



From Terry Etherton

I have previously written in Hoofprints about the Department changing in a dynamic manner. We continue this “track” with new faculty and staff joining the department. The College will be publishing an article in an upcoming issue of *Penn State Agriculture Magazine* about the six faculty that have been hired as part of the Reproductive Biology Initiative. This has attracted national and international attention – we are elated that we had this opportunity to build this area of expertise! In addition, we are in the process of adding two extension associates to our 4-H Horse program. Christopher Raines will join the faculty later this summer in a Meat Science Extension/Research faculty position.



The scale and scope of what we do in the department is an ever-changing landscape. We have a large cohort of students with career interests in equine science and small animal science ... there are terrific job opportunities in these areas. To be competitive in providing an education to students with these career interests, we have built teaching programs in these areas that, I believe, have well positioned us for the future. The days of passively waiting for prospective students to “ring the doorbell” are gone...we are in the business of actively recruiting the best and brightest!

We are committed to embracing change in a way that builds on the excellence that we represent. Our mindset is that we must not stand still but, rather, work hard to get better. In my opinion, we have been very successful! This reflects the enthusiasm and hard work of faculty, staff and students in the Department. I offer my congratulations to them!

As always, if there is anything we in the Department can help you with, please let me know (tde@psu.edu; 814-863-3665).

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Student Clubs Students for the Responsible Use of Animals

SRUA continues to grow and expand its activities. This spring marked the first overnight trip in several years, with a venture to Boston, MA. A visit with the veterinary and animal caretaker staff and a tour of several barrier facilities at the Mass. General Hospital’s Center for Comparative Medicine gave students a glimpse into the career options and benefits of laboratory animal research. A day spent at the New England Aquarium and a tour of Boston rounded out the trip.

Other club events included a demonstration from the Penn State K9 officer with his explosive-detecting dog, a tour of the horse barns, and guest speakers from PAWS and pet therapy.

Volunteer activities included continuing biweekly visits to local nursing facilities, a work-trip to T&D Cats of the World, participation in Centre Wildlife Care’s “Wild About Animals” outreach and fundraising event and a new volunteer endeavor every other week with Centre County PAWS, a local animal rescue facility.

In addition, the members raised nearly \$3,000 for Penn State’s THON and participated in the new Ag College Clubs collaborative fundraising for Heifer International. Club fundraising activities included selling homemade pet stockings for the holidays, assisting at Canine Agility Trials at the Ag Arena, and running the food stand at the Little I/Dairy Expo.



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Heifer International

A group of representatives from clubs sponsored by the College of Ag Sciences has begun a new ongoing fundraising campaign for Heifer International, a worldwide organization that works with communities to end hunger and poverty.

Representatives from the Poultry Science Club, SRUA, and Dairy Science Club, as well as other clubs and fraternities from across the college, raised funds throughout spring semester. A large scale spaghetti dinner, hot dog sales at Alpha Zeta and a "Cow-Pie Bingo" event at the Dairy Expo netted nearly \$2000 toward the purchase of an ark. The students were very enthusiastic about working with each other for this common goal and are looking forward to conducting fundraising events next fall.

NESA Results

The 2008 ASAS/ADSA Northeastern Student Affiliate (NESA) meetings were held February 22-24, 2008, at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA. Thirty-seven teams from eight universities competed in this year's quiz bowl, livestock judging, and research paper presentations. Thirty-five Penn State students representing the Block and Bridle and Dairy Science Clubs attended this year's competitions. They were accompanied by advisors Vivian Baumer and Dale Olver.

In the judging contest, contestants placed six classes that included dairy, swine, sheep, beef, horses, and even a special tiebreaker class of honey. First place was captured by Penn State Team G comprised of Allison Walker, Adam Zurin, Janelle Hartzell, and Jessica Scull, with Scull earning first place individual honors. In second was Penn State Team C, with members Jessica Rose, Amy Miller, Christopher Davis, and Tiffany Dean.

In quiz bowl, Penn State earned the top two spots. Penn State Team B with members Chris Molinaro, Melissa Sankey, Anna Smith, and David Wilson took home first place, edging the Penn State F team of Nathan Heim, Kyle Grim, Elizabeth Smith, and Kristina McAllister.

Penn State earned four of the top five placings in the undergraduate presentation contest. Jennifer Rassler placed second, Nathan Heim earned third, David Wilson placed fourth, and Michael Woods received fifth place. Other Penn State students presenting papers included Amanda Koons, Tiffany Morgan, William Nichols, and Emily Caldwell. Anna Smith participated in the original research division of the competition.

In the final team rankings, six Penn State teams placed in the top ten overall. High team was Penn State Team F and the Penn State B team finished second overall. In the competition for high university, Penn State placed first, followed by Rhode Island and the University of Vermont.

A special thank you goes out to the students and faculty at Delaware Valley College for hosting an excellent NESA in 2008.

Collegiate Horsemen's Association at Penn State



Kristina Pry, Coatesville, was inducted into the position of ACHA Communications Officer during the concluding banquet. Pry, a junior and CHAPS' Events Coordinator, was also awarded the ACHA's first-ever Outstanding Junior Award. CHAPS President, senior Jolie Demchur, West Chester, won the Outstanding Senior Award.

CHAPS had many exciting moments during the spring semester. In January, 13 club members attended the national convention in Aiken, SC, where the CHAPS president, Jolie Demchur, won the Outstanding Senior Award and Events Coordinator, Kristina Pry, won the Outstanding Junior Award. Kristina was elected to the American Collegiate Horsemen's Association national officer board as the Communications Officer. During the convention, CHAPS members were able to tour many farms involved in different areas of the equine industry, hear multiple speakers, attend the Augusta cutting horse futurity, and participate in many discussions with other ACHA member colleges.

During the semester, CHAPS members volunteered at the local therapeutic riding clinic, helping handle the therapy horses. They also volunteered at the local

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SPCA and PAWS. During Blue and White weekend they ran a lemonade stand and bake sale fundraiser downtown, to offset expenses of the club and the trip to the national convention. At the University Student Associations award banquet, the CHAPS officers won the Outstanding Executive Board Award and the CHAPS Ag Rep, Katie Poppiti, won the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments Leadership Award. At the end of the year Ag Ball, CHAPS won an award for involvement in activities above the local level.

Club members celebrated the end of the spring semester by hosting a Kentucky Derby Party. The party celebrates the racing industry and provides the members with a study break and a chance to say farewell to the graduating seniors. For further information about CHAPS, contact Elise Baker, Public Relations Officer, at ceb160@psu.edu.

Dairy Science Club



This year fifty club members traveled to California to learn about their dairy industry by visiting farms, milk processing plants, and other agricultural enterprises.

Kowalewski is the current president of the Penn State Dairymen's Club. Jared Daubert was named winner of the Davey Award for the outstanding senior in dairy science, and Emily Caldwell was named winner of the Branding Award for the junior who works behind the scenes to help make the club successful. Sarah Wickard was named winner of the Muller Award for outstanding first year member.

Mr. Lloyd Ebersole presented the first Ebersole award to Charlene Barlieb for earning high individual honors for the 2007 Dairy Cattle Judging Team. Seven students were presented with ADSA scholarship recognition. These included sophomores Robyn Bechtel, Janelle Hartzell, Jennifer Rassler, and Elizabeth Smith; juniors earning this award were Shaina Martin, Turner Swartz, and David Wilson. Joseph Spangler and Brent

The Dairy Science Club wrapped up a busy year with its annual awards banquet. Dr. Ronald Kensinger was honored as Club Dedictee, and Dr. Michael Kowalewski was named Young Dairy Leader. Dr.

Schuler were recognized for winning Overall Champion and Reserve Overall Champion at the 2008 Dairy Expo. Ken Raney presented PA Holstein Association awards to Aaron Hoover, Expo Show Manager, and to Sarah Wickard and Renee Norman for their help at the 2008 PA Junior Holstein Convention. Many other club members were recognized for chairing committees or for competing on teams representing Penn State and the club.

Earlier this spring, the Dairy Science Club cooperated with the Centre County Youth Services Bureau to sponsor the Spring Bargain Fling rummage sale. This year's event earned over \$13,000 for the area's Big Brother/Big Sister program. Other spring events included the annual judging contest, which was attended by over 175 youth, and the annual spring trip.

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Block and Bridle

Block and Bridle club had a very busy and exciting spring semester. In February and early March, weeks before the PA Bull Sale held in late March, members clipped 125 bulls for the sale, then helped at the Bull Test sale and at Beef Expo. Youth from across Pennsylvania participated in the quiz bowl and the Skil-lathon that were hosted by the club. Members also assisted with the Junior Show. The first weekend in April, the club, together with the livestock and horse judging teams, conducted a Spring Judging workout for 4-H and FFA members from across the state. Over 400 youth and the Penn State collegiate team members judged and evaluated livestock. In addition, participants in the collegiate and Senior division had the opportunity to give reasons on six classes of livestock. Later in April the club held its annual Beef up the Blood Supply event. Over 135 units of blood were collected to alleviate the low supply of blood. During the semester, social activities included broomball, snow-tubing, and hayride/line dancing with Agronomy and Dairy Science clubs.

The main event for the semester was the 91st Little I on April 19, 2008. Little I provides any Penn State student

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with an opportunity to exhibit a beef heifer, sheep, market hog or horse at either a professional or amateur classification. Many parents and alumni attended the show and enjoyed watching all the hard work that had gone into the show. That night at the Little I banquet the following students were recognized for their showmanship and fitting.

Beef

Overall Champion Showman	Mairen Fitzpatrick
Overall Reserve Champion Showman	Adam Zurin
Overall Champion Fitter	Adam Zurin
Overall Reserve Champion Fitter	Kyle Grim

Horse

Overall Champion Showman	Tiffany Dean
Overall Reserve Champion Showman	Lyndsay Delbaggio
Overall Champion Fitter	Karen Piwinski
Overall Reserve Champion Fitter	Shelby Wieners

Sheep

Overall Champion Showman	Cheryl Domitrovich
Overall Reserve Champion Showman	Kyler Myers
Overall Champion Fitter	Mike Woods
Overall Reserve Champion Fitter	Cheryl Domitrovich

Swine

Overall Champion Showman	Adam Wise
Overall Reserve Champion Showman	Russell Larson
Overall Champion Fitter	Adam Wise
Overall Reserve Champion Fitter	George Peters

The Little International Champion Showman was awarded to Tiffany Dean, with the Reserve Champion Showman going to Cheryl Domitrovich.

At the banquet, the Little I dedicatee, Dr. J. Marcos Fernandez, and Honorary member Paul Slayton were recognized. Other awards included the Outstanding Senior awarded to Kyle Grim and outstanding Junior to Callihan Schillaci. Previously, club members voted on the most hardworking students. Tony Miller won the Jim Watkins Hard Working Rookie Award, Cyrus Gehringer won the new Brighton Feeds Hard Working Sophomore Award, Kasey Woolam won the Glenn R. Kean Hard Working Junior Award and Kyle Grim won the Grant Sherritt Hard Working Senior Award.

Visitors to the University Park campus recently were greeted by a gigantic cheeseburger giving away free samples of cheese and beef jerky as several university organizations banded together to remind students of the benefits of including meat in their diets.

Amy Shollenberger, a junior from Harleysville majoring in Animal Sciences, dressed as Patty, the patty melt hamburger, for Penn State's second annual "Meat-In Day." Hosted by the Dairy Science Club, Block and Bridle Club and other animal science groups in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, the event was a response to the National Meat Out Day. The Meat-In Day was designed to show people across campus that there are many students who are passionate about promoting animal agriculture.

Awards and Honors

Jorge A. Elizondo-Salazar received 2nd Place at the Graduate School's 23rd Annual Graduate Exhibition in the area of Health & Life Sciences.

Terry Etherton received the Booster Award from the Penn State Stockmen's Club in April at the Club's Annual Spring Banquet.

In the Gamma Sigma Delta poster competition in March, **Karen Racicot**, Ph.D. advisee of Troy Ott, won first place in the Biological Sciences Division. **Erin Nowelsky** won 5th place in the Undergraduate category. Judd and Gabby also had student award winners.

Dr. Don Orr has been selected to receive the College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Dr. Dana Putnam has been selected to receive the College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award. Don and Dana will be honored at a College event that will be held on November 7 at the Nittany Lion Inn. As always, the Department will host an event on Friday afternoon to celebrate this honor. Later that afternoon Don and Dana will be honored at a formal reception hosted by the Dean of the College.

William H. Rishel of North Platte, NE is the 2008 Animal Science Distinguished Alumnus. Bill was honored during Little I/Dairy Expo weekend in April. Rishel, a native of York County and owner of Rishel Angus, received his B. S. and M.S. in Animal Industry in 1967 and 1969, respectively.



Rishel is well-known for his successful breeding program, producing Angus sires that have played a dominant role in American Breeders Service and Accelerated Genetics. Two sires produced

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by Rishel Angus are B/R New Design 036, the #1 sire for registrations in the Angus breed in 2001 and 2002, and the #1 sire in semen sales for ABS Global for two consecutive years; and B/R New Frontier 095, the #1 sire for semen sales for Accelerated Genetics in 2004 and 2005.

Rishel has a strong history of service to the industry. He currently serves as Vice-President for Nebraska Cattlemen. He also served on the Cattlemen's Beef Board from 2000-2006, as chair of the Product Enhancement Committee and a member of two committees—audit and advertising-- and the administration subcommittee.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation from 1996-2007, and served as president from 2000-2002.

Other industry leadership positions he has held include service on the Certified Angus Beef Board of Directors, the American Angus Association Board of Directors, and the Nebraska Cattle Board of Directors.

As an undergraduate at Penn State, he was a member of the Coaly Society and the Block and Bridle Club and he worked in the beef barn. He was Show Chairman of the Little I in 1967, and was Champion Showman of Little I in 1964, and Reserve Champion Showman in 1965.

He was assistant beef cattle herdsman at Penn State from 1967 to 1968. Rishel was a member of the national champion livestock judging team at the International Livestock Expo in Chicago in 1966, and was second high individual in the contest.

As a 4-H'er in York County, Rishel showed several county and state champions including the 1963 Pennsylvania Farm Show Grand Champion Steer. He was also a member of the 1959 Pennsylvania Champion 4-H Livestock judging team.

His parents are Edward and Evelyn Rishel. He has two brothers, Ed and Dick. He and wife Barbara have three children, Jill, Joy and Judy and five grandchildren.

Bill has received wide recognition within the beef industry, including being named 2007 Record Stockman U. S. Livestock Industry Leader of the Year, 2006 Nebraska Angus Association Producer of the Year, 2006 Honorary Angus Foundation Inductee, 2005 Beef Improvement Federation Seedstock Producer of the Year, 2005 Inductee Angus Heritage Foundation, and

receiving the 2001 Certified Angus Beef Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award.

He judges both state and national Angus shows around the country.

Dr. Paul Shellenberger, Professor Emeritus, has been named the Dairy Science Distinguished Alumnus. Paul, who currently lives in Franklin, IN, will be recognized at the Nittany Lion Classic this Fall.

College of Agricultural Sciences Agricultural Student Council Awards:

Educational Activities.....Block and Bridle
 Ag Man of the Year..... Kyle Grim
 Ag Woman of the Year.....Byrnn Kepler
 Ag Club Adviser of the Year.....Dan Kniffen for
 Block and Bridle

The Center for Student Engagement University Awards:

Outstanding Student Organization
 of the Year..... Block and Bridle
 Outstanding Club Adviser
 of the Year..... Dan Kniffen
 Craig Millar Award
 for Leadership and Service..... Kyle Grim

College Staff Laureate Awards:

Customer Service Award..... Randy Swope
 Leadership Award..... Vivian Baumer

Graduate Student News

Karen Racicot, Ph.D. candidate advised by Troy Ott, has been named to the Academic Standards Committee of the College.

In Memoriam

Tony Dobrosky, former extension educator, passed away in April. Memorial contributions can be made to the York County 4-H Endowment. Tony had been involved in a major fundraiser for the endowment.

Department Programs

35th Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale

The sale was held on March 28. A record 110 bulls sold for an average price of \$1,824.

Prior to the sale, all bulls completed a 112-day performance test at the Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center. This test evaluates bulls on average daily gain, muscle growth and breeding soundness.

For the first time, all the bulls were filmed prior to the sale. Video footage of the bulls in the sale was made available online by John Comerford, Karen Vines, Rose Pruyne, and other Penn State personnel. A bidding site at Washington County Cooperative Extension Office was available to prospective buyers, and was spearheaded by extension educator Walter Bumgarner.

The top-indexing Simmental, consigned by Kenley Myers of Dallastown, PA, sold for \$4,000 to Gennaview Farms of Woodland, PA. The bull was recognized by the Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association for the highest-indexing bull sold overall.

The 21 Simmentals in this year's sale returned an average of \$1,781. The 66 Angus bulls sold for an average of \$1,904. The lead Angus, also the top-selling bull in the sale, was consigned by John Gundzik of Manchester, Md. This Bull sold for \$4,600 to Dave Eilenfeld of Lucas, OH.

The two Limousin bulls posted the highest breed sale average at \$1,925. The top-indexing Limousin Bull, consigned by Nathan and James Baker of Commodore, PA, was the highest-selling bull of the breed, selling for \$2,200 to Chester Knapp of Brookville, PA. A Lim-Flex bull, consigned by Jim Delaplaine of Three Springs, PA, sold for \$1,500 to Chester Knapp of Brookville.

The Crossbred bull in the sale, consigned by Leon Tice of New Enterprise, Pa., was sold to Robert Mikesell, Jr. of Port Royal, PA, for \$1,500. The lone Charolais was consigned by John O. Myers of York, PA, and was sold for \$1,700 to James McDonald of Cherry Run Farm, McKean, PA.

Doug Howe of New Enterprise, PA., consigned the



The screenshot shows the Penn State Dairy and Animal Science website. The header includes the Penn State logo and the text "Dairy and Animal Science". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Contact Us", "Search", "News", "Events", and "Español". The main content area features the title "35th Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale Videos" and a brief description: "Videos of bulls are listed by lot number. Bulls will be sold March 28 at noon at the Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center on Route 45, near the Penn States Ag Progress Days Site, 10 miles west of Penn State University Park. This way for more details about the sale...". A link for "Listing of Bulls" is also visible.

top-selling Hereford bull, which sold for \$3,000 to The Miller Family of Womelsdorf, PA.

The 11 Herefords in all breeds was a Red Angus, consigned by Wade Vonada of Mill Hall, Pa., which gained 6.02 pounds per day while on test. Kenneth Swartfager, of Knox, PA, was the successful bidder for \$3,000, making the bull the highest selling Red Angus.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Livestock Evaluation Center serves as a location for performance testing of quality livestock, as well as a facility for livestock producers to hold professional meetings and conferences to advance their industry. Pennsylvania's performance testing programs are a cooperative effort between the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Penn State University and the respective species organizations.

For more information about Pennsylvania's performance testing programs and sales, contact Glenn Eberly at 814-238-2527 or geberly@state.pa.us. For more information on the Livestock Evaluation Center, visit the center's Web site at www.agriculture.state.pa.us/lec.



New Beef Marketing Program

Teamwork by Cooperative Extension, the Pennsylvania beef industry, and Weis Stores of Pennsylvania have given consumers an opportunity to "buy local." Weis worked with Pennsylvania beef producers certified through the Beef Quality Assurance program to market a high-quality product called "Pennsylvania Proud Choice Angus Beef", beginning in May.

The new program culminates an effort that began more than 10 years ago by Penn State Cooperative Extension. It is now administered through the Pennsylvania Beef Council and the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance Commission. The Beef Quality Assurance Program is a training program for beef producers in best-

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-management practices that influence food safety and product quality.

John Comerford, Extension Beef Specialist, played a lead role in this effort. Beef Quality Assurance-certified producers may also use the 'PA Preferred' label administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Beef Quality Assurance training is a two-tiered program that includes both classroom and chuteside instruction. The objective is to encourage farmers to produce safe, wholesome food for consumers.

Certified producers must agree to abide by the practices taught at the workshops, and farms are sampled every year for inspection by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture personnel to provide oversight to the program. Recertification training occurs every two years.

There is a youth training program in place that qualifies 4-H and FFA members to exhibit meat animals at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and at many local fairs. More than 2,000 beef producers in Pennsylvania are certified.

To enter the Pennsylvania Proud Choice Angus Beef program, cattle must have Angus-based genetics and grade USDA Choice or better, and must have been housed and fed on Beef Quality Assurance -certified farms in Pennsylvania for more than 100 days prior to harvest.

Participating farmers receive a premium price for qualifying cattle, plus a transportation allowance to Cargill Beef Solutions at Wyalusing, Pa., the processing facility for all Pennsylvania Proud Choice Angus Beef. Pennsylvania Proud Choice Angus Beef may be the first beef product program that also requires the producer to meet training and certification standards that will enhance the quality and safety of the beef for consumers."

North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge (NAIDC)

Schools from the Big 10 excelled at the Seventh Annual NAIDC, held April 4-5, 2008 in the Madison, WI area. Teams from the University of Minnesota, Michigan State University, University of Illinois and Purdue University earned the highest award – First Place Platinum. Hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the event attracted a record number of 32 teams from the United States and Canada, challenging them to put their textbook and practical knowledge to the ultimate test – analyzing dairies.

The contest began with a walk-through of the dairies, followed by the opportunity to ask questions of the owners and analyze data specific to each farm. The teams used this information to develop management recommendations, and then presented those recommendations to the herd owners and a panel of five dairy industry judges.

Each of the First Place Platinum team members received \$200 scholarships. Second Place Platinum award winners received \$100 scholarships. They included the following:

- **Iowa State University**
- **The Ohio State University**
- **Kansas State University**
- **North Dakota State University**

Gold Awards were presented to teams from the following institutions:

- **Penn State University**
- **California Polytechnic State University**
- **Cornell University**
- **Delaware Valley College**
- **University of Florida**
- **University of Guelph**
- **University of Idaho**
- **Louisiana State University**
- **University of Maine**
- **South Dakota State University**
- **University of Vermont**
- **Virginia Tech**
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
- **University of Wisconsin-Platteville**
- **University of Wisconsin-River Falls**

Silver Awards were presented to teams from the following institutions:

- **Alabama A&M University**
- **California State University-Fresno**
- **Clemson University**
- **University of Massachusetts**
- **University of Maryland-College Park**
- **University of New Hampshire**
- **North Carolina State University**
- **Southern University A&M**
- **Washington State University**

The North American Dairy Challenge was established as a management contest to incorporate all phases of a

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specific dairy business. It strives to incorporate a higher learning atmosphere with practical application to help prepare students for careers in the dairy industry.

NAIDC is supported financially through generous donations by industry and is coordinated by a volunteer board of directors.

The 2009 NAIDC will be held March 29-30, in Syracuse, N.Y. For more information about NAIDC, log on to www.dairychallenge.org.

Judging Teams

The Penn State Livestock Judging Team competed in the National Western Stock Show Judging Contests in Denver, CO. Team members who judged in the livestock judging contest were Tiffany Dean, Rick Jones, Christie Molinaro, Mike Woods, and Adam Zurin.

Team members who competed in the Carload Judging Contest (cattle only) were Christine Chyko, Chris Davis, Ashley Ruscio, Alison Walker, and Adam Zurin. The carload team had a very good day, finishing 8th overall out of 22 teams.

Comings and Goings

Alex Hristov joined the department in January as Associate Professor of Dairy Nutrition. He was formerly a faculty member at the University of Idaho.

Francisco Diaz recently joined the faculty with responsibilities in both Dairy and Animal Science and in Poultry Science.

Joy L. Pate has joined the department as Professor of Reproductive Physiology and C. Lee Rumberger and Family Endowed Chair in Agricultural Science. She previously had been on the faculty of Ohio State University.

Sandy Gunsallus, Staff Assistant, retired on April 30 after many years of service to the department.

DAS Tailgate II

The Penn State Dairywomen's Club and the Penn State Stockmen's Club will host the second annual football tailgate scheduled for November 15, 2008 at the Snider Ag Arena prior to the Penn State vs. Indiana game.

The tailgate is a joint effort of the two affiliated program groups of the College of Ag Sciences Alumni

Society. Tailgate ticket sales will be made to members of the clubs on a first come first served basis. Detailed information will be mailed to members and will also be available in the next few months on the club's web sites.

Alumni News

The annual Spring Stockmen's Club Dinner Dance was held April 18, 2008 at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center, State College, PA. The club hosted 19 graduating seniors for dinner.

The club recognized founding members, Henry Gruber, Peters Krall, Grant Sherritt, Dean Snyder and John Ziegler in addition to other original members of the board. The club also kicked off a fund drive to benefit the Stockmen's Club Memorial Award for Freshmen Students.

This endowment provides scholarships for students interested in livestock to enroll in the Animal Sciences major.

Donations made payable to Penn State may be mailed to the College of Ag Sciences Ag Development Office, 232 Ag Administration Bldg. University Park, PA 16802. Note on the memo line: "PSSC Freshmen Award."



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