Dairy Club Hosts Midwest ADSA Conference

The SDSU Dairy Club was busy during a good portion of the year planning the Midwest American Dairy Science Association Conference. This student meeting rotates among schools within the Midwest and is designed to allow students in dairy science to come together to share ideas and sharpen their leadership skills. Eleven of the fifteen ADSA chapters in the Midwest traveled to Brookings for two days of education and fun. The chapters that attended were Kansas State University; Illinois State University; University of Illinois; Iowa State University; Michigan State University; University of Minnesota; St. Paul; University of Minnesota, Waseca; University of Wisconsin, Madison; University of Wisconsin, Platteville; University of Wisconsin, River Falls; and South Dakota State University. About 120 people attended and next year ADSA will be held at IL State.

Many hours of work were put into the planning of this event. The highlights of the convention included a panel discussion on bovine somatotropin, tours of our dairy plant, the election of this year’s regional officers and student paper presentations. We were honored to have Dr. Paul Nordstrom from the SDSU College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences address us, along with Gary Enright, Chief Executive Officer of the National Beef Promotion and Research Board. Thanks goes out to all those that helped to make the convention a success, especially our sponsors!

Dedication to Howard Voelker

The Dairy Club of SDSU chose to dedicate the year’s publication to Dr. Howard Voelker for his many years of service and dedication to SDSU.

Howard, as he is known by most students, hails from Farmersburg, IA. He received his undergraduate degree from Iowa State in dairy production. He did his Master’s work at Kansas State and returned to Iowa State for his Ph.D. in dairy production.

Dr. Voelker came to SDSU in 1954 and since that time he has coached the Dairy Cattle Judging Team. He has also over these thirty-plus years held judging contests for FFA members from both South Dakota and Minnesota.

In his years at State he has authored and coauthored more than 190 research papers and articles, on subjects such as dairy cattle breeding and selection of the use of additives to improve the quality of alfalfa haylage. Along with other research he has kept busy teaching classes and coaching the judging team.

Because of his work with FFA he was awarded the degree of Honorary American Farmer at the 60th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

Dr. Voelker was named full professor in 1963 and just recently, was granted the honor of the title of professor emeritus. Howard can still be found on campus doing some finishing touches on papers and articles, further demonstrating his dedication to SDSU. His 32 plus years of service to State and its students is outstanding and deserves much praise and commendation.
The 1987 Dairy Cattle Judging team was again coached this year by Dr. Howard Voelker. Dr. Voelker retired in the Summer but returned to coach the team. His assistant this year was Shari Levendoski, a senior dairy production major from Chatfield, MN.

The team started class right away in the fall, using Hoard's classes and the Holsteins from the State Dairy Unit as practice. The team also spent one evening a week touring and judging at area farms.

The team's first contest, held in Waterloo, IA, was the Regional contest. The team left State on the 17th of September to tour farms and judge cattle on the way to Waterloo. The contest was held on the 20th of September, with the team placing seventh out of 15 teams entered. The group placed fifth in the Holstein division and sixth in oral reasons.

Team members included: Brian Heim; Janel Christenson; Darin Dockter; and Philip Wirth.

Dockter placed highest among SDSU team members.

After 4 days of touring and judging, the team judged at its second contest of the year, the National contest held in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI.

The contest took place on the 30th of September. Darin Dockter placed fourth in the Milking Shorthorn Division, while Philip Wirth was 15th overall in oral reasons. Around 30 teams consisting of close to 120 college students judging this contest. SDSU placed 18th overall in the National contest. Members judging at Nationals were: Christensen, Dockter, Wirth and Tom Lias.

All members at the National Convention received a lifetime membership in the American Dairy Shrine. Wirth will be receiving a $150 scholarship for placing highest on the SDSU team. The team has hopes of reorganizing and judging at Louisville, KY in November of 1988.

For the second year, the Dairy Club entered their unique float in the Hobo Day Parade. Yes, it was an “udder” year for the Holstein dairy cow to lead the “Dairy Herd of Nerds” through the streets of Brookings.

As the Dairy Club participants walked the parade route, they held to their renowned “Dairy Nerd” image. All dressed in torn clothes, worn out shoes, and long overcoats signified the character and personality of our fine Dairy Club. The most remembered attire, worn by Tracey Larsen, was a red all-in-one long john suit with her “coat of many pockets” over it.

Through the parade Sean Groos lead the well behaved Holstein animal, which to everyone’s dismay had a slightly crooked face. Meanwhile, the rest of the committee helped in pushing a wheelbarrow, pulling a wagon, and carrying the promotional dairy signs. During most of the parade, the “Dairy Nerds” handed out candy, balloons, and stickers to the children and some of the college students along the route. One could tell by the smiles from the kids, the comments from the crowd, and the fun times had by all the committee members, that the SDSU Dairy Club participation in the Hobo Day Parade turned out to be a success.

A special thanks goes out to the SDSU Dairy Farm for sponsoring our float and the committee members who made the 1987 Hobo Day Parade an “udder” successful one for the Dairy Club and the cow. The committee members consist of Matt Davis, Sean Groos, Rhonda Hojer, Tracey Larsen, Joe Metzger, Kurt Metzger, John Popkes, Michelle Rook, Dave Springman, Gene Stegeman, and Dana Tweit.

1987 Dairy Products Judging Team, left to right: Joe Metzger, Russ Buseman, Steve Kretchmer, Licole Opdahl and Coach Shirley Seas.
Graduating Seniors of 1988

MARK BURKARD, a December graduate
Hometown: Larchwood, IA
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Highland Dairy in Springfield, MO
Memorable event: The few precious hours I spent with my parents on graduation day, who said that they were both very proud of me.

PAT CALLAHAN, a December graduate
Hometown: Colman, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Prairie Farm in Decatur, IL
Memorable event: The 1984 infamous rain game with a leak in the roof at half court. The game was stopped and they played across the main court.

DAVID A. CERNICK, a May graduate
Hometown: Huron, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Memorable event: My first Hobo Day.

MATTHEW L. DAVIS, a May graduate
Hometown: St. Peter, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Gold Bond, Inc. in Henderson, NV
Memorable event: 1988 spring trip when a Canadian asked Troy Anderson where he was from and Troy said, “The States” and the Canadian said, “Which one?” and Troy said, “United.”

JEFF DEVRIES, a December graduate
Hometown: Cavour, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Returned to family farm.

KAY EVENSON, a December graduate
Hometown: Brookings, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing

MIKE L. HANISCH, a May graduate
Hometown: Humboldt, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Kroger’s Dairy in Indianapolis, IN
Memorable event: Getting the only “A” in Tech II.

DANIEL H. HINRICHS, a Summer graduate
Hometown: Goodhue, MN
Degree: Dairy Production

TIMOTHY M. JONGELING, a May graduate
Hometown: Castlewood, SD
Degree: Dairy Production
Working: Returned to family farm
Memorable event: Competing in Little I, a great learning experience, and one meets new friends.

KELLY KJELDEN, a December graduate
Hometown: Huron, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: AMPI in Hillsboro, KS
Memorable event: It would have to be all of the 4 1/2 years I went to “State.”

STEVE KRETCHMER, a December graduate
Hometown: DeSmet, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Wisconsin Dairies in Baraboo, WI

SHARI LEVENDOSKI, a December graduate
Hometown: Chatfield, MN
Degree: Dairy Production
Working: Returned to the family farm

JOSEPH D. METZGER, a May graduate
and past Dairy Club President
Hometown: Alvord, IA
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Kraft, Inc. in New Ulm, MN
Memorable event: Watching Brad Swart shave Steve Bacon’s hamster until it was completely bald, looking alot like Dr. Torrey’s head. Sorry George.

PAUL G. MILLER, a May graduate
Hometown: St. Union, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Mid-America in Mt. Vernon, MO
Memorable event: Hearing Gene Stegeman married Rhonda Hojer behind the Harvesters in Wolsey, SD. And Rhonda cut her lip on his mustache.

JIM W. MOORE, a May graduate
Hometown: Gayville, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
THOMAS G. NEUBERGER, a May graduate
Hometown: Parkston, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Krogers Dairy in Indianapolis, IN
Memorable event: The trip up to Canada, especially in Grand Forks. And trying to learn how to ski without breaking an arm or a leg.

NORM NOTHNAGEL, a December graduate
Hometown: Aurora, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Mid-America in Springfield, MO

ROBERT ("BERT") PETERSON, a December graduate
Hometown: Fedora, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Returned to the family farm.

CHADWICK J. PRAVECEK, a May graduate
Hometown: Beresford, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Wells Blue Bunny in LeMars, IA
Memorable event: Receiving a rather brisk slap on my face by a good (girl) friend during our Country Music Appreciation class for reading a rather derogatory message.

NICK P. PRICE, a May graduate
Hometown: Lamberton, MN
Degree: Dairy Production

RANDY P. SHERARD, a May graduate
Hometown: Hurley, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Gold Bond, Inc. in Henderson, NV
Memorable event: The day I fell 57 feet from the silo and receiving a pink carnation from a girl named Toni.

DAVID C. SPRINGMAN, a May graduate
Hometown: Wilmont, MN
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Memorable event: Receiving an "A" on one of Dr. Torrey's Dairy Microbiology tests.

MELANIE K. STOLTENBERG, a May graduate
Hometown: Garretson, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing/Microbiology
Working: Kraft, Inc. in Melrose, MN
Memorable event: Good times with friends and Processing Labs.

PAUL THRASH, a December graduate
Hometown: Huron, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Michigan Milk Prod. in Ovid, MI

FREDRIC J. TIMP, a May graduate
Hometown: DeSmet, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Memorable event: When Randy Sherard fell out of the silo, 57 feet, and Bludorn came to his rescue.

JACK VOLK, a May graduate
Hometown: Herreid, SD
Degree: Dairy Manufacturing
Working: Gold Bond, Inc. in Green Bay, WI
Memorable event: The day Randy "Super Dave" Sherard plummeted 57 feet from the top of the silo. Fortunately, Randy Bludorn was there to save him.
Dairy Club Well Represented At Little "I"

The SDSU Dairy Club was "udderly superb" at the 65th annual Little International. Members participating in Dairy Fitting and Showmanship included: Lowell Kruse-Reserve Fitting, Tina Vanderham-Reserve Showmanship, Janel Christensen, Scott Jacobson, Mike Drietz, Darrin Erickson, Tim Jongeling, and Daniel Hinrichs, with our own Doug Ruble as Dairy Superintendent.

Deb Griese was the Dairy Club's representative in the Ladies Tractor Driving and competed in the swine and sheep divisions. Brian Heim and Rodney Geppert participated in Beef Showmanship and Fitting and Chad Pravecek competed in the Swine Division.

Staff members included: Janel Christensen, Tina Vanderham, Sean Groos, Todd Heib, Doug Ruble, and Michelle Rook who was selected as SDSU Ag-Bio Queen. This year the Dairy Club also helped out with and sponsored awards for the new FFA and 4-H Dairy Cattle and Dairy Foods Judging Contests, the participation was excellent!

The Fall Picnic

The Dairy Club at SDSU hosted its annual Fall picnic in late September. Due to bad weather the Club was forced to move the picnic inside, to the Elk's. The picnic started with a meal which consisted of barbecued pork sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips, milk, and other refreshments that were provided by the Club.

Approximately 75 people attended including members, both old and new, department staff, and alumni. The picnic was without the annual production vs. manufacturing softball game also due to the wet weather. The challenge was made by the production team for a rematch at the Spring picnic. A good time was enjoyed by all.

"O CANADA"

On March 4th, 32 members of the Dairy Club hopped into a "Jackrabbit" bus and headed off on their Spring Trip. As they traveled north, everyone enjoyed themselves, kicked up their feet, and relaxed with their favorite beverage. Many tried Jarrod's all famous American beer bong. Soon, Jim Moore started keeping track of who made the most trips to the bathroom. Of course, the Iowa boys had the lead.

They stopped for the night in Grand Forks, ND. Here they watched SDSU win over NDSU in boy's basketball game. Later, they checked out the night life by dancing, gambling, and having a fun time in the bars.

The next morning, with a much quieter crew, the bus headed to Canada. Arriving at Winnipeg, the Dairy crew went to McDonald's and then they were off to the horse races. Only to find an empty parking lot and that the races were at night.

After checking into Holiday Inn, many shopped, swam, or slept. That night most of the crew went to the horse races, some went to the bars, and a few partied in the hotel rooms. But the fun all started when two Canadians joined the Dairy crew and tried the American beer bong.

Sunday morning most of them went skiing at Holiday Mountain, where they got complimentary lessons. No one received any broken bones, but many were experiencing the "wet look". Afterwards, the crew came back and for the remainder of the night, relaxed and partied in the rooms.

On Monday they shopped in the malls and toured the Canadian Mint. Then it was time to head back to the "State". On the way back they stopped at the border and also a stop off for gas, where Mark Johnson washed the bus windows without a ladder. The bus pulled into Brookings that evening, and another Spring Trip came to an end. But the memories live on!
**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**

What could be better than hands on experience? Many dairy students will come back next Fall and say that they learned so much through their Summer internship. The internship program, through our Dairy department is designed to help the dairy student to get a taste of the dairy industry.

This Summer there will be students spread throughout the United States. Twenty-one companies offered 47 positions to our Dairy Manufacturing students. Needless to say, all positions were filled. Which gives the students an extra boost to know that the opportunities exist and that in a way, we are in demand.

Also, many students can sign up for Cooperative Education. For this, one must work in the industry during the Summer, observe and take notes of all that is around them. Then they come back next Fall and write a paper, for 3 credits, on what they have learned throughout the Summer.

Through Summer internships, one can earn money for school. But the experience received, is priceless. One learns about themselves and about how to get along with other people, some of which have different lifestyles and priorities. I personally will remember what one worker said to me last Summer, "Remember what it felt like to be on the bottom, once you reach the top."

A special thanks must be given to all the companies that offered these Summer internship positions to the Dairy Manufacturing students. The learning experience the students receive will be an asset to them as they enter the Dairy Industry in the future.

As for Summer internships for the Dairy Production students, many of them return to their family farm. But a few of them take jobs as a farm worker a herdsmen, or with a feed company.

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JUST SAY CHEESE PLEASE!

As always, the Dairy Club is making leaps and bounds this year with no exception. The Club brought in an astronomical profit of $5,608.57 in cheese box sales this year.

The cheese process started in mid November and ran until December 24. The Club cut, wrapped and boxed over 10 different cheeses varying from $8.00 to $13.00 in price. The Club members sold boxes for two weekends at the Brookings Mall, private industries, at the Dairy Bar and through the mail.

The cheese box sales were under the guidance of Paul Miller and Matt Davis. They, along with Gene Stegeman, Dan Duitscher, Sean Groos, as assistants and about thirty-five Club members put in many long hours and skipped many studying hours to make this the best year of cheese sales ever.

The Club would like to thank: the advisors Dr. Bob Baer and Shirley Seas for the many hours of work and planning and Cheryl Grong and Janel McGregor for all their help in handling the money and selling the boxes at the Dairy Bar. Also, we would like to thank all of the customers and industries that have given us their patronage over the years. A big thanks goes to all of the hard working members who made this a very good cheese sales year.