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Department of Agriculture Update
by
Gordon F. Jones
Interim Head, Department of Agriculture

Last September, Dr. Luther B. Hughes, Jr., accepted the position as Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs assuming the responsibilities for recruitment and retention of students. We were pleased that Dr. Hughes received this promotion but disappointed to see him leave the Department of Agriculture. During the last few months, the faculty in the Department of Agriculture have given a tremendous effort toward moving our Department to the "New Level" that the University has been pursuing. I am especially appreciative to the faculty, staff members and students for their cooperative efforts during this transitional period. It is a pleasure to share with you an update on personnel, students and programs in the Department of Agriculture.

Personnel

In addition to Dr. Hughes leaving the Department of Agriculture, Mrs. Carol Cary retired June 30, 1996, and Debbie Gabbard became the Office Associate in the Department of Agriculture. At that time Tricia Harper was hired to replace Debbie Gabbard as the Office Assistant in the Department.

Joe Don Estes who had been the Farm Manager since 1993 resigned effective May 31, 1996, and Brian Bolt was hired as the new farm manager. Brian, a native of Anderson, South Carolina, received the B.S. degree in Agriculture from WKU in May, 1996. Shortly thereafter, Curtis Mitchell, a recent Middle Tennessee State University graduate, was hired as the Assistant Farm Manager.

At the beginning of the fall semester, Dr. Haibo Liu joined the Agriculture faculty to teach in the area of Turfgrass Management. This position was made available as part of the program in Golf Course Management. And, our newest addition occurred as a result of a position being created at the Agricultural Exposition Center and the University Farm. Jennifer Reeves who is a 1996 WKU graduate was hired as Office Assistant to fill that position.

Students

The freshman class in the Department of Agriculture appears to be the largest in many years and of exceptionally high quality. During this academic year, approximately 150 students will be enrolled in the introductory courses in plant science, animal science and ag mechanics. The total enrollment for the Department has reached 400 undergraduate students, the largest in the past few years. Student recruitment remains a top priority for the Department, and we have implemented some new recruitment strategies. For example, on January 25, agriculture teachers and parents brought 452 students to the Leonard D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center for an informational session about the Department of Agriculture. These special guests toured the campus and attended a Hilltopper basketball game in the evening. Alumni are our best recruiters. You have contributed greatly to our recruiting efforts in the past, and we challenge you to increase those efforts in the future. Please send us the name, address, and phone number for any prospective student who should be contacted by the Department. We also welcome you to bring prospective students to the Department at any time. Call if you need information for prospective students.
Curriculum

The curriculum for the Department of Agriculture has been revised to aid in maintaining the competitiveness of our graduates in the job market. Students who are presently enrolled in the Department will have the option of completing their degree under the old requirements or changing to the new requirements that have recently been approved by the Academic Council. The basic requirements for degrees in agriculture are listed below. We welcome any comments you may wish to share concerning the curriculum.

Basic Agriculture Requirements

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Total 29 hours

Additional courses to make a minimum of 50 hours of agriculture.

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Total 17 hours

Additional courses to make a minimum of 30 hours of agriculture.

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300/400 Level Courses in Agriculture (6)

Additional courses to make a minimum of 18 hours of agriculture.

Funding

Funding for higher education in Kentucky during the last few years has been very tight, and funding for the Department of Agriculture and the WKU Farm has been no exception. We are appreciative to the 1995 Legislature for appropriating $100,000 for this academic year and $200,000 for the coming academic year to be used for improvements at the WKU Farm. This funding was included in Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith’s budget proposal and supported by Farm Bureau and various agricultural commodity groups. These funds were appropriated for the primary purpose of enhancing the teaching, research and public service functions of the farm with particular emphasis on the beef cattle production enterprise at the farm. Many WKU alumni gave support to this funding project, and we solicit your continued support to make the $200,000 an annual appropriation for Agriculture at WKU and to the other state universities. In addition to the improvements that are being made on the farm to enhance commodity production, a committee has been established to survey the needs for renovating buildings on the farm. An attempt is being made to include buildings on the University Farm in the University’s capital improvements plan. We are hopeful these cooperative efforts will allow for complete renovation of the houses and other buildings on the farm within the next five years.

Facilities to enhance the equine science program are being expanded and improved each year. Because of funds that are available from paramutual betting to Western and other universities with equine programs, it has been possible to make major improvements and additions to our equine facilities at the University Farm. Plans are being made to construct a new $375,000 riding arena at the WKU farm. Funds for this facility are already available but architectural drawings have not been submitted. It is the goal of
the Department that these facilities be completed as soon as possible, hopefully by the beginning of the fall 1997 semester.

This is our first newsletter and we welcome your comments and suggestions to improve future publications. Plans are to publish a newsletter each semester, but we hope future issues will include more information about alumni. Please send in any information about yourself that could be included in the next issue this fall.

"The Road to Excellence"
by: Luther B. Hughes, Jr.

Mr. Herbert Cary, a WKU Agricultural Alumnus of 1940, has spent five years researching and writing the history of Agriculture at WKU. Titled "The Road to Excellence, The History of Agriculture at Western Kentucky University", the exciting history from 1906 to 1996 is depicted from many conversations with alumni, from letters and articles in the University's Archives and from the memory of many loyal "Westerners." Coupled with over 100 photographs from yesteryear, this book is a must for all alumni and many others. Available for $25.00 you may submit your orders to the WKU Department of Agriculture. The book is expected to be available from the publisher on April 1, 1997. As soon as your order is received and the book is available, your copy will be sent. Make your check payable to the WKU Foundation. Relive an exciting past in the colorful and memorable history of Edens, Ford, Taylor, Loudermilk, Billy Adams, L.D. Brown, Millard Gipson, and others who helped mold what is recognized as a dynamic Department that is continuing to become even better. "The Road to Excellence", request it!

Agriculture at WKU
by: Helen B. Brown

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to communicate with so many other supporters of the Department of Agriculture at Western Kentucky University. The Department has been, and continues to be an effective, dynamic, hard working, cohesive unit (students, faculty, and administration) that doesn't hesitate to lead the way for others. My husband was prone to say, "Ag students are a cut above the regular run." Now, I couldn't totally agree with him -- after all, as a teacher in another Department, I have my loyalties too -- but I couldn't completely disagree with him either. He also believed the WKU Ag Faculty was "a cut above the regular run." We can all be justifiably proud of the accomplishments of the students, faculty, and administration of the Department.

I am particularly appreciative of the chance to convey my personal thanks to so many who have continued to energetically and financially support the L.D. Brown Scholarship (College Heights Foundation) and the L.D. Brown Distinguished Professorship. It is particularly gratifying that so many remember and continue to honor him by supporting the causes for which he worked so hard. I believe those who knew him will agree, he never asked for anything for himself, but was not the least bit hesitant to ask for assistance for students and/or faculty wherever it might be found, to provide better educational opportunities.

The proof of the effectiveness and value of the work done by the WKU Department of Agriculture is to be found all over the world where WKU Agriculture graduates have taken their places in the vast network of agriculturists working to educate, feed, clothe, and make a better life for the peoples of the world.

The Leonard D. Brown Professorship in Animal/Dairy Science

In the fall of 1995, the Ogden Foundation challenged departments in Ogden College to raise funds for endowed professorships by offering to match up to $25,000 in contributions. The Department of Agriculture decided to pursue contributions toward a professorship to honor the late Dr. Leonard D. Brown who was head of the Department of Agriculture from 1970 until his untimely death in 1982. We have been encouraged and humbled by the tremendous support given to the fund to establish the Leonard D. Brown Professorship in Animal/Dairy Science. We believe this professorship is an appropriate tribute to Dr. Brown. It acknowledges his leadership in the
Department of Agriculture at WKU and his tremendous professional contributions in the fields of animal and dairy science. We know many of you are aware of the outstanding teaching, advising, research and administrative efforts of Dr. Brown at WKU. Before joining the faculty at WKU, Dr. Brown had earned a worldwide reputation as an outstanding ruminant nutritionist.

Contributions of $26,850 have been received, and with the matching contribution from the Ogden Foundation, the Professorship has been established with a total of $53,700 in the fund. The annual earnings from this fund will be utilized by a faculty member in the animal/dairy science area to enhance educational opportunities for undergraduate and/or graduate students. We are in the process of developing the criteria for awarding the professorship, and we anticipate the first L.D. Brown Professorship will be announced during the fall semester of 1997.

The Department of Agriculture wishes to personally thank each donor for their generous contribution to this fund. Following is a list of the alumni and friends who contributed to this professorship.

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Jim & Jeannie Ashby
Dr. Donald & Vonda Ball
Warren & Dee Dee Beeler
Rayetta Boone
Annabel Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Brown
George & Edith Brown
Helen B. Brown
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Mary Wilkins
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Drs. Steve & Teresa Edge Wills
Dr. Ray E. Johnson Retires

Dr. Ray E. Johnson will retire from Western Kentucky University on June 30, 1997. He has been the Soil Scientist in the Department of Agriculture since he was hired away from the USDA in 1967. Currently, he is the senior member of the Department, having been with the university longer than any other member of the agriculture faculty. The Department is fortunate to have Dr. Johnson on Optional Retirement through the end of 1997, which means that he will continue to be with us in a teaching capacity for two courses during the fall semester. He reportedly plans to pursue his farming and camping interests full-time upon retirement, together with his wife, Sarah. In addition, he hopes to run or walk all the nature trails in the state parks of Kentucky. Good luck, Ray! His daughter, Pam Johnson Felts, resides in Nashville, TN.

Dr. James P. Worthington Retires

Dr. James P. Worthington will retire from Western Kentucky University on June 30, 1997. He has been the Weed Scientist in the Department of Agriculture since 1971. Before coming to Western he completed his Ph.D. at The Ohio State University. His wife, Maxine, will retire from the Math Department in May, and together they plan to travel extensively, to follow the Hilltoppers basketball team on the road and at home, and to spend lots of time with their grandchildren. His daughter, Kris Lowe, and son, Greg Worthington, and their families live in Bowling Green. His daughter, Kelly Worthington Moore, and her husband live in Shelbyville.

Retirement Reception

All Alumni, Faculty and Friends of the WKU Department of Agriculture are invited to a reception honoring our retiring faculty members, Dr. Ray Johnson and Dr. Jim Worthington. Please join us April 6, 1997 from two to four o'clock in the afternoon at the L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center, Bowling Green, KY. There will be a brief program at 2:30 p.m. Please make reservations by calling (502) 745-3151 or returning the form on page 19 in this newsletter by mailing or faxing it to us at (502) 745-5972.

WKU Animal Science Senior Wins International Livestock Congress Scholarship Award

Charles (Bunky) Farber, a senior animal science student from Western Kentucky University, recently received a travel scholarship to attend the International Livestock Congress. Only ten students across the country were selected to participate in this event February 17-21, 1997. Bunky was chosen for this award among 54 applicants from 25 major universities.

The International Livestock Congress is sponsored by the International Livestock Educational Foundation and held each year during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. This year the Congress initiated the first scholarship program for animal science students whose interests are related primarily to the beef industry. The scholarship award was a five-day all-expenses-paid trip to attend the International Livestock Congress. The beef industry theme for the 1997 Beef Industry Congress was Global Markets: Focus on Crisis, Competition and Marketing.

Bunky found this to be a very valuable opportunity. He said “the program was incredible with 19 internationally known marketing experts speaking about global markets for beef. In addition, we had all our meals in a setting to allow us the opportunity to visit one-on-one with these international authorities and leaders of the International Livestock Congress. To this date this had to be one of the highlights of my educational experiences.” Other scholarship winners were from Texas A&M University, South Dakota State University, University of Missouri-Columbia, Colorado State University, Washington State University and Oklahoma State University.

Bunky is from Logan County, KY. In addition to his animal science major, he is also majoring in biochemistry and recombinant genetics. He was a member of the highly successful 1995 WKU Livestock Judging Team, and he is an active member
of the Block and Bridle Club presently serving as Treasurer. Bunky lives and works at the WKU farm where he has served as a student herdsman at both the beef and swine units. In the summer of 1996, Bunky did an internship in the immunogenetics laboratory in the Animal Science Department at the University of Illinois. Upon graduation from WKU, Bunky plans to pursue graduate studies in molecular genetics at Iowa State University.

L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center
by: Darrell Towe, Manager

Demand for use of the Ag Expo Center is continuing to grow. In 1996 the Ag Expo Center was host to 156 events, ranging in duration from one to ten days each. These events, most related to agriculture, drew over 125,000 participants and spectators. This ever increasing public interest in the Ag Expo Center has yielded two major developments. The first development is an arrangement with Pepsi USA in which the Ag Expo Center will receive $10,000 per year for the next five years in return for advertising rights at the Ag Expo Center. This money will be used to make improvements to the facility. The second development is the formation of an AEC Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee members are as follows: Jim Breece, Carl Chaney, Donna Fields, Willie Hawkins, Charlie Jones, Colonel Robert Spiller, Roger Thomas, Janet Turley, Billy Ray Smith, Kelly Smith, and Claudine Wheeler.

In 1996 the Ag Expo Center was able to improve the horse area by adding guttering to the barns and paving the driveways around the barns. The Ag Expo Center was also fortunate to obtain enough heavy duty panels and gates to construct 32 cattle pens for use during various shows and sales.

University Farm
by: Brian Bolt, Manager

Western’s 783-acre farm is in the midst of some exciting changes. Through monies made available from the state we are finally able to renovate and construct some much needed facilities. The farm has taken an aggressive approach to intensify the management of land and livestock. Much of our efforts have been centered around development of a practical intensive grazing program and expansion of the beef herd. With 150 brood cows now our plans are to expand to 240 within the next few years as we strive to demonstrate practical agriculture for Kentucky and surrounding areas. The other areas of the farm are also progressing with improvements planned at our swine, dairy, and equine units. Also included in our plans will be a new machinery shed and the demolition of the old structure. Through the efforts of the faculty in their respective areas, the student workers and the farm staff, we are excited about the possibilities for the Farm in the near future.

WKU Dairy
by: David Stiles

The Western Kentucky University Dairy still maintains much of the same appearance from the outside, but a number of changes have taken place. Joey Clark is the present herdsman (following in recent decades Larry Mutter, Charlie Jones, Dale Rothwell, and Ken Briggs). In addition Jerseys have returned to WKU after about 30 years. The final herd mix will be 40 milking Holsteins and 20 Jerseys. The Jersey herd has been the result of donations. In addition, the interior of the barn has been adapted to a flat barn style milking area with 6 units. These are automatic take-off and clean-in-place units with computer monitoring of milk weights. In addition, a new animal waste management system is in place — constructed wetlands. We invite you to stop by and visit!

Agricultural Ambassadors

The Agricultural Ambassadors are a relatively new addition to the Department. The Ambassadors are some of our top students who have volunteered and then been selected by our faculty to represent the Department of Agriculture. They attend all important departmental functions wearing their eye-catching red blazers. They have been on the road representing us at recruitment events, and also on the phones talking to prospective students. Some of you saw them at our alumni dinner in the fall. They are a great bunch!
This year’s Ambassadors are Summer Dixon, Bowling Green, KY; Jessica Gentry, New Haven, KY; Roger Ovesen, Upton, KY; Melissa Pickrell, Paris, KY; Jamie Self, Hodgenville, KY; Derek Solberg, Dubuque, IA, and Joy Wells, Rochester, KY. Jim Martin serves as the current advisor.

**Departmental Clubs**

**Agri-Business Club**

The WKU Ag-Business Club is an active organization with 25 members. Major fund raising consists of working concessions at various Exposition Center events. Monthly meetings usually feature a guest speaker. Recent guest speakers have included Mr. Jeff Hunt of Big Rivers Agri-Supply and Mr. Bill Meacham with Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc. Each semester the club takes an educational trip, recently visiting the Chicago Board of Trade and other sites in the area. Plans are well underway for a trip to Washington, DC this spring and will include stops at the USDA and the American Seed Trade Association. Club officers are President - Brian Lacefield, Vice President - Jason Bracey, Secretary - Marsha Spoon, and Treasurer - Derek Solberg. Dr. Al Bedel is the club’s advisor.

**Ag-Ed Club**

The WKU Ag-Educational Club is an active group with approximately 25 members. A meeting is held each month with a guest speaker and refreshments. Guest speakers include individuals from the field of education speaking on topics including the student teaching process, first year teaching, current KERA goals and changes in curriculum and FFA activities. Last semester the group members traveled to Kansas City, MO for the National FFA Convention. The club is currently planning a trip to Washington, DC stopping at Alexandria, VA to visit the National FFA Headquarters. Club officers are President - Julie Fudge, Secretary - Nancy Holder, and Treasurer - Andre Barbour. Dr. David Coffey is the club’s advisor.

**Agronomy Club**

The Agronomy Club has been busy throughout this school year with several club activities. Members attended a field day on High-Tech Farming in the 90’s in the fall, and later arranged for local Southern States representatives to demonstrate GPS (global positioning system) at the WKU Farm. The fall semester ended with a Christmas dinner held at the newly rebuilt Mariah’s Restaurant in Bowling Green. Club members have already participated in Certified Crop Advisor Training in Louisville in February. Plans for the rest of the semester include participation in Integrated Pest Management Training, attendance at the Kentucky Alfalfa Conference, and hosting guest speakers at club meetings. Club officers are President - Summer Dixon, Vice-President - Brent Skinner, and Secretary/Treasurer - Patrick Preston. Dr. Linda Brown, Dr. Ray Johnson, and Dr. Jim Worthington are the club’s advisors.

**Block and Bridle Club**

The Block and Bridle Club has been extremely active during this past year. The club, as always, has participated in numerous events serving in various capacities.

The club’s highlight was attendance at the National Block and Bridle Convention in Orlando, Florida. Twenty students made the trip to Orlando. This trip was extremely educational and provided numerous opportunities to learn about Florida agriculture.

The club is currently very busy preparing for the upcoming “Little North American”. This is a week of activities involving livestock, focusing on a showmanship contest on Saturday, April 5, followed by the annual awards banquet later that evening.

Additionally, the club remains busy with its primary fund raising events - meals at the Ag Expo Center. On average, the club serves between two and four meals per month. This provides a wonderful opportunity for the students to raise money in order to
sponsor its educational events. We invite you to join us for any event during Little North American week!

Club officers are President - Jodie P'Pool, Vice President - Bradley Wilson, Secretary - Julie Atkins, Treasurer - Bunky Farber, Reporter - Joy Wells. Barbeque Chairpersons are Roger Oveson, Laura Gayle King, and Kristin Hall. Dr. Nevi Speer and Dr. Gordon Jones are the club's advisors.

**Dairy Club**

The Dairy Club continues to make educational trips. Insufficient numbers of dairy cattle have precluded the Fall Sale the last few years. (We may be asking for some assistance along these lines). Come visit us at the Little North American on April 5 and at the FFA Field Day on April 10. Club officers are President - Greg Peters, Vice President - Raquel Stiles, and Secretary/Treasurer - Tracey Kelly. Dr. David Stiles is the club's advisor.

**Horseman's Association**

The Horseman's Association is a club comprised of people who are interested in horses and horse related activities. They plan trips during the year to nearby horse farms and horse shows to further their knowledge about selected breeds and/or training techniques. This club is beneficial for those who have not had the opportunity for experience with horses prior to college. They can now acquire extensive experience without the high costs of owning a horse. The group holds many fund raisers throughout the year to raise money for trips and for the year-end banquet. Fund raisers vary from horse equipment raffles to outdoor shows. For the past few years the club has maintained a membership of roughly 25 people, allowing everyone to get to know each other and truly enjoy all aspects of the horse industry. Club officers are President - Joe Humphrey, Vice President - Deanna Simmons, Secretary - Valerie Walthart, Treasurer - Stacy Sturm, Sergeant of Arms - Maille Siemon. Dr. Charles Anderson is the club's advisor.

**Horticulture Club**

The WKU Horticulture Club is an active organization that provides students with an opportunity to experience plants and gardens in many ways. Travel has always been one of those ways. On a three year rotation, students visit Disney World and the greenhouse production facilities around Apopka, FL; Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana nurseries and gardens including New Orleans; and Callaway Gardens, the University of Georgia, and the State Arboretum of Georgia. Recently club members visited the National Arboretum, the National Botanical Garden, the American Horticultural Society in the Washington, DC area and Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. They also attend the annual meeting of the Kentucky Nurserymen's Association in Lexington, and the management clinic of the American Association of Nurserymen in Louisville. The club sponsors the Green Thumb Volleyball Tournament and decorates our building for the Christmas holidays. Money is raised by a poinsettia sale, a spring plant sale, and working the concessions at the Ag Expo Center. Club officers are President - Jamie Self, Vice-President - Ben Cecil, Secretary - Pennie Roberts, and Treasurer - Catherine Broadwater. Dr. James Martin is the club's advisor.

**Turf Club**

The WKU Turf Club is newly established this year. The club is made up mainly of turf majors but it is open to all agriculture majors. An outstanding feature of this club is the involvement of local golf and turf professionals with the students. Club officers are President - Scott Sieckert, Vice-President - Derek Solberg, Treasurer - Jon Constant, Secretary - Joey Reynolds. Mr. Pet Dotson, Dr. Hairo Liu, and Dr. Jack Rudolph are the club's advisor.

**Intercollegiate Teams**

**Dairy Judging Team**

The Dairy Judging Team continues to be active, following the tradition started by Billy Adams some forty years ago. As some may remember, it was Billy Adams who moved WKU into the National Dairy Judging Contest where previously there had been only Land Grant schools - and proceeded to do quite well. We hope to return and have similar success. The members of the team are Jamie Pendygraft, Greg...
Peters, Brian Turner, Julie Fudge, and Mark Thompson. Team coach is Joey Clark.

**Equestrian Team**

The Equestrian Team is a group of equestrians who travel to schools within their region and show in horsemanship, reining, jumping, and equitation events. To be a member of the Equestrian Team, one must be a full time undergraduate and maintain a cumulative grade point average 2.0. The team is affiliated through the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association which allows anyone from the most experienced rider to the least experienced rider to show horses in a recognized horse show. The rider is not required to own a horse but only the proper riding attire. The horses are provided by the University at which the particular horse show is being held. Western has acquired two national titles and two reserve national titles within just the past eight years. WKU Equestrian Teams are known throughout the U.S. as being one of the most successful collegiate riding teams. The team has once again qualified for Nationals this year and will be traveling to Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts for the competition.

**Livestock Judging Team**

The Western Kentucky University Livestock Judging Team has been very active over the past two years. The teams have traveled to the following contests: The National Western in Denver, Colorado, Dixie National in Jackson, Mississippi, the Houston Livestock Show, the Southeastern/North Central Judging Contest, the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minnesota, the Mid-South Fair in Memphis, Tennessee, the American Royal in Kansas City, the Main Event in Urbana, Ohio, and the North American National Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville.

Members of the 1995 judging team were Brian Bolt, Darrin Benton, Charles Farber, Michael Gardner, Jessica Gentry, Joel Hayes, Jodie P’Pool, Joy Wells and Bradley Wilson. Jim Gibson coached the 1995 team; Jim was a member of the 1992 National Championship Team from Iowa State University. The 1995 WKU team placed first at the Main Event and second at Jackson, Memphis and the Southeastern contests. The team placed tenth in Houston and ninth at the National Contest in Louisville. Also, at the NAILE, individual honors went to Brian Bolt who placed fourth overall and to Bradley Wilson who placed second in beef cattle.

The 1996 judging team was coached by Bryan Kutz, a graduate student from Oklahoma State University and a member of the 1994 OSU Judging Team. Members of the team included Brian Butler, Brad Chapman, Patrick Gray, Kristin Hall, Nathan Pike and Roger Ovesen. This team placed fourth at the Southeastern/North Central Contest, fifth in Memphis, second at the Main Event and in the top half at the national contest.

The 1998 judging team is practicing and getting ready for competition. This team will be coached by Kristopher Osborn who was a member of the 1995 National Championship Team from Kansas State University.

**Social Fraternities**

**Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity**

During the Chicago Livestock Exposition of 1903, students from The Ohio State University and the University of Illinois met and decided that they both had similar interests in the advancement of agriculture in the United States. These young men funded Alpha Gamma Rho National Fraternity in 1904 to ensure their vision would have a legacy. In 1965, a similar group of students from Western Kentucky University felt they had a common bond with this national fraternity and brought Alpha Gamma Rho’s legacy to the hill. Thirty-two years later, times and faces have changed, but the ideas that were expressed by our founding fathers have not faltered.

This semester the Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho will attend to the development of the active chapter’s scholastic endeavors, interpersonal skills, and career searches. Since college is more than books and chores, the active chapter is looking forward to participating in Western’s Annual Greek Week. This year Alpha Gamma Rho will compete for their 12th
consecutive Greek Week title. Shortly after Greek Week, the actives and alumni will attend the 31st Annual Spring Formal. This event is designed to allow both actives and alumni the chance to meet, discuss the past, present, and future of the fraternity, and to allow actives the chance to speak with those who are already in the agricultural job market. This spring AGR's will host the Annual Faculty Ice Cream Social and assist the Department with the FFA Field Day. This semester will be a busy one for the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho, but you can be assured that whatever happens we will handle it together as is fitting for brothers.

Ceres International Women's Fraternity

The establishment of Ceres International Women’s Fraternity on the Western Kentucky University campus has been an important and timely contribution to opportunities for women with an interest in agriculture at Western. Twelve young women with vision and motivation started the Ceres Colony in 1994. Since that time the organization has grown to the current size of 4 alumni, 10 active members, and 5 pledges in the Fall 1996 pledge class. This colony achieved chapter status in November of 1996.

The international organization was formed during the 1980's because of the increasing role of women in every facet of agriculture and because existing women’s organizations did not address the needs of young women with an interest in agriculture. It is named for the Roman goddess of agriculture, Ceres, and is symbolized by the colors rose, purple and gold.

Young women who belong to Ceres have the opportunity to socialize with others in their field. They also focus on professional growth, public service, and charitable enterprise.

FarmHouse Fraternity

The newest fraternity on Western’s campus is FarmHouse. The Western Kentucky University Chapter of FarmHouse International Fraternity received its charter in the spring of 1995.

FarmHouse was founded in 1905 at the University of Missouri by a group of agriculture students. The fraternity draws a lot of its members from the Department of Agriculture, although members come from many different majors. The objective of FarmHouse is to build the whole man: intellectually, spiritually, socially, morally, and physically.

Although new on campus, FarmHouse is making its mark. FarmHouse achieved the highest overall GPA among all fraternities on campus for the 1996 academic year. There are presently 29 active members. The chapter president is Mike Costellow. Faculty advisors are Mr. Cletus Mitchell, Dr. Jack Rudolph, and Mr. Darrell Towe.

Department of Agriculture Faculty and Staff

Dr. Charles E. Anderson is a native of Owensville, Missouri. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Missouri in August, 1975. He served as a graduate teaching and research assistant in the Animal Science Department at Texas A & M University before joining the faculty at WKU in the fall of 1978. Charles earned the M.S. degree in 1980. In 1995, he completed the Ph.D. in Animal Science at the University of Kentucky.

Charles has directed the equine program in the Department of Agriculture at WKU since 1978. He developed the courses for the equine program, and he has been responsible for developing the horse unit at the WKU farm. The WKU Horseman's Association was organized in 1978 and continues to be one of the most active clubs on campus. Charles has served as faculty advisor to that club since its organization. He also serves as coach of the Equitation Team. The team has won a national championship and placed as national runner-up on two other occasions.

Dr. Alvin A. Bedel was born in Greensburg, Indiana on November 13, 1943, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bedel. He was reared on a dairy and livestock farm near Rushville, Indiana and graduated from New Salem High School in May, 1962. After
high school he entered Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in June, 1966. In September, he began work in the Graduate School of The University of Tennessee - Knoxville, receiving the Master of Science degree in August, 1970 and in June, 1975, received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Agricultural Economics. Alvin began teaching in September, 1971 at the School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Missouri. In June, 1977 he joined the faculty at Western Kentucky University teaching in the Departments of Agriculture and Economics. Since August, 1978 Alvin has been full time in the Department of Agriculture teaching all the agricultural economics classes. Alvin holds membership in the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, the Bluegrass Chapter of the ASFMRA (past College vice-president and board member) and the Southern Agricultural Economics Association. Alvin has also served as a co-faculty advisor to the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity for several years.

Alvin has been married for 32 years to the former Sandra Sue Carpenter also from Rushville, Indiana. They have five children, Jennifer, Rebecca, Amy, Barbara, and David, and a grandson, Christopher. Alvin enjoys playing a little golf but most of his spare time is spent tinkering on a stable of worn out vehicles.

**Dr. Linda G. Brown** is a native Kentuckian. She earned B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Kentucky in agronomy. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia in 1987, in forage crop production and management. She has been at Western Kentucky University since 1988, where she teaches several classes in the area of plant science. Her main research interest at WKU has been with alfalfa varieties and cool season grasses. She is active in her national professional society, the American Society of Agronomy, currently serving as the immediate past-chair for the Resident Education Division, and in the Kentucky and American Forage and Grassland Congresses. Dr. Brown and her husband, Trent Ferguson, have two children, ages one and two.

**Dr. David M. Coffey** was born in Cumberland County, Kentucky. David did undergraduate and Master's work at Western. He spent three years as a teacher in agricultural education in Caroline County, Virginia. He completed his doctoral requirements at Virginia Tech and returned to WKU in 1978. Major responsibilities at Western include activities related to teacher education in agriculture and teaching classes in rural sociology.

Dr. Coffey has distinguished himself in teacher education. He works closely with teachers, administrators, and state and national personnel to effect change in educational reform, teacher certification and FFA activities. He continues to be active on a national level in the development of curriculum and FFA activities. His recent completion of a national effort related to infusing animal welfare into the curriculum has resulted in the opportunity to present workshops to ag-ed, elementary, science, and biology teachers across the country. He continues his international travels and plans a summer class in Ecuador for interested agricultural students.

**Mr. Orville W. "Pete" Dotson** began teaching at Western in 1974 in the agricultural equipment management program. He taught courses in parts and service management, agricultural sales, basic engines, and machinery management. In 1989, he began looking at a two year golf course management program. Because of strong industry support and excellent job opportunities, a golf course management program was established. Currently courses are taught in agricultural machinery management, agricultural sales, introduction to ag mechanics, ag equipment safety, farm power, turf equipment maintenance, and turf equipment operation. When not teaching, Pete is working with students on continued development of the two hole golf course located on the WKU Farm.

This past summer he supervised 12 co-op students working across the state. He also spent a week in August working with the grounds crew at Valhalla Golf Course during the PGA Golf Tournament.
Dr. Gordon F. Jones was born and reared on a small livestock, crops and tobacco farm in Macon County, Tennessee. He was involved in both 4-H and FFA activities, and in 1962, Gordon won the FFA Livestock Farming and FFA Star Farmer of Tennessee awards.

He enrolled at the University of Tennessee in the fall of 1962 and worked four years at the University swine farm. He was a member of both the meats and livestock judging teams and in 1967, won the National Block and Bridle Club Outstanding Senior Award. He entered graduate school at the University of Tennessee in the fall of 1966, and completed the Ph.D. in animal breeding in 1970.

Gordon accepted a position in the Department of Agriculture at WKU in the fall of 1970. Since 1970, Dr. Jones has taught animal science classes, advised animal science and pre-vet students, and coached the livestock judging and evaluation teams. In 1979, he was awarded a sabbatical leave from WKU to spend two academic quarters in the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

Dr. Jones has served as the major professor for 26 graduate students. He continues to conduct applied research with swine and beef cattle, and he is involved in public service efforts in both the swine and beef industries. Dr. Jones has traveled extensively since 1979, serving as a swine breeding and genetics consultant in more than 20 countries. He is now serving as Interim Head of the Department of Agriculture. Gordon’s wife, Susan, is a member of the Nursing faculty. They have 2 children, Bart, 22, and Beth, 20.

Dr. Haibo Liu was born in Boli County, Heilongjiang Province, China. He earned his B.S. in landscape architecture from Beijing Forestry University in 1982, then worked as a teaching assistant in the same department for a year. In the summer of 1985, Haibo entered the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana as a graduate student and earned his M.S. in horticulture in 1988. He received his Ph.D. in biological sciences from the University of Rhode Island in 1992. While at URI, he was hired as a research assistant in turfgrass science from 1991 to 1993. He was a post-doctoral research associate at Cook College, Rutgers University from 1994 to 1996, working on turfgrass acid tolerance. In August of 1996, Haibo joined the faculty of the Department of Agriculture, teaching turfgrass courses and a computer course. He just recently began service on the Kentucky Turfgrass Council as a technical advisor. Since 1989, he has been an active member of the American Society of Agronomy, the International Turfgrass Society, and the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America. Haibo enjoys traveling, playing Chinese chess (Weiqi), and visiting golf courses.

Dr. James M. Martin is a professor of horticulture and plant science. This is his 19th year on the faculty at Western Kentucky University. A Hoosier by birth, he is a graduate of The Ohio State University. Dr. Martin advises students in Horticulture and teaches most of the classes in that area. Jim has been active in international work in Ecuador and has taken students on five separate trips to see the great gardens of Britain. He is responsible for the horticultural greenhouses and the displays at the University Farm.

Dr. Jack L. Rudolph is a native of Independence, Virginia, and lived there until graduating from high school. After graduating Jack served four years in the US Navy. Upon completion of his naval service he entered Virginia Tech and graduated in 1978. Jack and his wife, Debbie, moved to Nebraska where he taught high school for four years. He was offered an assistantship in the Agricultural Education Department at the University of Nebraska where he earned his M.S. degree. Penn State was the next stop and four years later Jack had his Ph.D. The Rudolph family then moved to Laramie, Wyoming, where Jack taught for seven years. Jack is now finishing his third year at WKU and enjoying teaching courses in agricultural education and mechanics.

Dr. Nevil C. Speer received his Ph.D. in animal breeding from Colorado State University in 1993. During his tenure at CSU, he taught several courses and served as the assistant coach for the livestock judging team. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at Western, he is involved with applied beef cattle research and operation of
Western's university farm. His wife Sandra is employed by Purina Mills as a district manager. Sandra and Nevil also maintain an active interest in a registered Hereford operation of their own.

**Dr. David A. Stiles** was born and raised on a dairy farm in Maryland. He earned a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland, a M.S. from Kansas State University, and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University. Following graduate school, David worked at an experiment station in southeast Kansas, at Southern Illinois University, at a university in southern Brazil, and as a sales nutritionist for a feed co-op traveling in the U.S., Canada, and Britain, and taught at the University of Connecticut. Since 1985, David has been on the staff at Western Kentucky University. David's main areas of concentration are nutrition, physiology, and feed manufacturing and he is currently involved in environmental research.

**Brian Bolt** was born in Anderson, South Carolina on a diversified family farm. Brian did undergraduate work at Clemson University, then transferred to Western and completed his degree in May of 1996. While at Western he was active in the Block and Bridle Club and the Livestock Judging Team. Upon completion of his degree, he accepted the position of WKU Farm Manager. Major responsibilities at the farm include management of the 783-acre university farm, with direct responsibility for the beef, swine, equine, cropping, and composting operations. He has supervisory responsibility for more than 20 student workers.

**Joey Clark** is from a large family of thirteen in Wayne County, Kentucky. Joey graduated from Wayne County High School in 1990. He then attended the University of Kentucky, majoring in animal science with a dairy emphasis while living and working at the dairy research farm. Joey received a B.S. in animal science with dairy option from the University of Kentucky.

Joey took the position of dairy herdsman at Western Kentucky University in August 1995. Joey has been involved with the Dairy Judging Team and the Dairy Club, taking the team to the national contests. Along with duties at the dairy, Joey assists with various undergraduate laboratories.

**Debbie Gabbard** is a native of Bowling Green. She graduated from Warren Central High School in 1976, and she attended Western Kentucky University for two years. In 1978, Debbie was employed by the Graduate College at Western. She moved to the Department of Agriculture in June, 1981, as the Departmental Secretary. On July 1, 1996, she became the Office Associate for the Department. Debbie is married and has two children.

**Tricia Harper** is a native of Bowling Green. Tricia graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1983 and attended Western Kentucky University for three years. In 1987, Tricia was employed as secretary for the Center for Coal Science in the Department of Chemistry at Western. In July, 1996 she became the new Office Assistant in the Department of Agriculture. Tricia is married to Doug who is a faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Western.

**Curtis Mitchell** is from Elkton, Tennessee. He graduated from Giles County High School in 1992. He received a B.S. degree in agri-business with a minor in business administration from Middle Tennessee State University in May, 1996. Curtis is from a five hundred acre family farm. They raised cattle and produced thirty thousand square bales of hay each year. Curtis took the position as Assistant Farm Manager at the WKU Farm in August of 1996. His responsibilities include forage, row crops, maintenance of machinery, and a ten acre compost yard.

**Jennifer Reeves** was born in Richmond, Indiana, where she was active in 4-H and the showing of American Quarter Horses. During her years at Western she was a member of the 1995 WKU Equestrian Team which was named Reserve National Champion. She was also president of the WKU Horseman's Association for the school year 1994-95. Her undergraduate degree in graphic design was completed at Western in December, 1995. After graduating, she became a coach of the Equestrian...
Team and is working as an Office Assistant for the L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center and the WKU Farm. Major responsibilities include booking events at the Center and keeping enterprise records for the farm.

Darrell Towe is the current director of the L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center, coming to Western in July, 1995. Darrell is a 1989 graduate of Western. His most recent employment before coming to Western was as the Assistant Manager of the Tennessee Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Darrell is currently pursuing his M.S. in agriculture. He resides in Bowling Green with his wife Melissa.

How Can I Contribute to the Department of Agriculture??

Inquiries are frequently received concerning the appropriate manner for contributing to support programs in the Department of Agriculture. There are many ways to support our programs, but one of the most valuable ways is in support of scholarship programs. Four scholarships in the Department of Agriculture were established to honor former faculty members. Sir Isaac Newton said “if I have seen further than most men, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of Giants.” Many WKU alumni have “stood on the shoulders” of the faculty members for whom these scholarships are named. Anyone wishing to contribute to these scholarship funds should make the check payable to the College Heights Foundation for the desired fund.

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Other funds in the Department of Agriculture that are supported by contributions include the following:

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Agriculture Education Travel Fund

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WKU Agriculture Alumni Scholarship Fund

The family of the late Malcolm K. Crump requested that expressions of sympathy at the time of Malcolm’s death be in the form of contributions to an agriculture scholarship fund in his memory. To date $3,875 has been received for this fund to honor one of our distinguished alumni.

Checks for these funds should be made to the WKU Agriculture Foundation with notation of the specific fund mentioned on the check.

Contributions to any of the scholarships or special funds should be mailed to the:

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There will be ___ number of people in my party.

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