

### February, 2008

- 2/1–2/29 **OSU Food Drive** (see p. 3).
- 2/4 **ANS Grad Seminar – Tony McNeel.** “Potential application of plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) as marker for sperm concentrations in bull semen.” With 217, 4:00 p.m.
- 2/8 **Birthday Cake and Coffee,** Staff Lounge, 2:30 p.m.
- 2/11 **ANS Grad Seminar – Leah Jorgensen.** “Involvement of the Ets family of transcription factors in early embryo development.” With 217, 4:00 p.m.
- 2/14 **Happy Valentine’s Day!**
- 2/18 **ANS Grad Seminar – Sam Wyffels.** With 217, 4:00 p.m.
- 2/25 **ANS Grad Seminar – Jaime Ueda.** Changes in uterine hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) and its receptor c-met and the role of HGF and plasminogen in mouse trophoblastic outgrowth. With 217, 4:00 p.m.

## Record Setting Start for Livestock Judging Team



OSU’s Livestock Judging Team in Denver, l to r: (back) Clint Sexson (coach), Owen White, Jace Anderson, Tyler Gray, Nick Moxley, Tyler Kralicek, Brianna Panter (assistant coach); (front) Julie Neuschwander, Megan Mavencamp, Jared Collins, Chelsie Burroughs, Keely Oswald (photos courtesy of National Western Stockshow).



The year is off to a record-setting start for the OSU’s Livestock Judging Team. The team has just returned from The National Western Stockshow in Denver where, for the first time in recent history, OSU had a high individual overall, and placed third as a team in the contest.

The team began the year with a road trip to the Arizona Nationals in Phoenix, AZ. The contest went well with a third place finish overall for the team. As individuals, **Tyler Kralicek, Megan Mavencamp, and Jared Collins** finished 4th, 7th, and 10th, respectively, overall.



Tyler Kralicek

At the recent show in Denver, CO, the team was again third overall in the senior college division, out of twenty-two teams participating. The team was second in sheep, second in cattle, and fifth in reasons. Scoring a first time record for OSU, **Tyler Kralicek** tied for high individual overall, placing first in sheep, and fifth in reasons. **Tyler Gray** was seventh overall, third in sheep, and second in cattle. **Megan**

**Mavencamp** was eighth in cattle, and eighth in sheep. The team had a great experience and is excited to head to Houston, TX for the next contest in mid-March.

Members of the 2008 team are **Jace Anderson** (Turner, OR), **Chelsie Burroughs** (Lebanon, OR), **Jared Collins** (Yamhill, OR), **Tyler Gray** (Moorcroft, WY), **Kyle Kaufman** (Canby, OR), **Tyler Kralicek** (Deerkill, ND), **Megan Mavencamp** (Hagerman, ID), **Nick Moxley** (Bonanza, OR), **Julie Neuschwander** (Crane, OR), **Keely Oswald** (Klamath Falls, OR), **Sara Rosenow** (Stayton, OR), **Amanda Schnoor** (Chowchilla, CA), **Jessica Smith** (St.Paul,OR), and **Owen White** (Gold Hill, OR).

The team wishes to thank all of its supporters, including the Animal Sciences Department and Dr. Males, the Associated Student Government, the E.R. Jackman Foundation and Ag Exec Council, as well as all the producers that make their practices possible.

## Fall Competition Outstanding for Dairy Judging Team



OSU's '07-'08 Dairy Judging Team, from l to r: Joseph Macedo, Jocelyn Bohnke, Kristin Hogan, Mark Kaste, and Coach Jim Krahn.

Fall, 2007, proved to be outstanding for the Oregon State University Dairy Judging Team. OSU's first contest was the Eastern States Exposition contest in West Springfield, MA, where the team placed third. Two days later the team participated in the Eastern National contest in Harrisburg, PA, where they placed fifth.

The final contest for 2007 was the North American Livestock Exposition dairy judging contest in Louisville, Kentucky. Twenty-four schools from throughout the United States participated in the contest. **Kristin Hogan** was high individual of the contest, **Mark Kaste** was high individual in Jerseys, and the team placed sixth overall. The team's last contest is next fall at the World Dairy Expo in Madison Wisconsin. The team consists of **Kristin Hogan, Mark Kaste, and Jocelyn Bohnke** all of Tillamook, Oregon, and **Joseph Macedo** of Tulare, California.

OSU's dairy judging program continues to be competitive on the national stage, consistently placing in the top 10 teams. **Jim Krahn**, Executive Director, Oregon Dairy Farmers Association, is head coach for the team, and Animal Sciences' Dairy Manager **Ben Krahn**, assistant coach.

The team is grateful for all the producers that support them, both financially and by hosting judging workouts, and for help provided by the E.R. Jackman Foundation and Ag Exec Council.

## Scott Austed Receives Sue Crockett Award

Animal Sciences' Sue Crockett Award, given for loyalty, integrity, and dedication to the Department and its people, went this year to Computer Tech **Scott Austed**. At a gathering on January 29, **Dr. Jim Oldfield**, who initiated the award in honor of long-time departmental accountant Sue Crockett, and **Dr. Jim Males** presented the award. Scott began in the Department several years ago on a part time basis and, is now, fortunately, full time. He is very much appreciated for his computer expertise, pleasant nature, and ready willingness to help.

## February Brings OSU Food Drive

OSU's Food Drive begins February 1<sup>st</sup>, and we hope that, as in years past, our Department will be in the forefront of contributors on campus. In the past five years, we have been among the top three contributors in the 30-50 employee division, taking first place three times, including last year, 2<sup>nd</sup> place once, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place once. We already have a great start from cash contributions made at our Winter Party held January 23. We hope that readers will consider contributing in one of the following additional ways:

Sign up for a **payroll deduction** (see Nora), or bring in **cash/checks**;

Bring in **used novels** for the Department's on-going book sale;

Watch for emails detailing treats/events as they develop in the Department.

Bring in **canned food goods** (no glass, please). There will be a donation box in the Staff Lounge.

All donations benefit non-profit agencies served by Linn-Benton Food Share, including local food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, day care centers, shelter homes, and gleaning groups.

## Travel/Presentations

**Gita Cherian** will travel to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, to serve as the external examiner for a Ph.D. thesis defense at the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, University of Saskatchewan, on February 14.

**Candace Cronney** will be speaking on animal welfare at the Oregon Dairy Producers annual convention February 26.

**Cory Parsons** will be in Reno, NV, February 4-7 to participate in the Western Beef Resource Committee meetings as well as the Western States Beef Quality Assurance Coordinator meeting.

## Farewells

We are sad to announce that February 4<sup>th</sup> is **Addie Brucker's** last day of work at the OSU Poultry Center, and January 31<sup>st</sup> is **Doug Goeger's** last day in Gita Cherian's lab.

Addie is leaving to prepare for her upcoming wedding in her California hometown of Sacramento on March 22nd. Addie and her fiancé, Jeff Dahl (OSU grad, nuclear engineering, 2007), plan to honeymoon in Hawaii and then reside in the Tri-Cities area of Washington where Jeff is employed and where they recently purchased a home. We have appreciated Addie's hard work at the Poultry Center; she will be missed.

Doug has been working as research associate with Gita Cherian since 2005. **Mare Goeger** (Doug's wife) worked for several years in Animal Sciences and previously with the Poultry Science Department. Our thanks go to both Doug and Mare for their dedicated service at OSU; we wish them all the best as they pursue other interests and hobbies.

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## Position Vacancies Now on ANS Website

The Departmental website now lists (in addition to undergraduate internships) position vacancies from across the country, which should be helpful to students/alums looking for employment in the Animal Sciences. To find these listings, go to our home page at <http://ans.oregonstate.edu/> and click on the Student Info link. Jobs there are categorized according to Ph.D., M.S., B.S., or no degree required.

## News and Notes

Congratulations to **Dr. Howard Meyer**, who has been granted Professor Emeritus status in the Department.

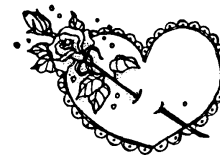
Congratulations to **Gabrielle Thompson**, for whom 2007 marked the completion of 25 years of service at OSU. Gabrielle spent four years in the College of Business before coming to Animal Sciences.

**Bill Hohenboken** informs us that **Dr. Hajime Tanida** (Ph.D., '87) was recently promoted to Professor of Animal Science in the Graduate School of Biosphere Science at Hiroshima University. Bill notes that, in the Japanese system, there are very few professors per department, with a

vacancy created only by retirement of an incumbent. Therefore, promotions are prestigious and rare. Hajime supervises graduate students and teaches classes in human-animal relationships and animal welfare. With colleagues and collaborators, he also maintains an active national and international research program.

**Dan Lowry**, formerly with Extension, visited the Department in late January. Dan served first in Clatsop County and later at Heppner, where he worked with Harold Kerr. He later went into the banking business, from which he is now retired.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of **Jim Oldfield's** book, *The Old West Road*, is now being published by Laserquick in Newport, Oregon. The book describes life during the Great Depression on southern Vancouver Island.



## February Birthdays

Mark Keller .....	1
Clint Sexson .....	6
David Bohner .....	9
Tim DelCurto .....	22
Allen Feltmann .....	25

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## “Huckleberry Hoedown”

...Tom Nichols

*Huckleberry pickin', at Neil Spring  
Filling a lard bucket, hanging by a string.  
“Is your bottom covered yet?  
I've picked more than you I bet.”*

*“Your bucket's empty, you've hardly got any!  
You'd have more, if you'd quit eatin' so many!  
I'm going to pick that patch over there  
If the bear comes 'round, be sure to share.”*

*George is spinning tales by the fire.  
Whole camp's silent -heedin' the squire.  
He's chasing a cougar down the valley...  
He's roping a buck then taking a dally...*

*He tells stories 'til his voice is worn  
Then fries eggs and bacon in the morn.  
He'll have his bucket full by lunch.  
We worshipped him; the whole Nichols bunch.*

*Camping in the mountains was an annual thing  
Until the rangers capped that spring.  
Like the Indians, we summered there  
That patch was ours, it wasn't fair.*

*We'd have to find some place new  
Under big timber -where berries grew.  
An unlikely place that few would know  
A place up high with winter snow.*

*Next summer we salted cows -after church  
Then into the mountains we went in search.  
We'd stop by a creek for a picnic lunch  
Then bounce down logging roads on a hunch.*

*“Psst. Huckleberries are ripe off 37 Road.”  
That's the secret, Mom was told.  
Forget the cows -don't matter if they're out  
Mom's got huckleberry fever, aint no doubt.*

*Boys, ridin' -in the bed of the pickup  
Mom, drivin' -like we'd pulled a stick-up.  
Pop rides shot gun, Grandma's in the middle  
All of us hoping -She'll slow down a little.*

*George and Anne are behind in his Jeep  
Can't keep up -hills are too steep.  
Volcanic dust billows on our tail  
Whoa!! Ripe berries!! Grab your pail!!*

*Huckleberries hit the bottom; Ping, Ping, Ping  
We'll have huckleberries 'til next spring.  
At the Nichols Ranch we were blessed  
Mom's huckleberry pie -Best in the West!*