

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

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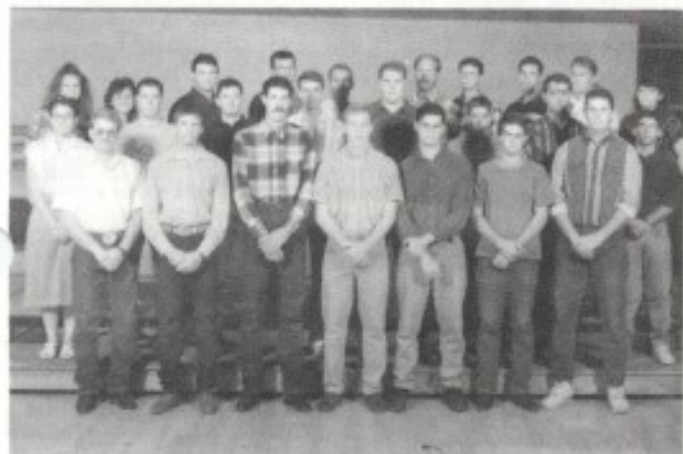
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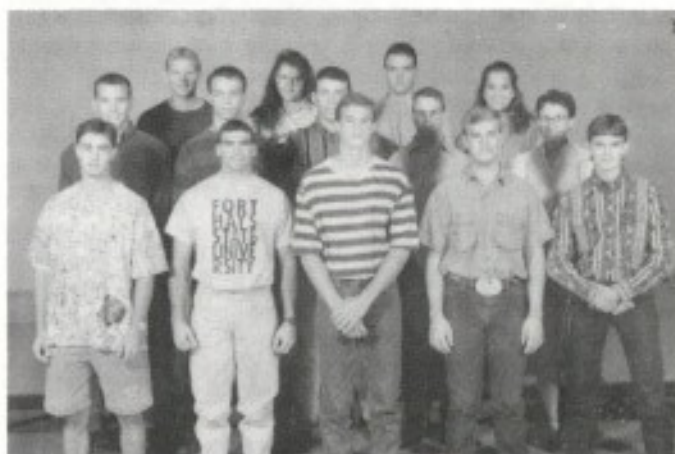
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SCHOLARSHIPS

Students from throughout Kansas have benefited from the generosity of area producers and alumni. Over \$55,000 in scholarships were awarded to continuing, transfer, and freshmen students majoring in agriculture for the 1992-93 school year. Scholarship recipients were selected on the basis of scholastic achievement and interest in agriculture. Congratulations to each scholarship recipient and a special thank you to the scholarship sponsors.



1992-93 CONTINUING & TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: Row 1 (L to R): Bob Keener, Greg Carey, Roger Gleason, Doug Palen, Jim Grilliot, Shawn Diederich, and Colby Greiving. Row 2 (L to R): Dr. Jean Gleichsner - Scholarship Coordinator, Chad Fabrizio, Clay Scott, Gene Ragan, Calvin Hett, Mark Pohlman, Gary Grassier, and Pete Flax. Row 3 (L to R): Missy Norman, Melanie Wendling, Brandon Prough, Jason Schneider, Kevin Schoenhals, Chad Deines, Troy David, Del Hawkins, Rich Calliham, and Kim Roberts.



1992-93 FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: Row 1 (L to R): Rolland Winter, Phil Henrickson, Ryan Ketter, Darin Alexander, and James Halling. Row 2 (L to R): Scott Schertz, Glenn Huser, Jared Haggard, Dustin Lantow, and Dr. Jean Gleichsner - Scholarship Coordinator. Row 3 (L to R): Daren Ellenz, Dawn Siders, Adam Loomis, and Candace Ketzner.

THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Academic 1992 (July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992) was an exciting, rewarding, distracting, sometimes confusing year for the Fort Hays State Agriculture Department (sounds like a farmer or rancher describing a "typical" year).

Perhaps the most positive and significant occurrence was a continued growth (four consecutive years) in the numbers of students majoring in Agriculture at FHSU. This upward trend started in academic 1989 and continues into the Fall of 1992. In the Fall of 88, we hit a 13 year low with 136 majors. Steady increases were witnessed the next four years with 213 Agriculture majors for the Fall 1992 semester. This 77 student (56.6%) increase speaks volumes about our Agriculture program. Quality faculty, quality students, improving facilities, and continuing financial support from alumni and

friends have led to this greater acceptance of the FHSU Agriculture program.

Other positive happenings include a very successful "Agriculture In The Classroom" short course in the summer session. This is a cooperative effort between the FHSU Agriculture Department, FHSU College of Education and the KSU College of Agriculture. This course is designed to help teachers K-12 incorporate learning opportunities about agriculture in their curriculums.

The FHSU Agriculture program saw significantly more (33 compared to 12) majors taking advantage of internships this past year. The department has allowed greater participation in this "applied learning experience" as an official part of the academic programs.

The FHSU Agriculture faculty has been recognized on a national level with two members elected to national officer

positions with the two major student organizations in agriculture. Dr. Robert Stephenson has been elected to the office of treasurer of the National Delta Tau Alpha organization. This is the academic student branch of the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. Dr. Mike Gould has been elected to the Presidency of the National Block and Bridle Club; the student branch of the American Society of Animal Science.

I initially indicated some distracting and somewhat confusing happenings for the Agriculture Department. We seem to be very critically evaluated to determine if our program (the department) should be continued or discontinued at Fort Hays State. We "justified" ourselves on three [one Board of Regents, one FHSU, one Chief Operating officers (university presidents) of Kansas universities] occasions. Each occasion meant voluminous reports indicating what we are, where we are and where we hope to go. On one of these occasions (the FHSU internal evaluation) the department was called in for a "second hearing" along with the Departments of Industrial Education and Home Economics. In all instances (each evaluation event), the department received positive recommendations for continuance. It seems that this critical evaluation will continue on a yearly basis. Unfortunately, acceptance of our program as evidenced by enrollment trends may not be the most important criterion when "judgment" is made. Other, perhaps more important, criteria involve contributions to the University Mission Statement and possible duplication of programs at other Kansas universities. These evaluations, in the end, have been opportunities to educate FHSU, the Board of Regents and the university administration about the Agriculture program at Fort Hays State.

We (the faculty) look forward to the coming year. It will be challenging and exciting for us as well as the students. Your continued support (moral as well as financial) is very important to us and the continued growth and existence of the agriculture program at Fort Hays State University.

THE BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB

The Fort Hays State University Block and Bridle Club once again had another very active year with 97 members. Officers during the 1991-92 school year were: President, Jerry DeWeese; Vice-President, John Gould and Bob Keener; Secretary, Mechelle Foos; Treasurer, Brian Nicholas; Historian, Curtis Ohlde; JUCO Chairman, Gary Shapland; Little I Chairman, Brenden Osborn; Little I Assistant, Randy Huser; and FFA Dairy Contest, Anita Sakala; Senior Club Advisor, Dr. Mike Gould; Junior Advisors, Dr. Ron Nelson and Kevin Huser.

The club's activities for the year began with Dr. Gould and six members traveling to the summer national meeting in Laramie at the University of Wyoming. While there, the group attended a Animal Science research paper presentation, as well as the National Block and Bridle Meeting. The fall semester and the annual "Welcome Back" picnic found the Block and Bridle Club upholding its tradition once again of working with the Student Government Association and Food Service to serve approximately 4,000 students, faculty, alumni, guests, and staff.

Service work provided by the Block and Bridle Club continued when twenty members traveled to Wichita with Dr. Gould to fry over 2,000 hamburgers for the participants and their families at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

Three livestock judging contests were held during the year which the Block and Bridle Club sponsor. The first contest was the FFA Dairy Judging Contest held in mid September with 20 schools competing. This contest was followed by the Junior College Livestock Judging Contest held in early October. Around twenty community colleges from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Wyoming competed in this contest. The awards banquet was held following the contest. The final contest which took place during the spring semester was the Northwest District Livestock Judging Contest in which twenty FFA chapters competed.

The National Block and Bridle Winter Meeting was held November 14-16, 1991, at Louisville, Kentucky. While in Louisville, the members toured horse operations and various other sites. Attending the meeting was 29 members and one advisor. Dr. Gould was elected the National President. The 1992-93 National Meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado in January.

The fall semester concluded with the annual Block and Bridle Club Christmas party held at the VFW Hall in Victoria, Kansas.

During February 21-22, 1992, the North Central Regional Block and Bridle Conference was held at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. While in Lincoln, the group toured the college farms and attended various speakers. At the business meeting, Melanie Wendling was elected the Regional Secretary/Treasurer. The 1992-93 Regional Meeting will be held in Fargo, North Dakota. Also, during the month of February, club members trimmed, ground, seasoned, and packaged nearly 400 pounds of sausage for its annual "Sausage Sale".

The biggest and busiest event of the spring semester was the Little International Fitting and Showing Contest. Seventy-five students from a variety of academic majors competed in beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine competitions. The awards banquet followed the contest and was held at the FHSU Memorial Union. Over 250 students, parents, faculty, alumni, donors, and guests were in attendance to recognize Little I showpersons and club members for their outstanding achievements in the club.

The 1992-93 year looks as though it will be another busy year. The club will help with the annual "Welcome Back" picnic, and soon to follow will be the FFA Dairy Judging Contest.

In September, the club will go back to Wichita and cook hamburgers for the participants and parents of the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

The month of October will also be busy. First, the club will sponsor the Junior College Livestock Judging Contest. Then, the Regional Block and Bridle meeting will be October 16, in Fargo, North Dakota. The club will also help with the Endowment Association's telethon the last of October.

The Block and Bridle Christmas Party will be DECEMBER 5, 1992 at the VFW Hall in Victoria, Kansas.

When the students come back for the spring semester they will attend the National Block and Bridle Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Toward the end of the semester will be the Northwest District Livestock Judging Contest for FFA chapters and the Little International Fitting and Showing Contest.

The officers for 1992-93 term are: President, Jay Holopirek; Vice-President, Curtis Ohlde; Secretary, Melanie Wendling; Treasurer, Randy Huser; Historian, Chris Heier and Cristi Carson; Publicity, Robyn Carey;

JUCO Chairman, Jason Schneider; Little I Chairman, Anita Sakala; and FFA Dairy Contest, Stephanie Vaughn; Senior Club Advisor, Dr. Mike Gould; Junior Advisors, Dr. Ron Nelson and Kevin Huser.

FHSU LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

The 1992 Livestock Judging Team has been very competitive through the spring. They started the year with a long workout over Christmas break and traveled to Denver to compete in the National Western Stock Show's Livestock Judging Contest, and Carload Judging Contest. The team members are Dave Braun (Victoria, KS-Sr.), Ken Crissman (St. John, KS-Sr.), Jamie Kirby (Larned, KS-Sr.), Anita Sakala (Calhan, CO-Jr.), Glenda Snyder (St. John, KS-Sr.), and Stephanie Vaughn (Garnett, KS-Sr.). On the first weekend in February the team competed in the Southwestern Livestock Judging Contest at Fort Worth, TX. They finished 5th in the Horse division. A month later was the Houston Livestock Show in Houston, TX where the team had their most consistent outing so far. They ended the spring competing at the NACTA Contest. Stephanie Vaughn and Ken Crissman led the way for the team as the team finished 3rd overall and won the cattle judging division.

The team is back this fall and gearing up for the fall contests. This fall the team will travel to Wichita and compete in the Mid America Classic at the end of September. In November they will travel to the American Royal in Kansas City, and finish the year at the International at Louisville, KY.

It has been a very good year to work with this team as they all have a lot of interest in livestock. They also have the desire to work hard in preparation for the contests and enjoy the support given by the many livestock producers who provide classes for them to practice on.

They have been joined this fall by eight individuals who are wanting to judge in 1993. Stacy Barth (Ashland-Jr.), Dustin Gilliland (Bird City-Jr.), Randy Huser (Victoria-Jr.), Noel Ketzner (Bird City-So.), Curtis Ohlde (Linn-Jr.), Ross Stejskal (Lewis-Jr.), Shannon Stevens (St. Francis-So.), and Doug Wright (Bird City-Jr.) are the individuals who are planning to compete in 1993. With all the talent and interest we have in the judging program, we have a lot to look forward to.

DELTA TAU ALPHA (DTA)

Delta Tau Alpha (DTA) is a National Honor Society for Agriculture Students. Its purpose is to recognize those students who have achieved a high level of academic performance while attending their respective schools. The Fort Hays State University Chapter of DTA, like the National Organization, is made up of students who have excelled in their school work. The requirements for entrance into DTA are that the student must rank in the top 35% of their class at the University and they must have complete at least 45 total credit hours and at least 12 hours of Agricultural course work.

Several DTA students from our chapter attended the national convention held last year at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Three of our group, Kevin Schoenhals, Chad Deines, and Doug Palen, represented the Chapter very well in their participation in the Ag Bowl competition by taking second place. This was an admirable achievement because the competition was very keen. The Ag Bowl is a contest where the students are asked questions about all aspects of agriculture from agronomy,

animal science, and agribusiness. Also, while at the convention, Dr. Robert Stephenson, one of the Chapter's co-advisors, was elected to be the Treasurer of the National DTA organization. Congratulations are extended to him for this from all Chapter members and other advisors.

The Chapter is already gearing up for the next national convention as we will be hosting it here on the Fort Hays State University campus on April 1-3, 1993. Any former DTA Alums are invited to join us in the various activities and lend their support to the effort. If you are interested in participating please call the Ag Office later for details at (913) 628-4196. All Officers, members and advisors will be very busy throughout the fall and spring semester getting geared up for this great opportunity.

NEW FACES; DEPARTING FACES

We are quite fortunate to have two new staff members at the university farm. Bill Hoffman, Manager of the Crop Farming Unit, resigned (pursue private farming) last spring and Steve Englehardt (long time assistant with the unit) was promoted to manager. Replacing Steve is Harland Werth, a native of Hays with considerable practical experience. Stephanie Vaughn has come on board as the Assistant Manager of the FHSU Dairy. Stephanie was a member of the FHSU Livestock Judging Team while working at the Dairy as a student employee. We are fortunate to have these two new faces.

Unfortunately, we must say good-bye to an important individual on the teaching faculty; Dr. Ron Nelson will be departing to begin work with the Cargill company. Ron and his family will be located in East Central Texas. We wish Ron and his family good luck.

Fortunately, Dr. Jim Ellis of Missouri Western University, will be joining us about a week before Dr. Nelson departs. Dr. Ellis has had extensive practical experience in Ranch Management as well as several years of classroom teaching experience.

AGRONOMIC RESEARCH

Drs. Jean Gleichsner and Bob Stephenson completed research this summer on dryland wheat production. Wheat trials at the FHSU University Farm included evaluation of "Tilt" fungicide and potassium chloride fertilizer to determine their effects on reducing leaf and stem rust and consequently improving wheat yields. Tilt and tilt + potassium fertilizer increased yields by an average of 8 bushels from 40 to 48 bushels per acre compared to conventional fertilization and management or additional potassium fertilizer.

Another trial evaluating the influence of manganese fertilizer (a micronutrient) at planting resulted in mixed results, indicating that it was not economical. The study will be repeated again this fall. Both wheat trials were in cooperation with Barb Lechtenberg of Collingwood Grain Inc. based in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Additionally, an ongoing wheat study evaluating the effects of sodic (salts) soils in Reno County with the Soil Conservation Service was hailed out this spring. Plans are to continue the long term study for several more years.

RODEO CLUB

The Rodeo Club had a banner 1991-92 year. We not only had a very financially rewarding 27th Annual N.I.R.A. Rodeo which allowed us to eliminate our indebtedness on the arena renovation (lights) but also a profitable series of team roping which wiped out the remainder of the debts. We had the official hanging of the sign designating the arena as the Doug Philip Arena at the 27th Rodeo and then at the year-end "meeting", at the Doug Philip Ranch, the Club had a ceremonial burning of the note.

The Men's Team finished the year with 308.33 points (8th place) which was quite a distance from the Central Plains Region Champion Southwestern Oklahoma State University 2,450.83 points. David Browder finished 6th in the Bareback. SWOSU continued to the CNFR at Bozeman and secured rankings in the bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and the Men's All-Around which resulted in a National Championship scholarship check of \$14,000.00.

The Fort Hays State Men's Team had members ranking in the regional bareback, saddle bronc, steer wrestling and team roping. They will be joined by transfers R.A. Turley and Thad Emerson to improve the 91-92 record.

The Women's Team were paced by Lacie Lagasse and Glenda Miller and will be joined by the 92 Central Plains Reserve Champion Barrel Racer and 4th in the Women's All Around, Monae Samples, to qualify a team for the 93 CNFR, June 14-20.

Coach Bronc Rumford watched the 92 CNFR from the "best seat of the house" as one of the CNFR pickup men. Quite an honor for Bronc and a "warm-up" for his trek to Paris, France. We sent the Rodeo Team Athletic Trainer Kelly

Norton and Rodeo Club President Greg Farney to Bozeman to prevent Bronc from wavering from his appointed rounds. Kevin Rich, ex-rodeo club president, was also at the CNFR to chaperone Bronc and to fight CNFR bulls and compete in the Wrangler Bullfight. Allegedly the trio, with the help of Harry Vold and Fred Dorenkamp, were able to accomplish a task that either Vicki or Lola Rumford can do single-handed.

We want to thank all of the 91-92 scholarship donors for their assistance and hope that we can include more of you on the list. Make plans to attend the Alumni Invitational Rodeo, October 22-23 and the 28th Annual Fort Hays State University Rodeo on April 23-25.

The 92-93 Schedule is:

Pratt Community College	Sept. 25-27
Murray State College (Ardmore)	Oct. 16-18
Northwestern Okla. State Univ.	Nov. 5-7
Kansas State University	Mar. 5-7
Fort Scott Community College	Mar. 12-14
Panhandle State University	Apr. 1-3
Southwestern Okla. State Univ.	Apr. 8-10
Garden City Community College	Apr. 16-18
Fort Hays State University	Apr. 23-25
Colby Community College	Apr. 30-May 2

1992-93 Team Members

Darin Alexander	Hardtner	Clay Preedy	Sublett
David Alexander	Hardtner	Jayne Rosseau	Derby
Bobbi Bailey	Wichita	Monae Samples	Eric
Jim Brown	Americus	Mike Spinden	Strong City
Darci Busick	Hutchinson	John Staab	Phillipsburg
Darla Eisenman	Wichita	Kerry Stewart	Hill City
Thad Emerson	Whitman, NB	R.A. Turley	Modoc
Greg Farney	Abbyville	Justin Ungeheuer	Topeka
Shannon Foster	Beloit	Laura Whittington	Hays
Jill Garrett	Gem	Deborah Zajic	Holyrood
Glenda Miller	Wichita		