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Memorial For Shirley Seas

The SDSU Dairy Club chose to dedicate this year’s Dairy Digest to Shirley Seas for being an outstanding teacher, club advisor, and friend.

Shirley was a Professor of Dairy Science where he was actively involved in the Dairy Manufacturing teaching program and managed the Dairy Plant. He started working in the Dairy Plant when he was an undergraduate at SDSU, and was on the SDSU faculty since 1955.

Shirley was best known as an outstanding teacher and as the coach of outstanding dairy products judging teams. Recognition for his teaching included: Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award (1982), Teacher of the Year for the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences (1983), American Dairy Science Association Dairy Foods Teaching Award (1983), and SDSU Burlington Northern Teaching Award (1987). His dairy products judging teams were always among the best in the nation. They won the National Dairy Products Judging Contest seven times, placed first in butter judging 17 of the 21 years that he coached teams, and Shirley was named Coach of the Year five times. He was active in South Dakota State Dairy Association, several community organizations, and was a great promoter of South Dakota State University. Shirley will be missed by students, colleagues, and the dairy industry.
Kirk Baldwin Welcomed

The Dairy Science Department welcomed a new member to its faculty staff in January 1989, Kirk Baldwin. Kirk is a native of St. Paul, MN and has filled the vacant Dairy Plant Manager position.

Kirk attended primary and high school in St. Paul, MN and then enrolled in Nutrition Food Science here at South Dakota State University. He received his Bachelors degree in 1983 and then was accepted as a graduate student by the Dairy Science Department here at South Dakota State University. He received his Bachelors degree in 1983 and then was accepted as a graduate student by the Dairy Science Department at SDSU. He received his Masters degree in Dairy Science in 1985.

Upon receiving his Masters degree, Kirk accepted a position with Kraft, Inc. at their Technology Center in Glenview, IL and continued there until January 1989.

On January 16, 1989, Kirk joined the Dairy Science faculty at SDSU, as the Dairy Plant Manager. Kirk's main goal is an efficient plant operation, but looks forward to possibly making specialty cheeses and then remodeling the Dairy Bar. Kirk's time will be spent in the classroom where he will be teaching Intro to Dairy Science, Dairy Plant Management, and parts of Dairy Products Processing I and II.

Kirk, his wife Janis and Dibbo (their miniature Collie and German Shepard mix dog) presently reside in Brookings. The Dairy Department is extremely happy to have Kirk here and wishes him the best of luck at SDSU.

Dr. G. Alan Harrison joins staff

Dr. G. Alan Harrison joined the SDSU Dairy Science Staff in August 1988. Dr. Harrison is originally from Campbellsville, KY. After graduation from high school, Dr. Harrison attended Eastern Kentucky University and graduated with a Bachelors degree in Technical Agricultural. Dr. Harrison then enrolled at the University of Kentucky to pursue his Masters degree in Dairy Nutrition. Dr. Harrison remained at the University of Kentucky to pursue his Doctorate degree with research in Dairy Nutrition and Rumen Microbiology. Dr. Harrison worked six months on a Post-Doctorate project in Rumen Microbiology at the University of Kentucky before joining the SDSU Dairy Science Staff.

Dr. Harrison's present research involves studies concerning optimizing forage utilization. Research in Rumen Microbiology will commence this summer. Outside of the responsibilities of teaching and research, Dr. Harrison enjoys basketball, softball and woodworking.

Spring Trip

This year, for the Spring Trip, the Dairy Club went to Spearfish, SD. Approximately 25 members attended along with our chaperones Cheryl Grong, Al Harrison, and Kirk Baldwin. The club kept active with a variety of activities. The first day the club toured the Black Hills. We drove through the historic towns of Lead and Deadwood, stopped at Mt. Rushmore, swam at Evan's Plunge, and finished off the day by attending Casino Night hosted by the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce at our hotel. The next two days the club members went skiing at Terry Peak or snowmobiling in the hills. Everyone enjoyed their fun in the sun and snow. On the way home, the club received a guided tour of the Gillette Dairy Plant in Rapid City from Howard Bonnemann.

The trip was a great success. Thanks to the planning of Mark Johnson. Everyone enjoyed themselves and there are many stories to be remembered by all.
Dr. William W. Foster joins faculty

Dr. William Foster

Dr. William Foster has recently joined the SDSU faculty as an Assistant Professor of Dairy Science. Dr. Foster's teaching responsibilities include DS 212 - Dairy Cattle Evaluation, DS 411 - Dairy Breeds and Breeding, and DS 412 - Dairy Herd Management. He will also serve as coach of the dairy cattle judging team. Research programs of interest to Dr. Foster are related to applied dairy cattle breeding and herd management.

Dr. Foster was raised on a commercial Holstein farm in Rhode Island. In 1983, he received his BS in Dairy Science from Virginia Tech, where he was a member of the dairy cattle judging team. Dr. Foster earned his MS in Animal Breeding from Iowa State University in 1985, and his PhD in Dairy Herd Management from Virginia Tech in 1988.

When Dr. Foster is in school, a person can always see him helping students with dairy problems or find him working on his computer. Outside of class, Dr. Foster likes to be involved with Dairy Club activities, wood working, or spending time with his wife Patti. The students in Dairy Science feel that Dr. Foster is a great asset to the Department.

Last November the Dairy Cattle Judging Team traveled to the North American contest in Louisville, KY. Team members included Darrel Rennich, Charles Derdall, Janel Christensen, Philip Wirth and Brian Heim. Coach, Howard Voelker, and Assistant Coach, Tracey Larsen, were very proud of the teams performance at the contest. The team placed 1st in the Jersey Breed, 3rd in Holstein, and 2nd overall; Darrell Rennich was 3rd individual, 2nd in reasons, 1st in Jerseys and 4th in Guernsey; Chuck Derdall was 7th in reasons and 4th in Jerseys; Janel Christensen was 9th overall and 3rd in Brown Swiss; and Phil Wirth was 7th in Jerseys.

The highlight of the trip was getting lost in Indianapolis and deciding what lamp shade each person should wear.

Cheryl's souvenir collection expanded with her receiving a towel, postcard, silver spoon, and a play by play explanation, written by Brian Heim of being lost.

Christmas Banquet

The 1988 Dairy Club Christmas Banquet was held December 8th at the Brookings Holiday Inn. Eighty-five Dairy Club members along with spouses, parents, faculty, and friends gathered together for the festive event. The guests were served with the traditional meal of chicken, roast beef, potatoes with gravy, corn, salad, and a dinner roll (and of course milk). For dessert mint ice cream was served from the SDSU Dairy Bar.

The Banquet concluded with the delightful presentation of a slide show depicting the humorous events that happened over the year. Some of the club members continued the celebration at Comedy Night at the Staurolite Inn. A great time was had by all.
Graduating Seniors of 1989

Troy R. Anderson, a May graduate
Hometown: Volga, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Mid-American Dairymen Inc., Winsted, MN
Memorable Event: Moving to Bloomer, WI, working for Mid-Am during the summer and tubing down the Apple River, Sommerset, WI, - fishing after work with Karen.

Todd O. Bakke, a May graduate
Hometown: Madison, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Anderson Erickson Dairy, Des Moines, IA
Memorable Event: The chance to meet new people and the friends I have made while attending SDSU.

Russell W. Buseman, a May graduate
Hometown: Parker, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Lakeside Dairy, Sioux Falls, SD
Memorable Event: Dairy Products Judging and the National at San Antonio, TX.

Charles W. Derdall, a December graduate
Hometown: Flandreau, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Nordica International, Sioux Falls, SD

Daniel W. Duitscher, a May graduate
Hometown: Rolfe, IA
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Highland Dairy, Springfield, MO

Sean A. Groos, a May graduate
Hometown: Colman, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Leprino Foods, Waverly, NY
Memorable Event: Dairy Club parties and the Metzger's house and '88 Spring break. Also finishing the Tech II last final.

Brian D. Heim, a May graduate
Hometown: Watertown, SD
Degree: Dairy Production & Animal Science
Memorable Event: Dairy Judging Team & Little International.

M. Todd Hieb, a May graduate
Hometown: Granite Falls, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Memorable Event: The night in Grand Forks and the day preceeding it on last years Spring trip.

Daniel H. Hinrichs, an August graduate
Hometown: Goodhue, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: ABS, Rochester, MN

Mark L. Johnson, a May graduate
Hometown: Madison, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Senior Dairy Inspector, State of South Dakota, Pierre, SD
Memorable Event: Spring break '88 - Canadians we met and someone waking up with last nights dinner in his hands and he doesn't know how it got there. Spring break '89 - the snow, the punch, and the whirl pool - right Dave.

Thomas L. Kenefick, a May graduate
Hometown: Brookings, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Memorable Event: Getting married.

Tina Vanderham Kenefick, a May graduate
Hometown: Alcester, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Memorable Event: Getting married to Thomas.

Jeff J. Kragt, a December graduate
Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Dean Foods, Dixon, IL

Lowell E. Kruse, a May graduate
Hometown: Revillo, SD
Degree: Dairy Production
Working: Home to farm, 5-L's Dairy, Revillo, SD
Memorable Event: 1988 Little I Dairy Show, receiving reserve fitting & 3rd showing.

Tracey E. Larsen, a May graduate
Hometown: Arlington, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing & Dairy Production
Working: County Agent, Milbank, SD
Memorable Event: The 1985 Fall Dairy Cattle Judging trip to Waterloo, IA and having a majority of the team get told to quit being reindeer and get off the roof of a certain motel.

Kurt D. Metzger, a May graduate
Hometown: Rock Rapids, IA
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing with a Business option
Memorable Event: The Dairy Club trip to Canada.
Michelle K. Rook, a May graduate
Hometown: Clear Lake, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing and Ag Journalism
Working: Graduate School, SDSU
Memorable Event: Hosting the Midwest American Dairy Science Association Convention.

G. Douglas Ruble, a December graduate
Hometown: Albert Lee, MN
Degree: Dairy Production
Working: Landmark Genetics, Albert Lea, MN

Terry P. Schmitz, a May graduate
Hometown: Sanborn, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: AMPI, Stephenville, TX
Memorable Event: National Dairy Products Judging trip to San Antonio, TX.

Alan P. Schroepfer, a December graduate
Hometown: Sleepy Eye, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Home to farm

Steven J. Schultz, a May graduate
Hometown: Jackson, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Carnation, Waverly, IA
Memorable Event: Working along-side Bryce Havlik in Dairy-Microbiology lab.

Tony J. Shumaker, a May graduate
Hometown: Harrisburg, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Senior Dairy Inspector, State of South Dakota, Redfield, SD
Memorable Event: Actually learning something in George Torrey’s class.

Gene A. Stegeman, a May graduate
Hometown: Wolsey, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Graduate School, SDSU
Memorable Event: When Betsy, our cow, ran away from us in the Hobo Day Parade.

Karen M. Tieszen, a December graduate
Hometown: Pierre, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Homeland Dairy, Oklahoma City, OK
Memorable Event: Getting married to David.

Dana M. Tweit, a May graduate
Hometown: Gibbon, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing & Dairy Production
Working: Food Barn Stores, Inc., Kansas City, MO
Memorable Event: The times spent with my friends.

Philip M. Wirth, a May graduate
Hometown: Hurley, SD
Degree: Dairy Production
Working: Alfa Laval, Kansas City, MO
Memorable Event: Dairy Cattle Judging team trip, 1986, and the roof of the Pinecrest Motel in Postville, IA.

Merlyn J. Wollman, a May graduate
Hometown: Fedora, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Alfa Laval, Kansas City, MO
Memorable Event: Dairy Cattle Judging team trip, 1986, and the roof of the Pinecrest Motel in Postville, IA.

Daniel J. Ziegler, a December graduate
Hometown: Volga, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Home to farm, Ziegler Farms, Volga, SD
The Officer Team of 1989

On January 15th, the Dairy Club elected their new officer team. Gene Stegeman handed his gavel down to our newly elected President, John Popkes. John is a Junior Dairy Manufacturing major from Rock Rapids, IA. Rhonda Hojer is our new Vice President from Oldham, SD. She is a Junior Dairy Manufacturing major. Doug Peckham will be our Secretary for the upcoming year. He is a Junior Dairy Manufacturing major from Clark, SD. Bruce Pederson was elected to the position of Treasurer. He is from Westbrook, MN and majoring in Dairy Production.

To finish off the executive council, Chris Blase, a Junior Dairy Manufacturing major from Madison, SD and Deb Griese, also a Junior Dairy Manufacturing major from Gettysburg, SD, were elected as Co-Historians for the exciting new year.

The officer team of 1989 are looking forward to an exciting action-packed year. They are ready to plunge forward into yet another successful year.

Cheese Boxes

This year the Dairy Club's largest fundraiser was Holiday cheese boxes with over $20,000 in gross sales. The profit for sales was over $5,000. The fundraiser got off to a good start under the cheese box Chairmen, Kurt Metzger, Troy Anderson, John Popkes, Tony Shumaker, Gene Stegeman and Sean Groos.

The cheese box process involves dedication by all the members to take time off from their very busy Fall schedule to come in and cut, weigh, wrap and package the cheese varieties to be sold. The work started two weeks before Thanksgiving and finished up the end of finals week. Besides selling the cheese boxes at the Dairy Sales Bar they were sold at the Brookings Malls as well.

The SDSU Dairy Club has had some excellent dedication in the activities that have taken place over the last year and cheese box sales showed this. The club would like to send special thanks to all those who helped make cheese box sales a success.

State Fair

The State Fair Booth is one of the Dairy Clubs main fundraisers. This year was another exceptional one. Club members and the American Dairy Association of South Dakota (ADA) ran the booth the week of the fair. As well as having a good time, members learn how to market dairy products. A highlight this year was "all you can drink" after purchasing a glass of milk. Record sales were recorded this year and the members work was greatly appreciated by the club.

Little International

The 66th Annual Little International was held March 31 to April 1, 1989 in the Animal Science arena on the SDSU campus. The two days were sunny and great days for showing by many.

Members of the Dairy Club who participated showing dairy cattle were Londa Jensen, Volga; Rhonda Hojer, Oldham; Deb Griese, Gettysburg; Bruce Pederson, Westbrook, MN; Janel Christensen, Big Stone City; Tracey Larsen, Arlington, and Michelle Rook, Clear Lake. Philip Wirth, Senior, of Hurley was the Dairy Superintendent and Darrel Rennich, Junior, of Harrisburg was Assistant Dairy Superintendent. Tina Vanderham, Senior from Akron, IA was the Advertising Superintendent. Sean Groos, Senior from Colman, was Equipment Superintendent.

Fall Picnic

Once again the SDSU Dairy Club Fall picnic was a great chance to welcome new members and visit with old friends. The picnic was held at Pioneer Park on September 23. A menu of BBQ bratwurst, beans, salad, chips, and beverages was enjoyed by all. As tradition goes, we worked the meal off with a "rugged" game of soft-pitch softball.
Dairy Awards Banquet

The SDSU Dairy Science Department held their annual Spring Banquet on April 11, 1989 at the Holiday Inn in Brookings. The purpose of the banquet is to honor the students by presenting them with scholarships and awards. The scholarships presented totaled $26,175 with 37 going to upper classmen and 4 for incoming freshmen. The scholarship sponsored by the Dairy Club was presented to Rhonda Hojer.

Other upper classmen receiving scholarships were as follows: Christopher Blase, Marla Newman, Jeffery Ching, Chad Lee, Doug Anderson, John Osburn, David Bogenrief, Donna Lee, Warren Johnson, Jarrod Otta, Steve Kvistad, Lenorr Paschke, John Popkes, Bryce Havlik, Gregory Derynck, John Hoogendoorn, Eugene Enneking, John Droogsma, Bart Fischer, George Koenig, Debra Griese, Troy Ammann, Gregory DeBerg, Bruce Pederson, Douglas Dorn, Lloyd Metzger, Janel Christensen, Jay Baldwin, Doug Hanson, Wayne Jarman, Erwin Heber, Paul Maassen, Matthew Lentsch, Harvey Shumaker and Brad Peckham.

Incoming freshmen who received scholarships were Thomas Kinder, Jennifer Ham, Shari Patterson and Chad Groos.

Three awards were given to outstanding seniors. The D.F. Breazeale Award went to Michelle Rook. The Forbes Leadership Award to Gene Stegeman and Philip Wirth received the Graber-Ford Award.

Judging team presentations were also made. Howard Voelker named Darrel Rennich as outstanding Dairy Cattle Judging Team member and Bob Baer presented Russell Buseman with the outstanding Dairy Products Judging Team award.

The Dairy Club honored Dr. Howard Voelker for his years in the Dairy Science Department with a plaque in appreciation for his help. Dr. Bob Baer received a plaque from his judging team for his outstanding job as a coach this year.

ADSA Convention

The Midwest American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) convention was held at Illinois State University in Normal, IL. Attending the sessions were 147 students from various schools throughout the central and midwest sections of the U.S. The SDSU group was represented by Rhonda Hojer, Tish Kalla, Russ Buseman, John ("the mover") Popkes, Kurt ("one-eye") Metzger, Doug ("the mooer") Peckham, and Derek Knobloch. Our advisors, Jim Moore and Jeff Herming, joined us on Saturday afternoon for the festivities.

Friday night: Dance and mixer
Saturday morning: Speakers and officer election
Saturday afternoon: Dairy Quiz Bowl
Saturday night: Banquet and Dance

Even though only seven members made the trip to IL; SDSU was well represented and a good time was had by all.

Spring Picnic

The annual Spring Dairy Club Picnic was held on Friday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. BBQ ham was on the menu along with macaroni salad, chips and beans. Production and Manufacturing people went head to head in a game of softball. Manufacturing won by a score that is too embarrassing to mention. After the game was over people went on to further festivities at one of the fellow nerd houses. Fun was had by all! (The Production peoples excuse was that they had to go on to further and better things besides softball).
The 1988 Dairy Products Judging Team had a prosperous year with Dr. Bob Baer taking over as the new coach. The team ended the season 1st out of 9 teams overall at the Regional Contest in Chicago, IL and 7th out of 23 teams overall at the National Contest which was held this year in San Antonio, TX. As a team in the individual products, SDSU placed 1st in butter and cottage cheese, 2nd in ice cream and milk, and 3rd in yogurt and Cheddar cheese in Chicago. At San Antonio the team scored a 2nd place in cottage cheese and 4th in yogurt.

This year's team members included Terry Schmitz of Sanborn, MN, Sandy Iverson of Sisseton, Russ Buseman of Chancellor, and Mark Johnson of Madison. Individually at the Regional Contest, Terry placed 1st in butter, 3rd in ice cream, and 4th overall. Sandy placed 4th in yogurt and grabbed 1st overall. Russ was 2nd in butter, 3rd in cottage cheese and 5th overall. At the National Contest, Terry finished 6th place in ice cream and 4th place in cottage cheese. Russ won the national title in yogurt and finished 3rd place overall.