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Message from Dr. Jim Males



Greetings From
Withycombe Hall,

It's hard to believe that 2006 has come to an end and we are beginning the Centennial Year 2007 for Animal Sciences at Oregon State University. This past year has been very eventful for the Department. When

people ask me what's new in Animal Sciences at Oregon State, the first thing that comes to mind is our student numbers. We reached 385 undergraduate majors fall quarter and with graduate students we are over 400. The size of the student body continues to dominate our Departmental activities.

Given the large student population interest in companion animals, we're actively looking at ways we can better serve this student interest. We had a very productive faculty retreat at the corporate headquarters of Banfield, The Pet Hospital. Alumnus Scott Campbell, the CEO, arranged to have a number of Banfield staff available to meet with us for the first half day. We learned a lot more about each other and did some interesting strategic thinking together. We're looking at ways to utilize Banfield expertise to enhance our companion animal student exposure and introduce ANS students to job opportunities that exist to work with companion animals. We also want to thank Scott and Sandy who were gracious hosts and invited us into their home for a great dinner and fellowship.

In 2006, we made great progress on fund raising for the Animal Sciences Education and Research Pavilion. As we close out the year, we have \$1,762, 872 in cash,

pledges and verbal commitments. We also have \$1.8 million in open proposals. With the \$4.0 million funding from the state legislature, we have made good progress toward our \$8 million goal for the new building.

Two thousand seven will be a year of new faces in the Department. A new Dairy instruction/Extension position will be filled in early 2007. We will be hiring all new faculty (two instructors and an assistant professor) in the Horse program and a Beef Extension specialist. There will be an additional animal scientist hired at the Union station. We just added Ms. Barbi Riggs as a livestock/range faculty member in Crook County. Advertisements for the livestock/forages/range position in Klamath County will be out early in 2007.

The biggest news for 2007 is our Centennial Celebration. Information on the entire program appears on page 2 of this newsletter. We hope you will plan to be in Corvallis on June 1 and 2, 2007, and help us celebrate 100 years of Animal Sciences at Oregon State University. In the meantime, please stop by to see us if in the area, and let us know how you are doing through the response options in Animal Tracks.

All of us in Animal Sciences wish each and every one of you the very best for 2007.

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Animal Sciences & Crop and Soil Science Centennial Celebration!

We will be celebrating our Centennial in 2007 in a joint celebration with the Department of Crop and Soil Science, which also will be 100 years old. A lecture series has been planned in which five world-renowned scientists will talk about the benefits of genomics in food production, the changing relations of humans and animals, public lands in the American West, the question of soil endangerment, and the relevance of land-grant universities. These will be held the first Tuesday of the month, starting in February (see schedule below for details). A two-day Centennial Celebration is planned for June 1-2, 2007. This celebration will include tours, demonstrations, celebration meals and a public lecture on June 2 by Dr. Mike Martin, President of New Mexico State University. President Martin will talk about the future of agriculture and land grant universities.

For more details, and to register, please visit our website at <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/centennialcelebration/>. While the Tuesday lectures and Saturday, June 2, Keynote Presentation will be open to the public and free of charge, registration will be required for the other June 1-2 activities. Beginning at \$45, registration will include two meals, campus and departmental facilities tours, transportation, and several souvenir items. Optional activities (golfing, winery tour, etc.) are planned and those can be added at additional cost. An array of memorabilia, including hats, shirts, umbrellas, and tote bags, will be available to order on-line. Updates will be made to the website, so mark it as a favorite and check back now and then.

We hope you can join us for this exciting celebration!

Lecture Series:

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m., Withycombe Hall 109
Speaker: Dr. Ronald L. Phillips, Regents' Professor, University of Minnesota
The Benefits of Genomics in Food Production - and Related Issues

Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., Withycombe Hall 109
Speaker: Dr. John Hodges, Professor Emeritus of Animal Genetics, University of British Columbia
The Changing Relations of Humans and Animals: Where is it Going?

Tuesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m., Withycombe Hall 109
Speaker: Dr. Thad Box, Professor Emeritus, Department of Wildland Resources and Former Dean, College of Natural Resources, Utah State University
The Future of Public Lands in the American West

Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 p.m., Withycombe Hall 109
Speaker: Dr. Ron Amundson, Professor, University of California, Berkeley
Are Soils Endangered?

Saturday, June 2, 10:30 a.m., LaSells Stewart Center
Keynote Presentation: Open to the Public.
Speaker: Dr. Mike Martin, President, New Mexico State University
Land-grant Universities of Tomorrow: Remaining Relevant and Responsive

Departmental News

“Farewell” to Bob Dickson

Department staff and faculty bade a fond “farewell” on October 30th to **Bob Dickson**, who has left our Clark Meat Science Center after 25 years of outstanding service as its director. Bob, who hails from Idaho, came to Corvallis in 1981, and headed the Meat Lab from that time forward. Throughout his tenure, he provided substantial assistance to the Oregon meat industry. Bob’s expertise in meat processing and product handling took him to such far-away places as China and Africa. He provided valuable extra-curricular learning experiences for students as advisor for OSU’s Meats Club, and was instrumental in helping students find jobs in the work place.

Bob has taken a position as Director of Meat Operations with Pacific Foods, based in Tualatin, Oregon. His current assignment is at the meat processing facility in Dayton, where he is in charge of day-to-day operations and developing an operations model for the plant.

Aaron Stalker Leaves for Nebraska

Dr. Aaron Stalker has accepted a new position at the North Platte Station in Nebraska, which began the first of the year. In this new position, he has an excellent opportunity to further the research aspect of his career. The Department is grateful for the one and one-half years Aaron spent with us, and we wish him and his family the best of luck in Nebraska.

Ron Hathaway Retires

Dr. Ron Hathaway, superintendent and staff chair at the Klamath Research and Extension Center, retired December 31st after 34 years as an Extension agent and administrator at Oregon State University. Ron is an Animal Sciences alum, having received his Ph.D. in 1987. In addition to his administrative duties, Ron was a leader in developing the Oregon Forage Library, and he played a significant role in on-going selenium fertilization work. For the past few years, he has been deeply involved in water use issues in Klamath. Our thanks go to Ron for all he has done for Klamath County, the State of Oregon and Animal Sciences. We wish him and Deanna an enjoyable retirement.

Angela White Leaves

As **Angela White** leaves the Horse Center in order to spend more time as a mother, the Department not only wishes her the very best but we also owe her a big thank-you. Angela has stepped in to help the department twice. The first time was between October, 1995, and July, 1996, when she served as an interim instructor after Linda Coates-Markle left. Then on January 1, 1999, Angela again stepped into the instructor and director of the Horse Center role. She has very ably carried out that position since then. As the Horse program has grown, Angela has kept things organized and gotten the Horse Center on a much sounder financial footing. Our thanks go to Angela for eight years of very valuable service to the Department of Animal Sciences.

Barbi Riggs Fills Extension Position



Barbi Riggs has joined the Animal Sciences Department as the Livestock/Range Extension faculty in Crook County (Prineville). In addition to Crook County, she will be serving Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. Barbi received her B.S. degree at Montana State University and her M.S. from Colorado State.

She joined the Department in early December. If you are in Prineville, be sure to stop in and say hello.



Drs. Aurora Villarroel and Charles Estill

Welcome Extension Veterinarians

In August, we officially welcomed **Drs. Aurora Villarroel** and **Charles Estill**, who joined us as Extension Veterinarians. A native of Spain, Aurora has a DVM from that country, a Master’s in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from UC Davis and has just completed a Ph.D. at Colorado State.

The Extension Veterinarian position has been redesigned and split over two people, each with a 35% appointment in Extension and a 65% appointment in

Clinical Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine. **Dr. Charles Estill**, who was already on board at the Veterinary College, fills one of these slots; he is an excellent bovine reproductive physiologist. Dr. Villarroel fills the other; she brings strong training in epidemiology.

Welcome Interim Meat Science Instructor



Valerie Cannon has joined us as Interim Instructor at the Clark Meat Science Center. Val received her Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy and Animal Science from Pennsylvania State University and her Master of Science Degree in Reproductive Physiology from The Ohio State University. She began her duties as instructor, manager of the Meat Science Center and advisor for the Meat Science Club in early November. Val's background in meat products is a story to tell. Her parents started a custom butcher shop and smokehouse when she was 7 years old, at which time she instructed her first client in how to field dress and properly skin his deer! Her family later started a USDA-inspected beef jerky plant, retail store and country market which served as an outlet for specialty smoked meat products. Val is married to ANS prof Dr. Matt Cannon.

Jim Males New ASAS Fellow

Dr. Jim Males was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science at its annual meeting held in July. Dr. Males has had a distinguished career in the Animal Sciences, beginning with research in ruminant nutrition at the University of Southern Illinois and Washington State University which earned him the Young Scientist Award of the Western Section, ASAS, in 1986. In 1988, he moved into administration, serving first as head of the Department of Animal Science at South Dakota State University, and then as head of the Department of Animal Sciences at Oregon State University. He has served as President of the Midwest Section of the ASAS and of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS). He was elected to the presidency of the American Society of Animal Science in 2004.

Fred Menino Wins Teaching Award

Dr. Fred Menino received the Richard M. Bressler Senior Faculty Teaching Award at this fall's University Day Ceremonies. This award is given for outstanding classroom instruction of undergraduates by a professor over an extended period of time. Fred has taught reproductive physiology to undergraduates since joining the Animal Sciences faculty in the 1980s. Over the years, students have consistently rated him as one of the best teachers they have had at OSU. Fred presents rigorous courses but students greatly appreciate the demanding nature of the subject matter and the quality of his instruction.

Animal Sciences Department Head Scholarship Strengthened

Over the past two years, a donor has matched contributions from the Animal Sciences Faculty and Staff to create an Animal Sciences Department Head Scholarship. This scholarship will be used for sophomore, junior or senior students. It is the wish of the donor to make annual gifts from this scholarship among the most significant in the Department. In order to build the endowment, we want to encourage all alumni and friends to consider giving to this Scholarship Fund. The first Department Head Scholarships will be given for the 2007-08 school year.

Grants/Awards

In a recent round of CSREES funding, a national effort to provide a general dairy website and database was funded and a separate program for organic dairy and livestock also received support. These websites are a part of "eXtension," a CSREES program providing information and education electronically. **Mike Gamroth** will be Oregon's representative on the dairy site and will lead the national effort in organic education with Dr. Heather Darby of Vermont.

Student Activities

Livestock Judging Team Wrap-Up

...Clint Sexson



OSU's 2006 Livestock Judging Team, from left to right: Assistant Coach Lacey Beam, Nick Warntjes, John Ramsey, Elias Eiguren, Amanda Schnoor, Ross Kudlac, Crystal Alley, Brianna Panter, Kyle Kaufman, and Coach Clint Sexson, with Bob Funk, owner of Express Ranches.

The Oregon State University Beavers Livestock Judging Team finished a very successful season in November in Louisville, KY. The team, including **Crystal Alley, Elias Eiguren, Kyle Kaufman, Ross Kudlac, Brianna Panter, John Ramsey, Amanda Schnoor, Andrea Smith, Nick Warntjes**, and coaches **Lacey Beam** and **Clint Sexson**, would like to thank all faculty and staff for their support over the past year, as well as all the producers in the state for their contributions.

The Express Ranches contest (Yukon, OK) was a very successful start for the team. They were Champion team overall and **Amanda Schnoor** was high individual in the contest.

Our next travel was to Phoenix, AZ, where the team practiced for two days at the stock show grounds before the contest. We were fifth high team overall with a second place finish in Swine, third place finish in Beef, and a fourth place finish in Reasons. We

traveled home through California in preparation for the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO. We placed eighth overall at the National Western, including a third place finish in Beef and a fifth place finish in Oral Reasons. **Amanda Schnoor** was high individual in Beef. **Crystal Alley** was ninth in Beef and third in Beef Oral Reasons. **Nick Warntjes** was fourth in Swine. In the Carload Judging Contest, **Amanda Schnoor** was second high individual and **John Ramsey** was fifth high individual.

Following the National Western, we started to prepare for the Texas contests, including learning how to evaluate meat goats. Our first contest was in San Antonio, TX. We finished fourth overall including third place finish in Goats. The Houston Livestock Show was another successful day for the Beavers. We finished in eighth place overall with a second place finish in Goats, a sixth place finish in Oral Reasons, a seventh place finish in Beef, and Swine, and an eighth place finish in Sheep. We had several individual successes in Houston, where **Elias Eiguren** won Sheep, placed ninth in Goats and ninth in Oral Reasons, **Nick Warntjes** was tenth in Sheep, **Kyle Kaufman** won Beef, and **Amanda Schnoor** was second place in Swine. The Texas contests were a great finish in the South for OSU.

We wound up our spring trip at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, CA, finishing first for only the second time in recent OSU history. The team won every species in the contest and was high team in reasons. This was a special win for our California members. **Nick Warntjes** led the team as high individual in the contest. We had many individual places high in the contest.

The team's fall schedule was busy. We first traveled through Oregon, Idaho, and Wyoming in September, practicing for our final contest. We finished that trip by competing at the Direct Line Genetics contest in Hulett, WY. The team finished third overall. We continued an intense schedule by traveling to contests in Medford, OR, and Fresno, CA, finishing first overall and in all categories at both locations.

In October, we traveled to the American Royal contest in Kansas City. We finished tenth overall, including a fourth place finish in Beef, a fifth place finish in Swine, and a sixth place finish in Oral Reasons. **Amanda Schnoor** finished tenth overall, second in oral reasons, and tenth in swine. **Kyle Kaufman** finished fourth in Beef.

We wrapped the season up with a great trip to Louisville, KY. We traveled in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. The team finished sixth in the nation overall, led by **Amanda Schnoor** with a third place finish. The team placed third in Sheep, led by **Brianna Panter** with an eighth place finish. They were also the second high team in Sheep Reasons in the contest. They were fifth in Swine overall, including a sixth place finish by **Amanda Schnoor**. They were eighth in Swine Reasons. In Beef, they finished eighth with **Amanda Schnoor** placing fifth overall in Beef. We were sixth in all classes with Performance Records. We finished fifth in Oral Reasons with **Amanda Schnoor** placing third in this category.

We attribute our success to the gracious help of the Animal Sciences Department, the Ag Exec Council, the E. R. Jackman Foundation and many private donors.

Reining Team Reserve Champions

...Liz Rammerstorfer

The **OSU Reining Club's Judging Team** was a force to be reckoned with at the National Reining Horse Association's Intercollegiate Judging Contest held late November in Oklahoma City. Coached by **Elizabeth Rammerstorfer**, team members **Rachel Eady, Tiffany Hall, Josie Hanna, Chantelle Henrikson, Ashley Kaps and Brooke Pitassi** became the 2006 Reserve Champion Judging Team! Only eight points out of over 4,000 points tabulated separated OSU from West Texas A&M University for first place! The OSU Reining Club received ribbons, medals, gift certificates and \$750.00 in prize money for their successful efforts. Eighteen colleges from across the country competed in this year's event.

Josie Hanna was awarded 4th High Individual out of over 83 contestants. Other members of the team were right behind her: 10th - **Brooke Pitassi**, 12th - **Rachel Eady** and 15th - **Ashley Kaps**.

In addition to gaining prestige for Oregon State, this competition is a stepping block for team members to prepare for a career as an NRHA judge. The contest involves the rigorous testing of an NRHA Judge's applicant exam. This truly unique horse judging contest involves three stages. First, the students must take a written exam covering the rules of judging from the NRHA Official Handbook. Second, they view 50 video clips of reining maneuvers and record any technical infractions (penalties) that occur. On the second day of competition, the students must score 20 individual runs during live competition of the NRHA Championship Show. And, just like true NRHA

judges, the contestants are assigned scribes to fill in their score sheets so that the contestants never have to remove their focus from the performance they are judging. The contestants' scoresheets are turned in to be graded in comparison to the official judge's scorings.

Reining is a judged event designed to show the athletic ability of a ranch type horse within the confines of a show arena. In NRHA competition, contestants are required to run one of ten approved patterns included in the NRHA Handbook. Each pattern includes small slow circles, large fast circles, flying lead changes, roll backs over the hocks, 360 degree spins done in place, and exciting sliding stops that are the hallmark of the reining horse.

The NRHA Judging System is recognized as the leading format for judging an equine event that combines technical and stylistic elements coupled with consideration of "degree of difficulty." Many segments of the equine judging discipline have openly embraced the NRHA Judging System.

Undergrad Wins National Award



If Animal Sciences had an Undergraduate Hall of Fame, **Dulmelis Gonzalez** would definitely be in it. At the annual meeting of the Poultry Science Association in Edmonton, Alberta, this past summer, "D.G." received the Certificate of Excellence Award for graduate/undergraduate research in the Metabolism and Nutrition section. It is very rare for an undergraduate to be recognized with a national award; certainly D.G. is the first ANS undergraduate we know of to be so honored. The poster presentation of her research, done under the guidance of **Dr. Gita Cherian**, was titled "Long term feeding of conjugated linoleic acid and fish oil to laying hens: Effects on egg quality, production performance, tissue fatty acids and hen liver pathology," co-authored by K.S. Ryu, M.P. Goeger, and G. Cherian. D.G., now a graduate student in the Department, was featured as an award winner in December's issue of Poultry Science.

ANS Students HHMI Winners

Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) undergrad researchers **Tari Tan (Fred Stormshak, mentor)** and **Travis Schaal (Gita Cherian, mentor)**, were Grand Prize Winner and Runner-Up, respectively, in the HHMI talk competition October 14-15 at OSU. Thirty-six undergraduate students from across campus presented talks from their summer research projects at the competition. Two grand prize winners, two Runners-Up, and two Honorable Mentions were named. Tari's presentation was titled "Sexual preference in rams: Investigating the role of prolactin." Travis's talk was titled "Modulating fatty acid metabolism to enhance hatchability of chicken eggs."

ANS Senior FFA Star in Agriscience



Ryan Scholz (right) is pictured above, on stage, flanked by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns (left) and National FFA President, Travis Jett (right). Photos courtesy of the National FFA Organization.

The Department takes justifiable pride in the announcement that ANS/Bioresources Research senior **Ryan Scholz** has been chosen the 2006 National FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America) Star in Agriscience. Ryan was honored with this award on October 26 at the third general session of the 79th annual FFA National Convention in Indianapolis.

Each year, four finalists for the award are selected from among the 500,000 members of FFA, the nation's largest youth organization. Ryan is the first recipient of the Agriscience Star award from Oregon. His award was based on an impressive series of agriscience projects beginning with a study of rainbow trout while a student at Newberg High School.

At OSU, Ryan has completed a series of undergraduate research projects with **Howard Meyer** as his advisor.

The projects have focused on using sheep as grazing tools for the control of false brome, an invasive grass spreading through the coast range, and combined sheep behavior, grazing management, laboratory nutritional studies and growth chamber germination of seeds - the projects will also be the basis of Ryan's Bioresources Research thesis. The FFA Star award was presented to Ryan by USDA Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns.

Staff News

Jerry Holroyd Retires

Long-time employee **Jerry Holroyd** retired in June. Jerry was hired by the Department in 1974. He worked first at the Dairy Center and then in Farm Services. Jerry was a great employee and quite an entertaining co-worker for those who had the pleasure to work with him first hand. We will always remember his great wit! Jerry is looking forward to enjoying a new, first grandchild in retirement.

Helen Chesbrough CAS Award Winner

...Nora Ross

Helen Chesbrough received a College of Agricultural Sciences Classified Employee Award at the College's Faculty/Staff Awards Luncheon on November 16th. Helen was presented an award certificate and check. Her friendliness, cheerful attitude, concern for others, willingness to take on new tasks, and the great work she does on our departmental newsletters all make her an outstanding employee. We are very happy to have her working with us!

Of Friends and Alums

Guests at a barbecue held August 31 in celebration of Dr. Jim Oldfield's birthday included an alumnus and old friend, **Paul Berger**. Paul graduated in the 1940s and, after receiving his Master's degree, he joined the staff, in charge of all farm operations, where he did an outstanding job of balancing the demands of research and practical operation. Later, he joined Elanco, the agricultural arm of Eli Lilly and Company, where he spent the remainder of his active career. He organized Elanco Breakfasts each year as a means of strengthening the collaboration of academia and industry. Paul has maintained contacts with OSU through establishment of a support fund in the Department of Crop Science, and through membership on the Board of Directors of the Jackman Foundation, which provides for a number of worthy causes in the College.

Betty Brose, former Department secretary, was honored as Kiwanian of the Year by the Corvallis Kiwanis Club at its annual banquet held September 27th at the Corvallis Country Club. Betty was cited for outstanding service to the community, particularly to young people, and for effective fund raising to support Kiwanis programs. While at OSU, Betty was instrumental in organizing the Diamond Pioneer Registry in the College of Agricultural Sciences, which honors people in their 75th year who have made significant contributions to Oregon agriculture. The honorees for 2006, which included nine nominated by our Department, were recognized at a luncheon on October 26th in the Alumni Center.

We have good news from former Horse Center Director **Linda Coates-Markle**. As of September, Linda has a new position with the Bureau of Land Management, as BLM Liaison to the Society of Range Management in Wheat Ridge (near Denver), Colorado. She will be part of the team of folks who serve in the Division of Rangeland Resources (BLM WO 220) in Washington, D.C. Linda has spent the past 11 years with the BLM, primarily with the Wild Horse and Burro program in Montana. Her new job is not Linda's only good news. She also remarried last summer, and is still very much involved with domestic horses with showing and judging in dressage and in a new discipline for her – reining.

Former ANS professor **Dr. Diane Carroll** moved to Pullman, Washington, in January to start a new job as Head, Collections and Acquisitions, for Washington State University Libraries. At WSU, Diane will be managing a \$5 million library materials collection and supervising five people. She reports that, come 2007, she will once more be at a land grant school, and happy to be on campus with cows again! Our congratulations go to Diane on this step up in her career.

Doc and Connie Hatfield sent the following holiday greeting to the Department...

Our best wishes for the holiday season this year is also a thank-you note. This greeting goes to a diversity of folks who have enriched our lives in many ways. Our 20-year beef marketing cooperative effort has had many unexpected benefits for which we thank you all!! It's been a delight to find that the perceived rural/urban split in our society is considerably overstated. We've learned that when you get to the subject of healthy food, healthy people, healthy animals and healthy land, everyone belongs to the same family of shared values...

Country Natural Beef is now expanding east of the Rockies...our beef is in Whole Foods stores in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana and Kansas. The goal is to have new member ranchers from those areas grow and supply the beef. We also recently added "the Wedge," a major natural food cooperative in Minneapolis. A new prospective North Dakota ranch family did their first in-store demo there last week. We felt their observations and insights were very perceptive and wanted to share them.

This family was nervous at first about talking to urban customers but soon were very pleased to learn that a direct connection to the rancher and to the land is of great value to many customers. Another insight they observed as new members is that the CNB concept is not for everyone. They shared that "Country Natural Beef is about relationships and people that are willing to work together to deliver a superior product. It takes cooperation in the truest sense; one must put the betterment of the co-op ahead of the best interest of one's self." They said it all works out though because "it is in serving others that you best serve yourself."

Nice thought to close on! Our best to all of you...Doc, Connie and family

ANS grad (Ph.D. with David England, '91) **Wilhelmina Kwansa** has returned for Master's program studies at OSU, this time in the area of public health. After graduating from OSU, Mina worked with Pig Improvement Company, Inc., in Franklin, KY, and then moved to be with a sister company in Alberta, Canada, where she became a citizen. Her years in Canada included study in botany at Olds College in Alberta, and many years work in the plant and nursery industry. Mina plans to work abroad in public health. We are lucky to have her back with the Department for the time being as student worker at our poultry farms.

David Locke, ANS grad '77, stopped by the Department in October. David is living in Lake Oswego, OR, and working as a territory manager for MWI Veterinary Supply Company out of Meridian, ID.



A new rafter MF brand will be placed in the Harvey Conference Room in Withycombe Hall. It was provided by **George Meyers** (BS '68, MS '73) on behalf of Meyers Farms, a dairy

operation run up until 1976 in Othello, WA, by George and his brother, Bill. George recently visited the Department while in the area with his wife, Janet, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Back in the 60s, George headed our Dairy operations, shortly after the former dairy barn burned down. Through his hard work, the herd survived the winter without shelter, before the present barn was built. George has served as an agriculture and community development advisor for several non-profits and missionary agencies, including five years at the U.S. Holstein Association headquarters in Brattleboro, Vermont, and missionary service in Africa and Central America. He is now senior vice president of a missionary sending agency, Calvary International, headquartered in Jacksonville, FL. George and Janet's two sons are graduates of OSU, and a grandson is currently a student here.

ANS grad ('81) **Andre A. Moncheur de Rieudotte** stopped by the Department to say hello in August. After graduating from OSU in 1982, the year he became a U.S. citizen, Andre managed the family farm in Belgium, grew corn in Zaire, came back to the U.S., worked in the food industry for six years, went to school full time, earned an MBA in Operations Management Sciences from the University of Minnesota, and worked his way up in the food processing industry. His work took him to North Carolina, Arkansas, Kansas, Georgia, Minnesota, Ohio, New York, Ontario, Oregon and Idaho. Andre now lives and works in Boise, ID, where he manages his

own high end home improvement business, a total switch from the world of agriculture. Andre was here with his two children, Eleonore, 18, and Malcolm, 13, who live in Belgium.

Dr. Jim Oldfield turned 85 on August 30, and the next day the Department was delighted to have a noontime barbecue in his honor, with three of his children and two grandchildren present. Jim commented that "they say only the good die young"; however, he has a brother in his 90s in Canada, a minister who definitely is "gooder" than he is, so we can expect him to be around for quite a while yet!

The Department enjoyed a visit on September 29th from **Wil Post**, who served as Assistant to the President of OSU during the tenure of President MacVicar. Wil's wife, Janelle, was department secretary in Crop Science. The two of them now divide their time between their home in Corvallis and the Embarcadero in Newport.

Bereavements

Many students, both graduate and undergraduate, have fond memories of **Frances Bogart**, who passed away on July 3rd. Fran was the wife of the late Dr. Ralph Bogart, a long-time faculty member in the animal genetics area of the Department. Fran took a special interest in students from foreign countries, who were feeling a little bit lost in a strange land, and the Bogart house was always a home away from home for these young people. Fran was recognized as a willing and effective volunteer to a number of programs in the Corvallis area and was an active member of the Calvin Presbyterian Church.

Former dean of OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences **Ernest "Ernie" Joseph Briskey** died June 24 near Madison, Wisconsin, at age 75, of leukemia. After serving nine years on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Briskey became dean of what was then the College of Agriculture at Oregon State University. Here he developed an international program division, an agricultural alumni and friends organization, the Oregon Agricultural Research and Education Policy Advisory Board, an Agricultural Hall of Fame, and the agricultural wing of the LaSells Stewart Center. He also brought in funding for the nation's first Art About Agriculture program. He was inducted in 2000 into the Wisconsin Meat Industry Hall of Fame, and in 2006 into Oregon State's Diamond Pioneer of Agriculture career registry.

Professor Emeritus Kendrick “Ken” Holleman died in early November at age 71. Ken was Poultry Specialist at OSU from 1986 until 1992. Before that time, he was Team Leader in the OSU-sponsored Poultry Training and Extension Subproject in the Yemen Arab Republic. After his retirement in 1999, Ken worked as a poultry specialist overseas, including two years in Yemen and seven years in Kuwait. He also completed 17 volunteer assignments for ACIDI/VOCA, a nonprofit organization offering technical assistance to developing countries around the world (see November, 2005, newsletter.)

Ken will be missed by his friends in academia as well as the industry, many of whom remember the omelette breakfasts that were often a part of the extension and industry programs he led. Ken’s omelette legacy lives on at College United Methodist Church in Philomath. Many years ago, he introduced omelette dinners at the church to be used as a fund raiser. These dinners continue to this day, raising money for good causes in Philomath.

Mildred Oldfield, wife of our former Department Head, Jim Oldfield, passed away on January 16, 2007. The Department staff remember her as a gracious hostess, who opened her home for Department functions on many occasions. Mildred and Jim were married in September, 1942, and spent nearly 65 years together. They have five children and ten grandchildren. During World War II, Mildred worked for Boeing Aircraft, building PBV Catalina flying boats. She crawled inside the wings, bolted them on, and in conversations with pilots was told, “You did a very good job. Very few ever came off!” Following the war, she and Jim migrated to the United States, where he earned his doctorate at OSU and joined the Department faculty. Mildred was a dedicated homemaker and a wonderful mother and grandmother, and she somehow found time for a number of community activities. She served on the Altar Guild of the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church and was a long-time volunteer at the Corvallis/Benton County Public Library. She regularly attended meetings of the Corvallis Kiwanis Club, which recognized her with an Honorary membership, of which she was proud. In the Department, Mildred took special interest in the students and graduate students, especially those from foreign countries who sometimes felt a little homesick in a strange land. Many of these contacts led to lifelong friendships. Mildred was, indeed, a thoughtful and kindly “First Lady” of Animal Science. (Editorial Note: Dr. Oldfield can be reached through the Department.)

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