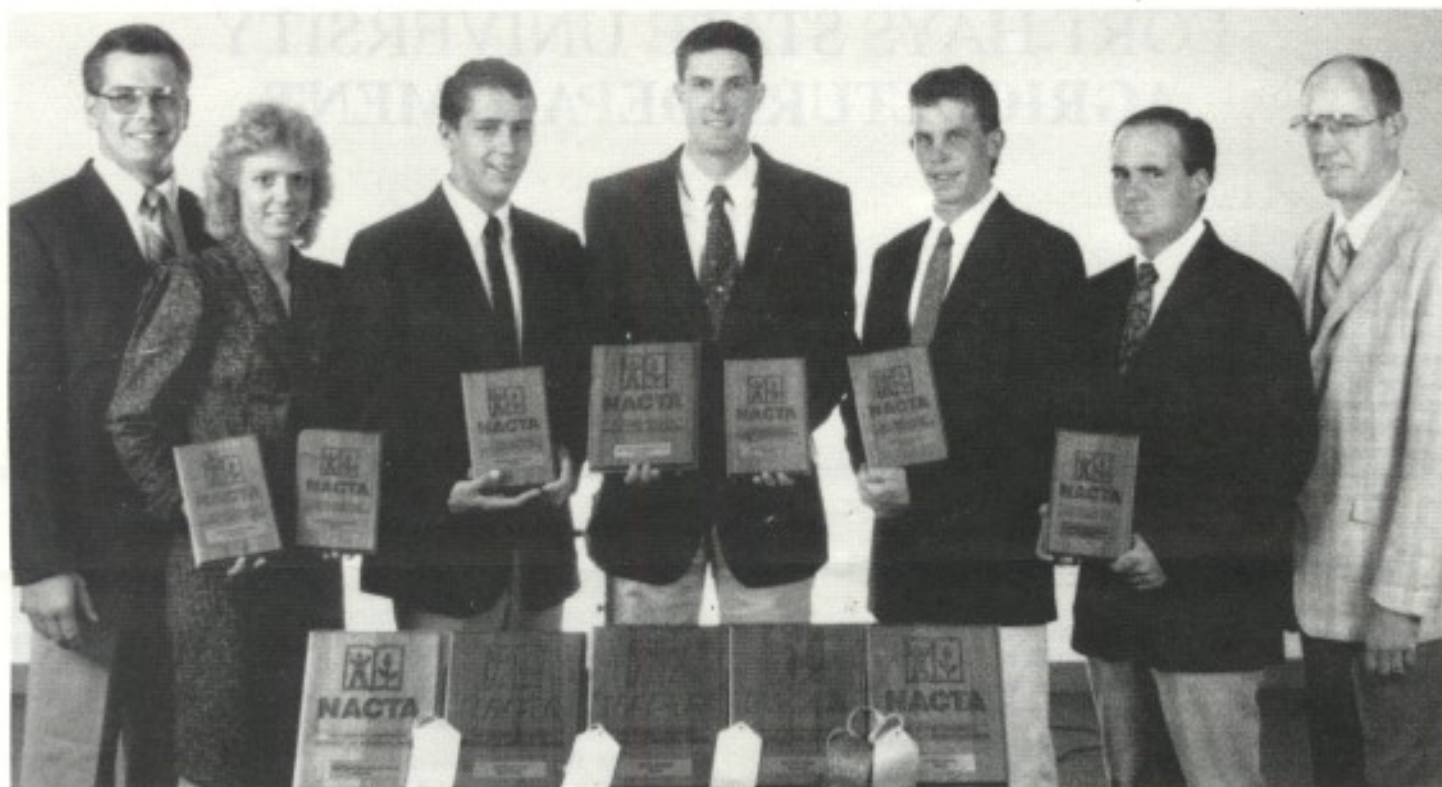
The 1990 Fort Hays State University Livestock Judging Team consisting of Rich Gleason, Spearville, Kansas, Kathleen Leiker, Munjor, Kansas, Brendon Osborn, Anthony, Kansas, Rob Rahe, Belleville, Kansas, and Duane Strine, Effingham, Kansas, placed well throughout the spring. After many long tiring workouts through the fall and over Christmas break, the team traveled to five spring contests. The group started the year with a respectable 7th place finish at Phoenix and ended very strong, finishing 2nd at NACTA (the major national contest for peer universities).

While the team placed in the middle of the road at the first four contests, a couple of individuals did very well. Rob Rahe was 4th high individual in sheep at Phoenix leading the team to a 5th place finish overall in sheep. Rob also finished as 6th high individual in horses in Fort Worth. Rich Gleason talked his way to a 9th place finish in reasons at Phoenix. Kathleen Leiker finished 7th in horses in Houston.

However, the team traveled to Waseca, Minnesota, to participate in the NACTA Contest and came home with a 2nd place finish over all. Individually the Tigers had 4 members in the top 15 overall. Rich Gleason was high individual overall, being the first FHSU judger in a long time to win a contest. He also finished 2nd in sheep, 3rd in swine and 4th in reasons. Rob Rahe was 3rd high individual overall, 1st in sheep, 4th in swine, and 4th in reasons. Kathleen Leiker finished 15th overall. The team also did very well in each of the team categories. They won sheep, were 3rd in reasons, 3rd in swine, and 3rd in beef.

The group is hoping to start this fall just like they finished last spring. They will be traveling to Wichita to participate in the Mid America Classic; to Kansas City for the American Royal; and to Louisville for the International. The team has a lot of potential to pick up where it left off.

The 1989 team consisting of Carla Davis, Ekalaka, Montana, Rosemary Forbes, KayCee, Wyoming, Tom



FHSU JUDGING TEAM: Left to Right: Kevin Huser, Coach, Kathleen Huser, Brendon Osborn, Rich Gleason, Duane Strine, Rob Rahe and Dr. Mike Gould, Chairman.

Herzog, Miles City, Montana, Marty Sneath, Kanapolis, Kansas, and Tim Zenger, Haddam, Kansas, finished very well in Wichita and Kansas City. The team was 5th at Wichita with Rosemary Forbes and Marty Sneath both finishing in the top ten.

At Kansas City the team had perhaps the best contest of the year placing 2nd overall. Rosemary Forbes also finished as 2nd high individual overall and received a \$750 scholarship from the American Royal. Marty Sneath was 10th overall at the Royal.

Both the 1989 and 1990 teams would like to thank everybody who supported them the past couple of years. Everyone who furnished livestock and classes for us helped make all the success of the teams possible. Equally important is the financial assistance given the team by alumni, friends and the FHSU Block and Bridle Club. It takes a special kind of individual to put forth the determination and effort to make a successful judge and, I feel the members of both of these teams can feel proud of the representation they have made.

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY BLOCK & BRIDLE

The Fort Hays State University Block and Bridle Club is a very active organization with 55 members. Officers during the 1989-90 semesters were: President, Tom Herzog; Vice President, Duane Strine; Secretary, Jerree Huckins; Treasurer, Carla Davis; Historians, Doug Brower, Laura Kleweno and Rossete Pachta; Publicity, Sheila Morrill and Marcie Radford; JuCo Contest Chairman, Marty Sneath; JuCo Contest Assistant, Mike Schloctermeier; FFA Dairy

Contest, Richard Gleason and John Gould; Little I Chairman, Tim Zenger; Little I Assistant, Tim Van Laeys and Jerry DeWeese; Senior Advisor, Dr. Mike Gould; Junior Advisors, Kevin Huser and Mike Ouellette.

Activities began for Block and Bridle when Dr. Gould took five members to the summer national meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. The group attended animal science research presentations, as well as the National Block and Bridle business meetings. The fall semester was put into full swing during the University "Welcome Back" picnic. Block and Bridle Club in conjunction with the Student Government Association and the Food Service, served and entertained approximately 4,000 students, faculty, alumni, guests and staff.

Another element of service provided by the Block and Bridle is at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Twenty-five members traveled to Wichita with Dr. Gould and fried more than 2,000 hamburgers for the participants and their families.

The Block and Bridle Club was responsible for hosting three livestock judging contests during the fall and spring semesters. The first contest was the FFA Dairy Judging Contest held September 19 with 15 schools competing. The Junior College Livestock Judging Contest followed on September 30. Competing in this contest were 15 community colleges from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. An awards banquet was held after the contest. The third contest was the Northwest District Livestock Judging Contest in which 15 FFA chapters competed. The Block and Bridle Club was responsible for organizing the entire contest.

In October, Dr. Gould and 12 club members attended the North Central Regions Block and Bridle Conference in

Brookings, South Dakota. Two FHSU members were elected to regional offices. Jerree Huckins was elected vice-president, and Laura Kleweno was elected as the secretary-treasurer. Fort Hays State University was also confirmed at the locations for the 1990-91 North Central Region Block and Bridle Conference.

The annual Block and Bridle/Rodeo Club Christmas party and dance at the Silver Spur in Schoenchen was the conclusion to the first semester.

In January, club members attended the National Block and Bridle Winter Meeting in Denver, Colorado. The convention was held in conjunction with the National Western Livestock Show.

In the month of February the club had its annual "Sausage Sale". Members trimmed, ground, seasoned, and packaged about 400 pounds of sausage.

The Little International Fitting and Showing Contest was the biggest event of the spring semester. Forty-four students from a variety of academic majors competed in beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine classes. An awards banquet, held in the ballroom of the FHSU Memorial Union, followed the contest. Over 200 students, parents, faculty, alumni, and guests attended the banquet to recognize Little I showman and club members for their outstanding achievements.

The final order of business for the year was the election of the 1990-91 officers. The officers are: President, Frank Morey; Vice-President, Brenden Osborn; Secretary, Carmen Wilhelm; Treasurer, Laura Kleweno; Historian, Jerree Huckins; Publicity, Karla Lang; Little I Chairman, Rob Rahe; Little I Assistant, Jerry DeWeese; Dairy Chairman, Kathy Leiker; JuCo Chairman, John Gould; JuCo Assistant, Jayne Dick; Senior Advisor, Dr. Mike Gould; Junior Advisors, Dr. Ron Nelson and Kevin Huser.

FROM THE DESK OF VIRGIL K. HOWE,

Dean of College of Health and Life Sciences

As the College of Health and Life Sciences enters the 1990-91 school year we look back with much satisfaction to the past two years and look forward to a very bright future. The College came into existence as the School of Health and Life Sciences on July 1, 1988. I had the good fortune to be selected as its first Dean.

Our first year was a bit tentative as we spent much of our time becoming acquainted with one another and seeking a unique and common identity. The new organization brought together four departments from scattered backgrounds. To assist in finding a common mission with similar goals, a Faculty Advisory Council was formed during the fall semester of 1988. The Council has two faculty members from each department selected by their peers to represent them in advising the Dean on a broad variety of topics. As time has gone by a singleness of purpose has evolved, yet all four departments have maintained their own unique identity.

We have matured to the point where a College Mission Statement has been written and Strategic Plans are being developed to provide the College with goals and objectives for the next three to five years. During the past year the designation was changed from "school" to "college", not only for Health and Life Sciences but the other three colleges as well.

Enrollments in the College program increased modestly over the past two years, and one new Masters Degree, the MS in Nursing, has been approved by the Board of Regents. We are asking for a new Baccalaureate Program in Communication Disorders for the coming year and we are in

the midst of reviewing an interdisciplinary Master of Science in Gerontology which would involve all four departments in the College. Even though our academic programs have increased, our faculty contributions in scholarship and public service have continued to be very substantial. Many of our faculty enjoy national and international reputations in their respective disciplines. During the 1990 school year, the Faculty Advisory Council initiated a program to recognize an outstanding faculty member in teaching, research, and service. Receipt of such recognition brings each faculty member a stipend and their name is placed upon a plaque that is displayed in the Dean's Office.

Near the end of our first year of operation, the College received a monetary grant from Dr. Emil Childers. These funds were used to develop an open microcomputer laboratory for our students. Subsequently, a federal grant to the University has resulted in a microcomputer for every faculty member. The University is very close to becoming the high touch-high tech institution envisioned by President Hammond and the College of Health and Life Sciences is at the forefront in fulfilling that vision.

The Department of Agriculture has been particularly fortunate for recently the Department was the recipient of the largest single cash bequest that has ever been received by Fort Hays State University. In addition, through the generosity of two other families, the Department now has a total endowment well in excess of three-quarters of a million dollars which establishes scholarships and grants for students majoring in agriculture as well as providing funds for improving the Farm operations, replacing laboratory equipment, and creating opportunities for faculty development and student activities.

The coming year is particularly important for the Department of Agriculture. The faculty continue to seek a unique place in the higher education system of Kansas where their efforts will not duplicate the programs of Kansas State University but yet be relevant to the needs of the agriculture industry, particularly in western Kansas. To assist in those efforts a review team visited our department during the past year and their report has provided guidelines for a curricular review that will take place during the coming year. In particular the faculty will seek to develop a program that will better utilize the Farm as a teaching facility, and will prepare our graduates to enter middle-management positions in the integrated farming structure which we believe to be the wave of the future.

There are many reasons to feel optimistic about the future of the Department of Agriculture and we hope that we may call upon all of our students, alumni, and friends to assist us as we move toward that future.

DELTA TAU ALPHA

The agriculture honor society Delta Tau Alpha (DTA) was busy last year as it welcomed 12 new members. Members are invited based upon their academic performance.

Every year DTA has a fall and spring picnic and last years were bigger and better than ever. Several guest speakers were on campus to share with students and the public, topics of agriculture and to discuss job opportunities. In early April Dr. Stephenson and six members: Carl Cheney, Loren Graff, Chip Hendricks, Tom Herzog, Raymond Splitter, and Alan Tillberg attended the National DTA Convention at S.E. Missouri State University. Loren Graff was FHSU's delegate and also served on two committees. Carl Cheney, Chip Hendricks, and Tom Herzog were a team that competed in the 2nd Annual Ag. Quiz Bowl. The trip was DTA's first in

nearly 10 years, and plans are to attend this years convention at Southwest Texas State University.

The FHSU chapter will participate as a member of a three school team to revise the National DTA Constitution. They will be selling pumpkins this fall to help raise money for the upcoming national convention and will be actively involved in various fund raisers, as well as community projects in the Hays area.

The chapter graduated several members, but those returning are looking forward to a productive year. Officers for the 1990-91 year are: Alan Tillberg, President; Todd Wasinger, Vice- President; Aaron Reece, Secretary; and Ray Splitter, Treasurer (second year). Advisors are Drs' Brent Spaulding, Jean Gleichsner, and Bob Stephenson.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR AGRICULTURE MAJORS

Students majoring in Agriculture at Fort Hays State University have greatly improved financial assistance opportunities than in past years. Numerous significant gifts should make available from \$55,000.00 to \$65,000.00 per year for agriculture majors.

It is important to note that there are different eligibility guidelines for various scholarships/grants. It is highly recommended that students interested in majoring in Agriculture at FHSU complete and return their applications by the deadlines (at least by March 1) specified. If students wish, earlier applications are appreciated since some grants/scholarships are first come first served for qualified applicants. Scholarship applications should be available through high school counselors, Vocational Agriculture instructors, community college counselors, community college livestock judging coaches, community college rodeo coaches, etc. If you are unable to obtain an application, call (913) 628-4196 and request one.

We look forward to a good response to our scholarship/grant program.

GROZYME RESEARCH

GroZyme, a compound marketed by Ag Spectrum, has shown to increase yields of corn, winter and spring wheat, soybeans, and grain sorghum in Ohio, Iowa, and Illinois. Drs. Robert Stephenson and Jean Gleichsner in cooperation with Dr. Carlyle Thompson, Fort Hays Experiment Station, are looking at its potential for use in western Kansas on grain sorghum. GroZyme is a complex mixture of micronutrients, growth regulators and biological activators that enhances yields by stimulating microbial activity in the soil. GroZyme also has shown the ability to reduce the amount of nitrates reaching groundwater.

RODEO CLUB

The 1989-90 Rodeo Club had a very good year. That sounds like a trite statement; however, we had a "silver" year. First of all, the Rodeo Club had their 25th (silver) Anniversary, we had a successful recruiting program, five College National Finals qualifiers and we won the annual Rodeo Club-Block and Bridle "football" game. We would have had a "gold" year in all categories if it were not for three factors. First of all, the wind dealt us two separate blows to the east horse shed; secondly, the weatherman did his traditional and predictable (10 out of 13 years) thing to the

spring rodeo and thirdly, Southwestern Oklahoma State is still in the Central Plains Region.

The 1989-90 Rodeo Club President, Ty Rinaldo (Sr., Grand Junction, Colorado) was elected as the Student Director for the Central Plains Region and did a tremendous job of representing his regional constituents. Unfortunately, he graduated and resigned but the current Rodeo Club President, Joe Clevenger, (Sr., Colony) was elected by the students of Oklahoma and Kansas to represent them as their regional Student Director. A definite indication of the caliber of young men and women that are a part of the Fort Hays program.

The 1989-90 Rodeo Team had a very respectable regional record. The Women's Team was the regional Reserve Champion Team and the Men's Team was 7th in the region. Michelle Radacy (Sr., Fowler, Colorado) was the Champion Breakaway Roper and Reserve Champion All-Around Cowgirl and Dennis Anderson (Sr., Silver Lake) was the Reserve Co-Champion Bull Rider. We had several teammates that were either "battling" for the regional position or were in the top ten and thus helping their teammates efforts. The end of the year standings includes: Scott Gehrt (Sr., Manhattan) 5th and Ty Rinaldo 7/8th in bulls, Rod Blessing (Sr., Hays) 10th in saddle broncs, Matt Bacon (Jr., Gordon, Nebraska) 10-12th in calf roping, Brenda Minckley (Sr., Colony) 4/6th in breakaway, Michelle Radacy 4th and Kristi White (So., Ashby, Neb.) 7th in goats.

At the CNFR in Boseman, the girls team finished 9th overall with Michelle (16.8 on 2 head and disqualified short round but ended as 10th in average in goats and 8.1 on 2 calves, missed her short round calf and finished 8/10 in average and 12th in the nation), Brenda (7.2 on two head of calves and missed her short round breakaway calf) and Kristi White (17.4 on two goats and 8.4 in short (3rd) finished third in goats at CNFR and 8.1 on first breakaway calf). The men were represented by Dennis Anderson and Ty Rinaldo in the bull riding and Ty had 129 on two head and bucked off his short go bull finished in 7th place. Ty also was selected by Berg Custom Silver and Gold (Behlen, New Mexico) to be the first recipient of an annual CNFR Sportsman Award.

The recruiting has resulted in larger numbers than we had anticipated but we will accept those surprises anytime. We had some "large shoes" to fill with the graduating seniors but we have 25 purchasing cards this fall and an additional 10 to purchase for the spring. Those ten are ineligible for the fall rodeos either because of academics or transfer penalty. The fall group includes 8 transfers, 11 freshmen, 6 returners. Among these are several state and national high school qualifiers, a Central Plains Region Champion and eight states. The fall schedule includes three rodeos (Pratt 9-21); Murray State 10-19; Northwestern (Alva) 11-8).

Mark your calendar and attend October 13 (10 a.m. Team Roping and 5 p.m. Rodeo Club Auction and October 14 (Alumni Invitational Rodeo). The Auction will have an additional event in that we will have a Casino for part of the evening, followed by the Auction. We desperately need your support and attendance. Do not forget that Bronc will donate two NFR items to the Auction. These tickets are stock contractor's, front row, chute area seats.

In addition, we will have an October Series Saddle Roping beginning Oct. 6 and continue on 13th, 20th and 27th. You must rope in two of the three ropings to qualify for the saddle on the 27th. If you don't have a flyer, contact us at (913) 628-4366

1990-91 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fall Semester

August 16-17	Enrollment
August 20	Classes Begin/Welcoming Back Picnic
August 20	1st day to add/drop classes
August 24	Last day for 100% refund
August 31	Last day for 75% refund
September 3	Labor Day - No Classes
September 10	Last day for 50% refund
September 17	Last day for 25% refund
September 18	FFA Dairy Contest
September 21-23	Pratt Community College Rodeo
September 28	Octoberfest
September 29	Homecoming
October 5	JUCO Contest
October 12	Midsemester
October 13	Rodeo Auction
October 14	FHSU Alumni - Invitational Rodeo
October 19-21	Murray State College Rodeo
October 26-27	North Central Regional B&B Meeting - FHSU
November 2	Last day to withdraw from a course
November 8-10	NWOSU Rodeo
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 1	Christmas Party
December 8-14	Final Exams

Spring Semester

January 7-8	Enrollment
January 9	Classes Begin
January 9	1st day to add/drop classes
January 15	Last day for 100% refund
January 21	Martin Luther King Holiday - No Classes
January 23	Last day for 75% refund
January 30	Last day for 50% refund
February 6	Last day for 25% refund
March 1	Midsemester
March 9-17	Spring Vacation
March 22-24	FSOC Rodeo
March 29-31	KSU Rodeo
March 29	Last day to drop a course
April 4-6	SWOSU Rodeo
April 8	FFA Livestock Judging Contest
April 12-14	PSU Rodeo
April 13	Little International/Awards Banquet
April 19-21	GCCC Rodeo
April 21	Pig & Lamb Sale
April 26-28	FHSU Rodeo
May 2-4	DCCC Rodeo
May 4-10	Final Exams
May 10	Commencement, 8 p.m.

Summer Session

June 3	Enrollment for Summer Term
June 4	Classes Begin
July 4	Independence Day - No Classes
July 26	Summer Session Ends

AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS

BLOCK AND BRIDLE

The Block and Bridle Club promotes agriculture and encourages participation and unity among students through a variety of professional, social and recreational activities. Block and Bridle is a campus-wide organization that meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

1990-91 Officers

President - Frank Morey
 Vice President - Brenden Osborn
 Secretary - Carmen Wilhelm
 Treasurer - Laura Kieweno
 Historian - Jerree Huckins
 Publicity - Karla Lang
 JuCo Contest - John Gould
 Asst. JuCo Contest - Jayne Dick
 Little I - Rob Rahe
 Assistant Little I - Jerry DeWeese
 Senior Advisor - Dr. Mike B. Gould, (913) 628-4196
 Junior Advisors - Kevin Huser
 Mike Ouellette
 Dr. Ron Nelson



DELTA TAU ALPHA

Delta Tau Alpha (DTA) is a national agriculture honor society which recognizes scholastic excellence in the field of agriculture. Membership is by invitation only and the society meets the second Tuesday of each month.

1990-91 Officers

President - Alan Tillberg
 Vice President - Todd Wasinger
 Secretary - Aaron Reece
 Treasurer - Raymond Splitter
 Senior Advisor - Brent Spaulding
 Junior Advisor - Robert Stephenson



RODEO CLUB

Rodeo Club is one of the largest groups on campus. Members of the club participate in regional intercollegiate rodeos and host their own intercollegiate and alumni rodeos. Rodeo Club is a campus-wide organization and meets every Tuesday night at the FHSU Rodeo Club Arena.

1990-91 Officers

President - Joe Clevenger
 Vice President - Darrin Gifford
 Alumni Director - Mike Spinden
 Historian - Shane Johnson
 Secretary - Sloan Pebley
 Treasurer - Karla Thompson
 Team Coach - Bronc Rufford
 Faculty Advisor - Garry Brower, 628-4366
 Community Sponsors - Gary Rolland, 628-8045
 Mike Smith
 Dennis Schmidt



Any student interested in Rodeo Club is welcome to join the fun - you don't have to own a horse or compete in rodeo to join the club. The only requirement is a desire to work hard and enjoy yourself.

For more information, contact Dr. Garry Brower at (913) 628-4366.