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1990 National Champion 4-H Team from Texas honored

This past June, Dr. Clint Rusk, South Dakota University Head of the Animal and Range Sciences Department, and the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Superintendent, wrote a congratulatory letter to the 1990 Texas team for winning the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest 20 years earlier at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., and invited the team to be honored at the 2010 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Awards Banquet.



From left to right, Chris Boleman, Scott McNeill, Larry Boleman, Alan Patranella and Craig Boleman.

The 1990 Texas State Champion 4-H Livestock Judging Team accomplished something for the first time since 1939 that no other Texas team had accomplished in the previous 50 years. The Texas 4-H Livestock Judging Team from Brazos County won the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at NAILE. On Nov. 17, 2010, this national champion team was honored at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest during the annual awards banquet at NAILE.

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Osburn's Iraqi Tour of Duty extended

Dr. Wes Osburn, Associate Professor in the Department's Meat Science Section, has been serving on active duty in Iraq since January 2010 and recently had his tour extended until November 2011. Currently, Wes is working with United States Forces-Iraq, Deputy Commanding General-Advising and Training, Iraq Training Mission-Iraq and various personnel and the USEMB in Baghdad, as well as working with the Iraqi Lieutenant General, his Chief of Staff, and commandants and commanders of military academies, schools and training centers from Northern Iraq/Kurdistan to Southern Iraq. His duties require extensive travel throughout Iraq, and he will soon be traveling to other Middle Eastern countries. Wes reports that every day is different, with many challenges and opportunities. He wants our readers to know that he is proud of the progress being made and is honored to have the opportunity to work with many dedicated Iraqi government and military professionals who truly seek to provide a secure, stable and democratic Iraq.

We would appreciate your thoughts and prayers for the continued safety of Wes and all our troops currently serving around the world.



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1990 Team

All four of these former Brazos County 4-H members graduated from Texas A&M University's Department of Animal Science and participated on various TAMU National Champion Judging teams in Livestock, Meat and Wool Evaluation. These members included: Chris Boleman, '96, Craig Boleman, '95, Scott McNeill, '94, and Alan Patranella, '95. The team was coached by Dr. Larry Boleman, '68, also a TAMU Animal Science graduate, and at the time the State Beef Cattle Specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

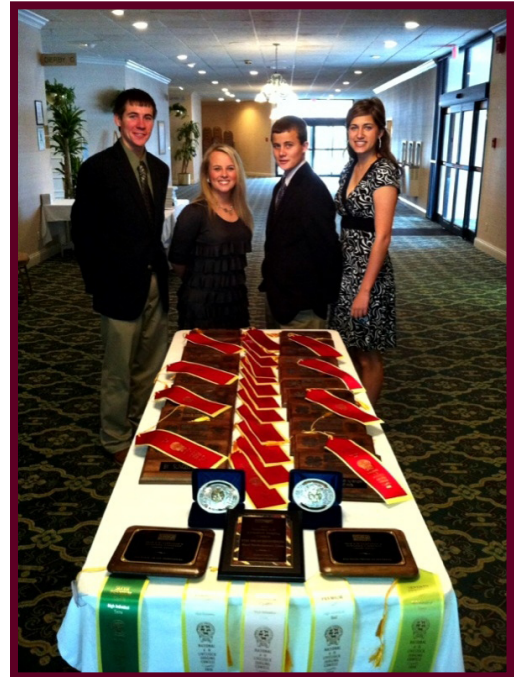
The 1990 team individuals had a record day, like no other team before or since in the history of the event beating the second place team from Virginia by 65 points. Overall the team was high in beef, sheep, swine and swine evaluation and had the first high individual, Chris Boleman; third high individual, Alan Patranella; fifth high individual, Scott McNeill; and sixth high individual, Craig Boleman.

During this year's award banquet, Dr. Larry Boleman and Dr. Chris Boleman both spoke to the 2010 participants regarding the 1990 experience and what it meant to be a part of a very special group and contest. Dr. Chris Boleman also shared the life skills gained because of these types of activities.

So, where are these former TAMU Animal Science graduates now?

- Dr. Chris Boleman is the Program Director for the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. He and his wife, Dr. Randi Boleman reside in College Station.
- Craig Boleman is the owner of a marketing / graphic design firm called Soloshoe Communications. He is married to Kass Prince Boleman and they reside in Irving.
- Scott McNeill is a sales representative with Bayer Animal Health and is married to Dr. Shalene McNeill. They have two children and reside in Pleasanton. Scott was unable to attend the ceremony because of a previous commitment with Bayer Animal Health.
- Alan Patranella is a Dairy Hygiene Manager and Quality Consultant for Muleshoe Vet Supply. He resides in Littlefield.
- Dr. Larry Boleman was the coach of the team. He is now the Associate Vice Chancellor for TAMU AgriLife. He is married to Pat Tanksley Boleman, who also attended the event and was known as the "team mom" twenty years ago.

McLennan County is Reserve Champion National 4-H Livestock Judging Team



Left to right are Dalton Meurer, Taylor Haliburton, Laramie Priest and Emily Jackson.

The National 4-H Livestock Champion Awards Banquet continued to be a memorable morning for Texas as congratulations were in order for the Texas Champion 4-H Livestock Judging Team from McLennan County for earning the title of Reserve Champion National 4-H Livestock Judging Team! They competed on Nov. 16 at NAILE after claiming Champion honors in June at the Texas 4-H Roundup Livestock Judging Contest. The team was also Reserve Champion in the cattle, swine and oral reasons!

Team members are Emily Jackson of Waco, who attended Bosqueville High School; Taylor Haliburton of Waco, who attended Midway High School; Dalton Meurer of West, who attends West High School; and Laramie Priest of Lorena who attends Lorena High School. The team was coached by County Extension Agent David Groschke, '03. He is a TAMU Department of Animal Science graduate and was a member of TAMU's 2002 National Champion Livestock Judging Team. Groschke also was the TAMU assistant coach under Coach Rathman whose team was the National Champion Livestock Judging Team in 2003.



Emily Jackson was fourth high individual overall, earning All American honors for Top 20, and second high individual in reasons. Taylor Haliburton was 13th high individual overall, earning All American honors for Top 20, third in cattle and reasons, fifth in performance beef cattle and seventh in swine. Laramie Priest was sixth high individual in swine. These students plan to attend TAMU after graduation or participation on a Junior College Livestock Judging Team.

Pictured are the 1990 and 2010 teams. The top row includes David Groschke, Alan Patranella, Craig Boleman, Chris Boleman and Larry Boleman. The bottom row is the 2010 Reserve Champion 4-H Team, Laramie Priest, Emily Jackson, Taylor Haliburton and Dalton Meurer.

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo visits Aggieland



The Department of Animal Science and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences hosted officials from the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo for the Texas A&M vs. Nebraska football game. The event started with a reception/dinner on Friday night at the Pebble Creek Country Club with 30 people in attendance. Representatives from San Antonio included Keith Martin, Executive Director and CEO of the show and his wife Tracie; Debbie Dreyfus-Schronk, Assistant Executive Director and COO of the show, and her husband Wendel; Glen Alan Phillips, Assistant Executive Director and his wife Tracy; and Cody Davenport, Vice President of the Executive Committee and his wife Yvonne.

Representatives of the department/college included Dr. Russell Cross, Dr. Larry Boleman, Dr. Davey Griffin, Dr. Glenn Holub, Dr. Chris Boleman, Dr. Chris Skaggs, and Allison Chipman. Students in attendance included graduate student assistantship recipients, scholarship recipients and show interns; Meghan Woodall, Joslyn Kotzur, Amanda Smith, Garrett Thomas, Jake Thorne, Mollie Lastovica, David Salinas, Devin Felger, Rebecca Bagby, Benjamin Snowden and Katie Muehlstein.

Saturday morning activities included an update from Dr. Mark Hussey on college activities, Dr. Russell Cross on departmental activities, Dr. Chris Skaggs on San Antonio Livestock Exposition Chairholder activities, Paul Maulsby on beef center activities, and Dr. Chris Boleman on 4-H activities. The group then joined the 2009 Ultimate Tailgater Overall Winner, the Glen Kusak family from Yoakum, Texas, to experience the Aggie tailgating tradition. Prior to the game, the group attended the President's Buffet and March In before watching the Aggies defeat Nebraska, 9-6.

2010 Dairy Herdsman Short Course

The seventh and final 2010 Dairy Herdsman Short Course on Milking Management was held in Sulphur Springs, Texas on Nov. 29. The programs were conducted by the Extension Dairy Team of Dr. Ralph Bruno, Dr. Todd Bilby, Dr. Ellen Jordan and Kevin Lager, in cooperation with County Extension Agents across the state.

In the hands-on training segment of the program, Dr. Bruno (center of photo) trained students in the proper techniques required to use the California Mastitis Test as a screening tool.



ASGSA update



The Animal Science Graduate Student Association (ASGSA) hosted Dr. David Reed as the guest speaker for the association's Nov. 10 meeting.

Dr. Reed's riveting presentation "Expectations and Success in Graduate School" helped graduate students understand their roles in graduate school and prepare for their future endeavors.

ASGSA thanks Dr. David Reed for sharing his experience and inspiring graduate students.

Aggiefest 2010

The Aggiefest Livestock Judging Contest was held on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010. More than 500 students registered for the contest with 469 that participated, this included 109 juniors, 119 intermediates and 241 seniors.

Jake Thorne, assistant livestock judging team coach and graduate student, along with the 2010 Texas A&M livestock judging team conducted the contest and officiated the classes.

The winning teams were Austin and Harris Counties for the junior division, Burleson and Refugio Counties for the intermediate division, and Santa Fe FFA and Guadalupe County for the senior division.

A total of 241 youth and approximately 50 adults attended the Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop at Freeman Arena. Classes offered at the workshop included Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Reining and Halter. Judges were provided with instruction on the classes from Dr. Clay Cavinder, Dr. Dennis Sigler, Teri Antilley and Dave Golden.

In addition, the youth were able to practice judging each class with live horses, and an explanation of the official placing of the class was given by instructors. Format for organizing and presenting oral reasons was also explained, and example sets of reasons were presented by TAMU horse judging team members. Youth interested in practicing reasons were able to do so and receive feedback from judging team members, as well.


Thank you to everyone involved in making the workshop a great success!

Hesby Atrium Update

The Hesby Planning Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, to review and provide input on preliminary design plans as presented by Arkitex Studio, Inc. The initial designs were created after representatives from Arkitex met with a cross-section of faculty, staff and students of the three departments housed in the Kleberg Center, as well as members of AgriLife administration. The design renderings were well received by the Committee, and Arkitex staff will continue to define and incorporate the recommendations offered by the Committee at its recent meeting. The Committee will continue its focus on fund-raising efforts in order to realize the targeted completion of the project by Fall 2011.

Information on contributing to the Hesby Atrium project is provided below. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. H. Russell Cross <hrcross@tamu.edu> 979.845.1543, or Monica Delisa <m-delisa@tamu.edu> 979.845.9582.



 Texas A & M Foundation	
<h3>Howard Hesby Student Atrium Fund</h3>	
PLEDGE INFORMATION	
My personal contribution:	\$
# of Books Requested	All contributions of \$25 or more will receive a copy of "Big Hands, Big Heart" a tribute to Dr. Hesby and can be claimed as a charitable contribution on an individual's itemized tax return less \$9.00 for the value of the book received. Additional copies of the book require an additional \$25 donation.
DONOR INFORMATION (Please Print)	
Name	Class Year
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Enclosed Contribution: \$	Please make checks payable to TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION . On the memo line, indicate – Howard Hesby Student Atrium Fund, account number 0573410
Return to:	Amanda Mendoza College of Agriculture and Life Sciences 2140 TAMU College Station, TX 77843-2140

We would like to recognize and pay tribute to our former students who recently passed away:

Gayle E. Mayo '39

Robert Lee Hefner '51

Rex Stultz

Edwin G. Schwarz Jr. '44

Ben B. Hilburn '41

Malcom Osborne

Jimmie Craig Hagler '61

Silva Gay Favor '74

Clifford Leroy Smith '62

Richard P. McDonald '66

We extend our condolences to friends and families of these former students.

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Upcoming events

Saddle & Sirloin Winter Formal (Dec. 7, 2010 - Wellborn Community Center - 9 p.m.) - Admission is \$10 for individuals and \$15 per couple. T-shirt is included in entrance price. For more information, contact Sydney Wilkinson at <swilkinson2011@gmail.com>.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association End-of-the-Semester Social (Dec. 9, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 3-5 p.m.) - For more information, contact Lauren Hulsman at <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.

Equine Reproductive Management Short Course (Jan. 11-13, 2011 - College Station) - For more information visit <<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/workshops/equine-repro-short-course.htm>> or contact Dr. Vogelsang at 979-845-7731 or by e-mail at <m.vogelsang@tamu.edu>.

Southwest Beef Symposium (Jan. 18-19, 2011 - Amarillo Civic Center) - For more information visit <<http://swbs.nmsu.edu/>> or contact Bruce Carpenter at 432-336-8585 or by e-mail at <bcarpent@ag.tamu.edu>.



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