

# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

## AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

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### THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Academic 1993 (July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993) was a fast paced, eventful year for the Agriculture Department at Fort Hays State. Some ups! Some downs!

The ups included a continued increase in the numbers of agriculture majors. Last fall, we had 208 full time students majoring in Agriculture. The fall of 1993 arrives with 248 Agriculture majors. This does indicate a faith in our industry by the younger generation. This is the fifth consecutive growth year (136-248) we have seen with our program.

Last year, I reported that Dr. Ron Nelson left the department to take a position with Cargill. We are very fortunate to have as his replacement, Dr. Sandra Johnson. Dr. Johnson will teach in the area of Animal Science, will continue research in the area of beef cattle and sheep fertility and will serve as an advisor to the FHSU Block and Bridle Club.

We have two faculty continuing service as officers of National Agriculture organizations. Dr. Bob Stephenson continues as the Treasurer of the National DTA society while Dr. Mike Gould continues to serve as the President of the National Block and Bridle organization.

There were some disappointments over the past year. We felt that the increasing number of majors warranted at least one (if not more) additional faculty member in the department. In fact, we received much encouragement from the administration relative to the addition of one more faculty. Unfortunately, this addition did not materialize. We are once again requesting additional faculty members for the next academic year. We believe that the 42 to one student/faculty ratio (the university ratio is considerable lower) should result in additional faculty.

We (the faculty) look forward to the coming year. Your continued support is very important to us and the continued growth of the agriculture program at Fort Hays State University.

### BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB

The Fort Hays State University Block and Bridle had a very eventful year. The officers for 1992-93 included: President, Jay Holopirek; Vice President, Curtis Ohlde; Secretary, Melanie Wendling; Treasurer, Randy Huser; Publicity, Robyn Carey; Historians, Chris Heier and Christi Werth; Advisors, Dr. Mike Gould, Dr. Ron Nelson, Dr. Jim Ellis and Kevin Huser.

The club started off the fall semester by serving the Annual Welcome Back to School Picnic. The picnic is for the students, faculty and any parents or community people. The club served about 1,500 people. Then, two weeks into school, the local area high school FFA Chapters attended the FFA Dairy Judging Contest hosted by B&B. Later on in the month of September, around 20 members went to Wichita to cook and serve hamburgers for the Kansas Jr. Livestock Show contestants and parents.

Next, in October, the club hosted the annual Junior College Livestock Judging Contest. Schools who participated were from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Wyoming. The Regional Block and Bridle meeting was held in Fargo, North Dakota at North Dakota State University in mid October. The club attended meetings, toured

the NDSU college farms and entered the scarecrow contest. Uncle Elmer the FHSU scarecrow won the contest. The club also helped raise money for the Endowment Association. Ten members helped call FHSU alumni to get donations for different scholarships.

The month of December was slow except for the B&B Christmas Dance. The Christmas Party was attended by members, guests, and alumni.

To start off the Spring semester, the club attended the National B&B meeting Denver, Colorado. The meeting was held in January during the Denver Stock Show. While in Denver, the club attended business meetings, social dances for B&B members, and the Stock Show.

The sausage and hamburger sales were during the months of March and April. The sales were very successful and raised money to help with the Little International Fitting and Showing Contest coming up April 17. The Little I is a contest for any full-time student at FHSU. The contest allows the students to choose any animal from the five species. The species include; beef, dairy, sheep, swine, and horse. The contestants will break these animals to lead and they will also learn how to clip the animal. After the show, the night is ended with an awards banquet and dance. Also, in the month of April, the club hosted the annual Northwest District FFA Livestock Judging Contest. Ag. Awareness Day was also in April. During the day, the club gave presentations and told the grade school students about the different animals. Each child received a carton of milk when they left. Approximately 300 grade school students attended the event.

To end the year, the club had their end-of-the-year picnic. This picnic is to thank everyone for helping throughout the year and to recognize the new officers for 1993-94. The new officers include; President, Melanie Wendling; Vice President, Anita Sakala; Secretary, Debra Painter; Treasurer, Robyn Carey; Publicity, Eric Dexter and Stacey Barth; Historians, Dawn Siders and Lisa Pachta; Advisors, Dr. Mike Gould and Kevin Huser.



### NEW FACULTY

The department is fortunate to have Dr. Sandra Johnson as a member of the faculty. Dr. Johnson is a native of Blair, Nebraska (beef cattle and swine operations). She earned her B.S. at the University of Nebraska, her M.S. at the University of Missouri and her Ph.D. at West Virginia University. She will be teaching primarily in the area of Animal Science. She will also be working with the FHSU Block and Bridle Club (she was the advisor of the West Virginia club).





**1993-94 Freshmen Scholarship Recipients—Row 1 (L to R):** Becky Poore, Sharla Rogers, Donna Crawford, Chad Brumer, Thane Loring, Shauna Rhoades, Becky Loth, Terra Gottschalk, and Dr. Jean Gleichsner - Scholarship Coordinator. **Row 2 (L to R):** Matt Smull, Josh Lowrie, Dustin Bemis, Tom Wapp, Grant Havel, Travis Crites, Brad Domann, Neal Hoss, Leon Wyckoff, and Wade Wagner. **Row 3 (L to R):** Darren Rubottom, Casey Woods, Ryan Robl, Jerry Breedlove Jr., Lane Patmon, Jody Beckman, Scott Steiner, and Cody Sump.

### AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Almost \$80,000 in scholarships were awarded to full-time, continuing, transfer, and freshmen students majoring in agriculture for the 1993-94 school year. Generous gifts made by two area farm couples, Herbert L. and Susie Fought of Norton County and Edward and Carolyn Scanlon of Trego County are largely responsible. Scholarship recipients were selected on the basis of academic achievement and interest in agriculture. Congratulations to each scholarship recipient and a special thank you to the scholarship sponsors



**1993-94 Continuing and Transfer Scholarship Recipients—Row 1 (L to R):** Dr. Jean Gleichsner - Scholarship Coordinator, Tammy Buhler, Melanie Wednling, Jynette Nuss, Scott Schertz, Shawn Diederich, Chad Fabrizius, Loren Goss, Mark Higgins, Jeff Schneeweis, Candace Ketzner, Kim Roberts, and Randy Huser. **Row 2 (L to R):** Rolland Winter, Craig Rees, Lorie Crawford, Chad Tattle, Clay Scott, Dustin Walker, Greg Carey, Dustin Lantow, Mark Pohlman, Noel Ketzner, Dustin Gilliland, Shannon Stevens, and Philip Henriksson. **Row 3 (L to R):** Brandon Prough, Ritchie Chermak, Troy David, Del Hawkins, Calvin Hett, Cedric Drewes, Gene Rugan, Ross Stejskal, Rocky Mapes, Shawn Pabst, Ryan Miller, Jon Herbel, and Todd Brummer.



## DELTA TAU ALPHA

### 1993-94 DTA Officers

President . . . . .	Dustin Walker
Vice President . . . . .	Brandon Prough
Secretary . . . . .	Pete Flax
Treasurer . . . . .	Greg Carey
Advisor . . . . .	Dr. Jean Gleichsner

The Agriculture Honor Society of Delta Tau Alpha hosted the 34th National DTA Convention, April 1-3, 1993. There were 15 schools represented from Ohio to Louisiana, westward to Kansas. Activities included an agriculture quiz bowl, an interview contest, and tours of Ellis County Feeders, Old Fort Hays and the FHSU University Farm. Guest speakers were Dr. Tom Lindahl (president of NACTA) from University of Wisconsin/Platteville and Terri Hames (DOW Chemical) from Garden City, Kansas. Dustin Walker from the FHSU chapter was elected as Mid-West Regional Vice President. Dr. Robert Stephenson is serving as National Executive Treasurer. Dr. Jean Gleichsner was recently elected as chapter advisor.

Presently there are 20 active members from the FHSU chapter. The local chapter has plans to become more involved in service to the university and community of Hays. Some of the projects planned for the year include; adopt a mile, raising funds for the American Cancer Society, the Heart Association, Toys For Tots, helping with the FHSU State Fair Booth and the Alumni Endowment Telethon, and other projects. The chapter is excited about the coming year and will be attending the National Convention at Sam Houston State University (April 7-9, 1994). To be eligible, students must rank in the top 35% of their class.



### FHSU GRADUATE OF DISTINCTION

The "Graduate of Distinction" award is given by the FHSU Agriculture Department to former graduates whom have demonstrated exceptional leadership on the job and to their community. On April 17, 1993 at the "Little I" Awards Banquet, two-time graduate Bobby Tricks was awarded this distinction. A Kansas native, Bobby transferred to FHSU from North Texas State University, receiving a bachelors of science degree in the area of

Physical Education in 1971. Upon completing his degree from Fort Hays, he completed a tour of duty with the US Army from 1972-75 at Fort Carson, Colorado. He then returned to Hays and completed a second B.S. Degree in Soil Science. While back at FHSU he was inducted into the National Agriculture Honor Society - Delta Tau Alpha.

After completing his second degree, Bobby went to work for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He worked at the SCS office in Westmoreland and Alma where he assisted in the completion of numerous published soil surveys. In March 1987 he became the area soil scientist at the Hays office, where he presently is located. Mr. Tricks is responsible for the NW section of Kansas, covering 18 counties. He is a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and currently serves as the president of the Hays Chapter. Bobby has received 5 Certificates of Merit from the SCS Office for his outstanding job performance. He is a member of the Soil Science Society of America. Bobby has spent a considerable amount of time helping FHSU, offering his expertise. He has helped with: Soil Management, Basic Soils and Development and Classification of Soils.



Kevin Huser (Coach), Ross Stejskal, Shannon Stevens, Randy Huser, Dustin Gilliland, Doug Wright, Mike Gould (Chairman) and Noel Ketzner.

### FHSU LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

The fall semester looks very promising for the Livestock Judging Team. Dustin Gilliland (Bird City, KS), Randy Huser (Victoria, KS), Noel Ketzner (Bird City, KS), Ross Stejskal (Lewis, KS), Shannon Stevens (St. Francis, KS), and Doug Wright (Bird City, KS), are all returning from a very strong finish this spring. They started out the spring semester by traveling to Phoenix, AZ to compete in the Arizona National Judging Contest on New Years Day. Two weeks later they went to Denver and judged in the National Western Stock Show. Fort Worth, TX was their next trip to compete in the Southwestern Livestock Expo in early February. March 1st the team left for Houston and judged in the Houston Livestock Show. They ended their travel this spring by competing in the NACTA contest at Hutchinson, KS. The team finished 2nd overall in the contest. They also finished 1st in Beef, 2nd in Swine, 2nd in Sheep, and 2nd in Reasons. Ross Stejskal was high individual in Beef and finished as 5th high individual overall. Dustin Gilliland was 4th high individual in Beef and 8th high individual overall. Shannon Stevens was high individual in placings, and finished 10th overall.

This fall the team will be traveling to Wichita, KS to compete in the Mid America Classic Judging Contest which will be held on September 25th. They will be participating in two training contests in October, one in Manhattan on October 16th and the other in Fort Collins on October 23rd. Then in November, the team will compete in the American Royal at Kansas City on November 7th, and the North American International in Louisville, KY on November 16th. The team has gained much experience this spring and has been very competitive and we expect a very good run this fall with the team.

Eric Dexter (Anthony, KS), John Herbel (Russell, KS), Nate Kirchoff (Smith Center, KS), Stephanie Steilow (Russell, KS), and Melony Wendling (Palco, KS) are working out to start judging in the Spring semester. All these individuals have judged and showed livestock in 4-H and FFA and bring a lot of experience to next springs team.

### THE UNIVERSITY FARM

The past year, the Farm has seen ~~soooooome~~ times. It is no secret that we received a lot of snow and rain. We (like a lot of farmers and ranchers) had significant moisture (over four inches of snow cover) for well over 120 days. Thus, we fed a great deal of hay and cake. We were fortunate that the winter was relatively agreeable in terms of wind and temperatures. We were quite fortunate with our wheat harvest. The crew (Steve Englehardt, Harland Werth, et. al.) were very timely in their efforts. They completed the harvest in about three days (the average in Ellis County was near three weeks) with a yield of 43 bu/acre. Steve's luck ran out as milo harvest neared. He, along with most of the area producers, struggled for about a month. The snow, soft ground and extended timing saw our 100 bu milo actually yield about 48 bu/acre. Such is the life of farmers.

The beef unit fared well considering the extensive snow cover. At least there was a good grass crop this year as opposed to some quite recent years. Good preparation etc, by Gary Rolland and his crew resulted in a very good calf crop (near zero % calf death loss). They



of course fed for an extended period of time since we had a lot of snow cover for such a long period. However, all that snow has resulted in an excellent grass crop this spring and summer. But, with all the rains this year, some pastures have not been used (high water plus washed out fences.) But it is good to see such good grass when you realize that only a few short years back, drought saw us culling exceptionally heavy.

The swine and sheep units, managed by Kevin Huser (with a crew of good students) had the most successful Club Lamb and Pig Sale ever. Their sixth annual sale had an average lamb selling price of \$158 on 40 head while the 40 pigs averaged \$132 per head. The lambs from the 92 sale resulted in five grand champions, two reserve grand champions and numerous class winners. The pigs from the 92 sale resulted in three grand champions, six reserve grand champions and again, numerous class winners.

The dairy unit (Kathy Huser, Stephanie Eckroat, et. al.) made some very dramatic physical alterations to the facility. Environment and Health Standards dictated the alteration/improving of waste handling facilities. They have constructed a large lagoon, a solid waste facility, and have controlled all run off. This has been an all consuming effort these past months and still is not fully complete. When all is complete and approved, you may well hear the sighs of relief from Kathy, Stephanie, and the students.

The FHSU Farm continues to be a popular place for our agriculture students to work. Working with Gary at the beef unit were four to five students, with Steve and the crop unit were four to six students, with Kevin at the swine and sheep unit were six to eight students while seven to eight students worked with Kathy at the dairy.

The entire farm has recently seen one of the most significant changes since the establishment of the unit as a teaching laboratory. This past spring (after several years of negotiation) the farm traded 60 plus acres of land to the City of Hays (nine more golf holes) for about 100 acres of other lands. The farm, in this swap, acquired the Livestock Pavilion previously owned by National Farms (and several others). We have rented this facility for a nominal fee for about five years. We have used it extensively for livestock judging contests, livestock shows, the Block and Bridle Little International, fitting contests and for a practice facility for the Rodeo Team during the winter months. This facility was constructed in the early 70's as a horse facility (indoor arena area, indoor/outdoor horse area, breeding room, etc.). It went bankrupt at least one (maybe more times). National Farms acquired the area several years back in attempt to have control of bordering lands around their feedlot. The City of Hays has tried on several occasions to obtain some University Farm land close to their existing golf course (nine holes) such as they could expand their course. When they obtained title, from National Farms, to the FHSU Livestock Pavilion facility (the previously described bankrupt horse facility, a viable trade seemed to present itself. The land exchange will benefit both parties. The Agriculture program at FHSU will now be confident of having an available facility for uses appropriate to it. We look forward to "getting the place into shape."

## RODEO CLUB

Around the Rodeo Club grounds you can hear a four letter F word loud and clear. No! No! No! —F-O-R-E—. We have the expanded golf course at our front door, side door and back door. The City of Hays, the Golf Association, Fort Hays State University, the Department of Agriculture, the University Farm and the Rodeo Club entered into an agreement that resulted in the City of Hays purchasing the Livestock Pavilion (indoor arena also know as Hilltop Arena, S&S Arena, etc.) from National Farms. The deed for the arena and a surrounding 80 acre pasture plus a 27 acre tract of cropland, north of 27th, were traded for the east half of the rodeo grounds and ??? acres of terraced land, north of the University Dairy. I can hear the comments about the loss of the pasture but frankly, we can accommodate the losses that we incurred because we were not able to purchase or build an indoor facility. We were fortunate to be able to lease it for several years but National Farms had it listed for sale on the open market. The loss of the indoor facility would have been a major loss to the rodeo program.

The 1992-93 year was a mixture of successes; however, we did not qualify anyone for the C.N.F.R. at Bozeman but Bronc was invited back as a pickup man. The Women's Team finished with an 11th place regional ranking with members 15th and 17th in barrels and 15, 16, 21, and 30 in breakaway. The Men's team finished in 10th place with members ranked as 7 and 11 in barebacks, 11th in saddle broncs, 23rd in steer wrestling, 16 and 32 in team roping. Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Fort Scott Community College were the Champion and Reserve Champion Women's Team, respectively, with Southwestern beating out Panhandle State for the Men's Regional team Championship. The Central Plains Region was well represented at the CNFR with Southwestern Oklahoma State as the Champion Men's Team and Panhandle State as the Reserve Champion Men's Team whereas, University of Wyoming and Southwestern Oklahoma State were the Champion and Reserve Champion Women's Team, respectively.

We will have 12 returning members and 10 new team members competing at Pratt (October 1-3) and Alva (November 4-6). Unfortunately, we will have only 2 rodeos this fall and 8 in the spring. We have scheduled other events around these dates such as an Exhibition Rodeo at Kansas City (September 21), Intramural Rodeo (September 28) and the Alumni Rodeo (October 16) and an Invitational Rodeo (October 17). The remainder of the fall events will be team roping and barrel racing jackpots.

We hope to see you October 16 and 17 but if we don't, we will be talking to you November 17 via the University Telethon. The Rodeo Club will be calling alumni to solicit funds for scholarships for undesignated purposes; however, the donor can designate specifically how their donation is to be utilized.

If you have a good rodeo or student prospect in your area, contact Bronc (316-286-5319) or I (913-628-4366) and we will follow up on the information.

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