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Greetings to our Alumni and Friends...

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It is difficult to believe that the summer season is well underway, and that we are preparing for fall semester classes. Where has the time gone?

Well, we have been busy here in ADS with several projects that have made time fly by. We interviewed candidates for our Livestock Judging Team position in May, and in June, we entertained well over 50 high school kids plus their parents at our Animal Science in Action (ASIA) student recruiting event. This was the largest ASIA group that we have handled in quite some time, and we are pleased to see interest in this activity increasing. See details below. As many of you know by now, we have secured the \$5M commitment from the Georgia General Assembly for constructing the new livestock facilities at our Double Bridges Farm. Several of us recently met with Oglethorpe County Commissioners to proceed with a request to rezone the acreage for farm use. As soon as bonds are issued and sold, we

should have enough in our facilities budget to begin architectural drawings of buildings and grounds. We will keep you posted.

You may be aware that Dr. Susan Duckett and Dr. Josie Coverdale have moved on to greener pastures at Clemson and Texas A&M University, respectively. Dr. Duckett accepted an endowed professorship and Dr. Coverdale is pleased to return to her home state and alma mater to continue her equine work. Thus, we are searching for a Meats/Muscle Biologist and an Equine Specialist, and have several possibilities to interview in July and August. We hope to have these two positions filled in the fall.

Congratulations to Dr. Johnny Rossi of our Tifton campus for recently receiving the Junior Extension Scientist Award for Excellence, and to Dr. Joe West, also of Tifton, as recipient of the Award of Excellence for Senior Scientist in Research. We also appreciate you folks as our readers and supporters, and have included a section on alumni activities in this summer issue.

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2006 ANIMAL SCIENCE IN ACTION A SUCCESS!

On June 8th and 9th, the ADS Department hosted 52 aspiring animal and dairy science students from high schools across the state and as far away as New York! Our program provided a jam-packed itinerary that included a tour of all our facilities to include our farms and the Livestock Instructional Arena, as well as presentations on ADS academic programs with hands-on opportunities. Participants also received information on our judging teams and student clubs from our coaches and club members. The opportunity for fun and camaraderie was also a part of the program.

Reports are that a good time was had by all, and we are counting on having many of these young people back with us as freshman or transfer students in the near future.



ASIA Participant Sampling Fistulated Cow

GIFT PROVIDES EQUINE SCHOLARSHIP TO ADS STUDENTS



The Cardens with Victoria Roberson

When scholarships were presented at the 2006 ADS Student Awards Banquet, a new opportunity for recognition was on the agenda. Thanks to the generosity of the Andy Carden Family from Moreland, GA, a \$1,000 scholarship available to ADS students with an interest in equine was presented. Although approximately 60% of ADS students have an interest in equine, this is the first equine scholarship available to our students in over 20 years.

The Carden Family goals in establishing the Vivian Thames Carden Equine Scholarship are to recognize Mrs. Carden's love of and compassion for all animals, especially horses, through a named scholarship in her honor, while perpetuating a worthy equine student's education. Family members, including Mrs. Carden, established the criteria for selection, which includes

academics, and extracurricular activities, along with financial need. However, as important as grade point average, Mrs. Carden added that, as a part of the selection process, a student must be a recognized hard worker, have a good overall attitude, be willing to help others, and must possess a "heart for horses".

The inaugural recipient is Ms. Victoria Roberson from Brunswick, GA. Victoria graduated from Camden County High School with a 4.0 grade point average and has continued her outstanding scholastic efforts at UGA. She is involved in many activities, and her professional goal is to become a veterinarian specializing in equine health and management.

Mr. and Mrs. Carden, along with their son, Nick, who serves as Manager of the ADS Instructional Arena, and daughter-in-law, Margaret, a horsewoman who gives private lessons, were in attendance at this year's banquet and plan to make the banquet an annual family activity.

A heartfelt thanks to the Carden family for affording this scholarship opportunity to our students.

Editor's Note: If you are interested in available scholarship opportunities for ADS students or may have interest in sponsoring an award, please contact Dr. Bill Graves at wgraves@uga.edu or Ms. Kathy Hoard at khoard@uga.edu. Both individuals may also be reached at 706/542-6259 and would enjoy visiting with you.

2006 B&B RODEO A BIG SUCCESS!!!

The Block and Bridle Club's 32nd Annual Great Southland Stampede Rodeo was a huge success this year! For the third year in a row our event was held at Oconee Heritage Park in Farmington, and it was the best yet at this site.

Many memories were made throughout the weekend to include a welcome from the

Commissioner of Agriculture Tommy Irvin and participation by Moriah, a Make-a-Wish child who wanted to be a part of a rodeo.

The attendees stayed entertained the entire night by watching the fearless cowboys, the hilarious clown, and the palomino horse jumping into the back of a moving pick-up truck.

We sincerely appreciate the support from ADS alumni, as the rodeo would not have

been possible without it.

Thanks to you, we are proud to report that this year's rodeo was such a success that we were able to make a profit of approximately \$6,000.

Thank you all for pulling through for us, and we hope to continue this tradition for years to come.

Submitted By 2006 Rodeo Chair Ms. Abbey Williams



Nichole Bryant, 2007 Rodeo Chair

OUTSTANDING ANIMAL AND DAIRY SCIENCE SENIORS



Whitney with ADS Undergraduate Coordinator Dean Pringle

Our 2006 Outstanding Animal Science Senior, Whitney Linnenkohl, is from Juliettte, Georgia. While at UGA, her many activities included membership in both the Block and Bridle and Dairy Science Clubs, serving as an officer in B&B and the Pre-Vet Club, as well as service as a member of the Ag Hill Council. Honors received include membership in Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Fraternities and Golden Key Honor Society. Whitney is a Presidential Scholar, and a member of the CAES Dean's List and National Dean's List. While maintaining at 3.84 grade point average, Whitney found time to be a member of the UGA Polo Team and mentor a student one day each week at a local grammar school. She has been accepted to several vet schools and is now making plans for fall. After vet school, she would like to work with horses and beef and dairy cows.



Matt with Dairy Science Club Co-Advisor Mark Froetschel

Our 2006 Outstanding Dairy Science Senior, Matthew Sumners, is a native of Leesburg, GA, growing up on a family farm, Pentahope Farms. Matt has been very active in both 4-H and FFA activities, showing dairy cattle and raising 4-H show hogs during his high school years; and, after graduation, helping younger 4-H'ers with both dairy and swine projects. While at UGA, Matt has proven to be a true leader in our dairy science program. He was honored with the Dairy Science Club's designation of "Outstanding New Member" in 2005 and, in 2006, served as Heifer Show Chair and Dairy Science Club President. Matt's long-term goal is to attend vet school and care for large animals.

2006 TIFTON CAMPUS FIRST GRADE FIELD DAY



All Smiles At The 2006 Field Day

We all know that most people have little knowledge of animal agriculture; yet it is crucial that the public have an understanding of the source of their food and its importance in their lives. ADS faculty and staff at our Tifton Campus recognize the importance of education of school children and their teachers and decided that field trips to the UGA Tifton Campus animal farms could be an opportunity to teach them about animal agriculture.

Classroom teachers are provided lesson plans for five to seven days of classroom instruction prior to each field day. All first graders in Tift County (approximately 625 children per year) are invited.

Small groups help make the field day successful, and groups are limited to 20 to 30 children at each demonstration. Children see a total of 10 demonstrations emphasizing animal care, growth, health, production, and management. They also learn about dairy and beef cattle, horses, sheep, and aquaculture. Ice cream (a favorite!) reinforces the relationship of the dairy cow and dairy products. Coloring books, pencils, erasers, and stickers related to animal agriculture and donated by commodity groups are given to each child.

We conducted the 19th year of the field day on May 4th-5th. Since this program's initiation, we have served approximately 11,500 children. Teachers consistently rate the Animal Science First Grade Field Day as the best field day activity they attend, and students leave smiling and armed with a lot more knowledge about animal agriculture.

ADS Faculty Roll Call



FOCUS ON ...

AQUACULTURE

EQUINE

BIOTECHNOLOGY

AND

WASTE MGT.

Please feel free to contact anyone whom you feel may be of assistance to you.

AQUACULTURE FACULTY



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EQUINE FACULTY



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EQUINE FACULTY



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BIOTECHNOLOGY FACULTY



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WASTE MANAGEMENT FACULTY



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ADS ALUMNI ... It's Our Turn To Hear From You!

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Clinton and Kimberly Flowers Allred. (1997): Clint recently accepted a faculty position at Texas A&M in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science. In this position, he will continue to study the effects of dietary modifications on the development and progression of several forms of cancer. Kim has also joined the staff at Texas A&M, where she works as a Laboratory Manager. They have a son, Gabriell, and a daughter, Faith. callred@tamu.edu

Curtis Avery, Jr. (1942): Owner and operator of Canaan Farms, Pine Mountain, GA, since returning from World War II in 1945. Married to Blanche Freeman (class of '43). Son, Hal Avery, (class of '70) is now co-operator of the farm. Curtis would welcome a call or visit from other ag graduates at any time. 706/884-7613

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Currently Serving Iraq

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Sam Naff. (BSA DS 1964): Sam spent 23 years with Kraft Foods, ending his career there to assume an administrative position in a parachurch organization. After almost two years with Campus Crusade for Christ and eight years with the Haggai Institute, he is now in real estate near Big Canoe in Marble Hill, GA. Sam notes that while a student in our program, he was the only "city boy" here but still managed to place 6th in Little "I"! snaff@tds.net

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John G. Rogers. (1979): After working in the dairy industry in Wisconsin from 1980-1988, John moved back to his family farm, where the family grows and sells hay and horses. John is also an auctioneer, realtor, and owns a land clearing business. 1547 Red Oaks Drive, Rock Hill, SC, 29730. jgr14@hotmail.com

William S. "Bill" Rowe. (B.S. AS, DVM 1965): Upon graduation, Bill served as resident veterinarian at Millardin Farms, but was drafted in 1966 and spent two years as an Army Captain at Fourth Army Medical Laboratory. He then practiced in San Antonio, TX, until his retirement in 2003. Bill and his wife, Cindy, have been married for 41 years and are now enjoying their grandchildren. Bill recently visited with his former UGA Livestock Judging Team Coach, Randall Grooms, in Tyler, TX. bcrowe@satx.rr.com

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Randall Thompson. (BSA 1982, DVM 1986): Randall is currently serving as a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, assigned to the 72nd Medical Detachment (Veterinary Services) in Iraq. The 72nd is responsible for food safety and hygiene, medical care of working dogs, and veterinary preventive medicine in the Iraq Theater of Operations. The squad to which he is assigned performs these duties in the Baghdad area in support of U.S. and coalition forces. As a military working dog surgeon, he leads a squad that also operates the theater medical referral center for working dogs. Randall says that it is an honor and a privilege to serve with the soldiers he has met there and to care for the amazing animals that save lives on a daily basis. dawngator@aol.com

Larry Varnadoe. (B.S. DS 1986, MS 1989): County Agent in Camden County, GA. His daughter, Carrie, will be a senior at Colquitt County Hill School (Moultrie) this fall. 455 North Okefenokee Drive, Folkston, GA, 31537. 912/496-0026 (home), 912/576-3219 (office); varnadoe@uga.edu

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**If you are not listed above, we hope to hear from you soon.
We'll include all info received in upcoming newsletters!**



Congratulations! 2006 ADS Honor Students

**Kudos to our students making
the Dean's List for Spring 2006.
We are very proud of them!**

Maria Altemus, Arizona; Josh Ames, Ft. Myers, FL; Alyssa Bender, Dekalb County; Sarah Bryant, Gwinnett County; Sara "Sally" Christopher, Rockdale County; Shepherd Cronemeyer, Virginia; Kimberly DeLisi, Virginia; Chris Ferrell, Rockdale County; Theresa Fike, Fulton County; Alexis Galambos, DeKalb County; Amelia Grant, Monroe County; Josh Howle, South Carolina;

Emily Keene, Oglethorpe County; John Killey, S. Carolina; Meghan McKee, Cherokee County; Jessica Mobley, Gwinnett County; Jennifer Robbins, Canada; Victoria Roberson, Camden County; Caroline Salter, Aiken, SC; Dana Smith, Henry County; Helen Smith, Henry County; Lindsey Spencer, Cobb County; Abbey Williams, Henry County.

Judging Team Fundraising Efforts

The Department would like to recognize Dr. Kaylar Howard, graduating class of 1984, as a Platinum Sponsor for our Livestock Judging Team. This generosity is greatly appreciated, as donations, such as this one, will greatly assist in defraying the cost of team travel during the next academic year. Again, many thanks to Dr. Howard.

If you would like to sponsor one of our judging teams and become a Silver (\$100), Gold (\$200), or Platinum (\$300) sponsor, please contact Steve Nickerson at 706/542-6259 or scn@uga.edu. Your donation will be personally acknowledged and our students will greatly appreciate your help in supporting this educational opportunity for them.

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