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Beef Center exhibits Grand Champion Simmental Female

HOUSTON, TEXAS – The Texas A&M Beef Center exhibited the Grand Champion Simmental Female Miss Pizaaz at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Each year the Texas A&M Beef Center exhibits cattle that represent its breeding program at the North American Livestock Exposition and various shows throughout Texas. These exhibitions are an opportunity to showcase the cattle program and the Animal Science Department at Texas A&M.



Left, Joellyn Donough, Beef Center student worker, Brandi Bourg, Animal Science graduate student, Jim Bloomberg, judge, and Paul Maulsby, Beef Center manager.

ANSC 608 students get first-hand look at cattle operation

GONZALEZ, TEXAS – Graduate students in ANSC 608: Beef Cattle Management got a glimpse into the everyday responsibilities of operating a feedyard when they visited Graham Land and Cattle Co. in Gonzalez on March 2.

Maurice Janda, class of '93, spoke to the class about the various topics regarding his role as feedyard manager. Students were able to observe the feed mixing facilities, as well as a demonstration on some of the cattle processing which takes place on a regular basis. Janda gave a tour of the feeding



and backgrounding facilities which has a capacity of more than 30,000 head.

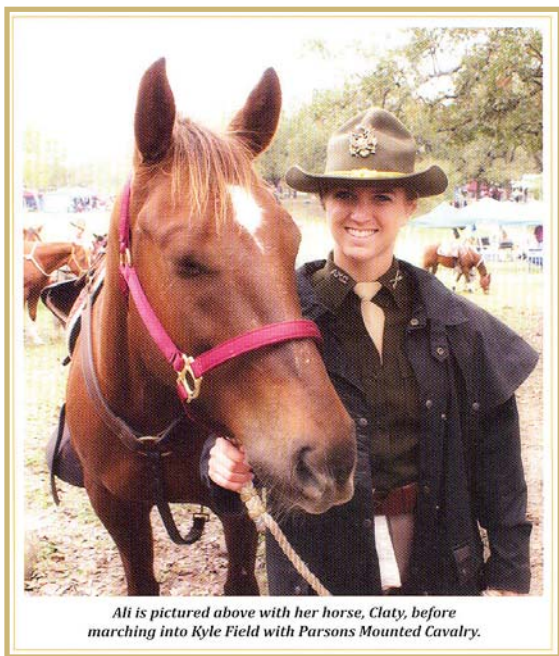
Students also had the opportunity to visit with Gary Holcomb, NSA nutritionist, and Josh Gray, class of '08, financial manager. They shared their experiences and knowledge of their respective fields and answered questions from the students.

Dr. Glenn Holub, instructor of the course, scheduled the trip to enhance his students' understanding of the beef cattle industry.

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Animal Science student Ali McPhee featured in *The Guidon*



Ali is pictured above with her horse, Claty, before marching into Kyle Field with Parsons Mounted Cavalry.

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS – Ali McPhee, a junior animal science major, is both a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band and part of the Parsons Mounted Cavalry. A story about Ali and why she chose to be part of both units is featured in *The Guidon*, the official magazine of the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association.

The article states: *Enrolling at Texas A&M, Ali declared a major in Animal Science. She always had affection for animals and desires to be a veterinarian. She selected this field of study rather than the typical biomedical science path as it offered her more hands on experience with animals. She is pleased with her decision noting 'I am glad that I chose Animal Science since I love the classes and like the professors in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.'* ...

It was during her fish year in the Aggie Band that she watched the PMC ride by the stands during the Corps March Ins at the home games at Kyle Field. Seeing them up close she thought how awesome it would be to ride a horse as well and became fascinated about the opportunity to be part of the unit.

Go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/ali-mcphee.pdf> to view the complete story of Ali's success.

Upcoming events

Livestock Judging Clinic (March 27, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion) - For more information, please contact Jake Franke <jfranke@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/youth/judging-clinic-10.pdf>.

Student Networking Prime Rib Dinner and Program (April 15, 2010 - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Pearce Pavilion) - Students interested in the beef cattle industry can interact with cattle and industry leaders. For more information, please contact the Beef Extension office at 979-845-6931 or email at <extansc@ag.tamu.edu>.

Spirit of Aggieland Inaugural Sale (April 18, 2010 - 1 p.m. - TAMU Beef Center) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or at <beefcenter@tamu.edu>.

Texas A&M University Show Cattle Camp (May 28-30, 2010 & June 4-6, 2010) - For more information, please visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/beef/beef-center/camps/show-cattle-camp/index.htm> or contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or by email at <beefcenter@tamu.edu>.

Horse Judging Camp (June 2-4, 2010 & June 16-18, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/tamu-horse-judging-camp.htm> or contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at 979-845-7731 or by email at <cac@tamu.edu>.

Livestock Judging Camp (June 13-15, June 20-22 & June 23-25, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock_judging_camp.htm or contact Jake Franke at 979-845-7616 or by email at <jfranke@tamu.edu>.

Aggieland™ Lamb & Goat Camps (July 16-18, 2010 & July 23-25, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats/sheep-center/youth-camps/index.htm> or contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey at 979-845-7616 or by email at <sramsey@tamu.edu>.



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