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- 1/11 **Birthday Cake and Coffee**, Staff Lounge, 2:30 p.m.
- 1/15 **ANS lecture. Temple Grandin**, Colorado State University. Wiegand 106, 2 p.m. Students, faculty and staff invited to attend (note article page 2.)
- 1/18 **Howard Meyer Retirement Gathering**, New China Buffet (1720 NW 9th), 5:30 p.m.
- 1/23 **ANS Winter Party**, 5:15-7:30 p.m., Grand Oaks Community Center, Corvallis (maps available in front office).

New Year's Greeting from Jim Males

Greetings from 108 Withycombe Hall. It looks as though 2008 is going to be not only the first year in the Department's new century but also a really exciting year for us.

First off I'll recap 2007, our Centennial Year. Animal Sciences and Crop and Soil Science had a very successful Centennial celebration. The lecture series and capstone address by New Mexico State President Mike Martin were very popular. Dr. Martin's address fostered an invitation by the College and Extension administration for a repeat performance at the fall administrator's workshop.

More specifically in Animal Sciences, we have rebuilt the Horse faculty with the addition of

Dr. Dawn Sherwood, Ms. Kelly Jimmerson, and Ms. Dawn Salazar. They've gotten off to a great start. Dr. Jill Davidson was an important addition to our Dairy group. Also, as many of you know, we have an all-time record enrollment, officially going over 400 undergraduate majors fall quarter. We're sorry to lose Mr. Tom Hill and Dr. Neil Forsberg to private business and Dr. Howard Meyer to retirement. Although still part of the Department, Chad Mueller's move to the Easter Oregon Ag Research Center in Union is a loss to our teaching program.

With these and some future faculty changes in mind, the faculty made some significant decisions about our future just prior to the start of fall quarter. The Beef Extension specialist and our beef cattle research program will be centered in Union and Burns. We will continue to teach beef courses and deal with



Western Oregon Beef Extension needs, but for the current time we will not expand our Corvallis faculty. We will try to strengthen our dairy research capability in Corvallis as well as our fundamental research program in genomics. In addition, Department faculty members are ready to make a significant move to expand our capability in companion animals to meet our student interest. Our request for positions this fall reflected these decisions, and we will be hiring a Beef Extension specialist in Burns, a ruminant nutritional physiologist (dairy) in Corvallis

and an instructor for companion animals in Corvallis. Shortly after the first of the year, we will be announcing a significant gift as part of the OSU Capital Campaign that will further strengthen our abilities in companion animals.

And finally, we're getting close to seeing the light at the end of the tunnel for the Animal Sciences Teaching and Research Pavilion. As I write this, we have in cash, pledges, estate gifts and verbal commitments over \$3.6 million of the \$4 million private giving goal.

So, yes, with our current very dedicated faculty, the addition of new faculty, and significant gifts and support from alumni and friends, 2008 looks like an exciting year for the Department of Animal Sciences. Marcia and I hope your 2008 is also exciting and prosperous.

Temple Grandin to Speak January 15

Dr. Temple Grandin will be giving a special talk for Animal Sciences ANS on Tuesday, January 15th, at 2 p.m. in Wiegand 106. Dr. Grandin teaches courses on livestock behaviour and facility design at Colorado State University. She is a consultant for the livestock industry on facility design, livestock handling, and animal welfare. Her topic will be critical control points related to animal welfare and welfare audits with emphasis on cattle handling. She also plans to discuss some of the down sides of European Union animal welfare legislation and why she believes critical control points for welfare/handling may be more beneficial. Students and all those with an interest in this topic are invited to attend.

Ousterhout Endowment Increased

Dr. Larry Ousterhout has recently added \$50,000 to his poultry endowment in the Department, and plans to add another \$50,000 in 2008. Dr. Ousterhout graduated in Poultry Science from OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences in 1943. We are grateful for his continued support of the poultry program in Animal Sciences.

Publications

Cherian, G. 2008. Omega-3 Fatty Acids: Studies in Avians." Chapter 13 in: Wild-Type Food in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention: The Columbus® Concept. F. De Meester and R.R. Watson (eds). Humana Press. 169-178.

Joel Haas, Jaime Bautista Ortega New Grads

Joel Haas successfully defended his Master of Agriculture thesis, "Comparison of Dorper and Polypay as maternal sire breeds for reduced input lamb production" on December 10th. Joel's major professor was **Howard Meyer**. After completion of his degree, Joel plans to pursue a career in Extension education.

On December 20th, **Jaime Bautista Ortega** successfully defended his M.S. thesis, titled "Polyunsaturated fatty acid metabolism in broiler chickens: Effect of maternal diet." A native of Hidalgo State, Jaime has returned to his position at the Colegio de Postgraduados, Mexico. His major professor was **Dr. Gita Cherian**.

Welcome New Grad



Kristi Klaus is beginning work on her MS degree this term. Kristi is a native of Ridgefield, WA. She completed her undergrad degree in Animal Science at Brigham Young University, Idaho. She will be working with **Matt Cannon** in reproductive physiology.

Welcome New Instructor



Dr. Giovanna Rosenlicht joins our faculty this term to teach ANS 280, Introduction to Companion Animal Management. Giovanna practices veterinary medicine at Eastgate Vet Clinic, Corvallis. We appreciate her taking time from her duties there to help with the teaching load in the Department this term.

Winter Party Scheduled January 23rd

Animal Sciences' Winter Party will be held January 23rd at the Grand Oaks Community Center in Corvallis, 6300 SW Grand Oaks Drive. Join us right after work for beverages and hors d'oeuvres (\$5.00 donation to Linn-Benton Food Share suggested), and help us celebrate the beginning of a promising new year.

Holiday Greetings

Christmas greetings came to the Department from **Gary Costley** and his wife, Cheryl. A graduate of the Department (BS '66, MS '68, PhD '70), Gary became vice-president of the Kellogg Company, Battle Creek, Michigan. He and Cheryl spend their time now between Michigan and Florida.

We also heard from **Dorothy Miller**, wife of **Jack Miller**, a former head of this department. Dorothy lives in College Station, Texas, and is active in community affairs and in Elder Hostel.

Carrie Gray Carson (BS, '04) and her husband, Josh, live in Independence, OR. Carrie is commuting to a new teaching job at Santiam Christian School in Corvallis, where she is establishing an Ag program for 7th through 12th graders.

Rick Christian (MS, '97) stopped by to say hello during the holiday. Rick is project area manager for the Watershed Division, working with the Nez Perce Tribe and living in Enterprise, Oregon.

John Nyberg (BS '70) and his wife, Nancy, live in Newberg, OR, where they remain active as 4-H leaders, with a special interest in raising rabbits.

Dr. Walther Ott lives in Bridgewater, NJ, where he turned 96 on September 30. Walther continues his hobby of raising and exhibiting African violets, and enjoys the friendship of others interested in the same. Over the past year he completed four books on family history. The Department was pleased to receive Walther's autobiography and bibliography last year, and recently to have received an addendum with some delightful "trivia," as well as a very interesting memoir about Walther's parents, Henry J. and Minnie W. Ott. All of these are on display in our Withycombe Library.

Angela and Marshall White live in Corvallis where Marshall has taken a new position at HP involving overseas travel and Angela is extremely busy at home with little Savannah, age 2.

2007 Brings Unique Livestock Judging Team Experience

...Clint Sexson



Pictured from left to right: Nick Moxley, Bonanza, OR; Jace Anderson, Turner, OR; Andrea Smith, St. Paul, OR; Chelcee Noland, Joseph, OR; Cayle Krebs, Cecil, OR; Brianna Panter, Petaluma, CA; Mindy Rose, Elkton, OR.

The Oregon State University Livestock Judging Team (OSU LJT) completed a different but successful judging season in 2007. We did not field a competitive team that traveled to the national livestock shows. However, Clint Sexson with the help of Valerie Cannon coached a Meat Animal Evaluation team for the first time in recent history.

We had several students interested with a combination of livestock judging experience and meat club experience. The contest we prepared for and competed in consisted of four divisions. The first was the feeder and market animal division which consisted of grading and pricing feeder cattle and slaughter animals of beef, hogs and sheep. The second was a team speaking event in which contestants were given a current

industry topic and expected to prepare a presentation and discussion before a panel of industry experts. The third was the breeding animal division which consisted of evaluating classes of both sexes of beef, sheep and hogs. The final was the meats division which consisted of grading and pricing carcasses of all species, placing classes of retail cuts, placing classes of carcasses of all species.

The contest was held at the historic Oklahoma City Stockyards and at Oklahoma State University Animal Sciences facilities. The team finished 14th overall, were 14th in the Market division, 10th in the breeding division, 15th in the Meats Division, and finished 5th in the Communications division. Brianna Panter was second high individual in the breeding division. Her teammates included Andrea Smith, Chelcee Noland, Lauren Farmen, Mindy Rose, Jace Anderson, Cayle Krebs and Nick Moxley.

The students were very satisfied with the experience. Many stated that the contest was one of the most relative educational activities that they had participated in during their academic career. The entire team would like to express their gratitude to Valerie Cannon and her crew at the Meats Lab, Dr. Males for his support, the support of ASOSU, the ER Jackman Foundation, the AG Exec. Council and all of the faculty.



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