



# ALUMNI CONNECTION

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## Greetings to our Alumni and Friends...

We are well into the fall season and have welcomed approximately 160 undergraduate and 40 graduate students back to ADS for a new academic year. Likewise, we have added two new faculty members (Jary Douglas, Carole Hicks) to our ranks, both of whom are highlighted below. In addition, we are in the final stages of a search for an Equine Science faculty member and a search for an individual to fill a Meats Scientist/Muscle Biologist position. These two new hires will be hopefully showcased in our next newsletter.

children out west. Jary and Marsha hope to find a spot to reside not too far from the UGA campus, but with enough acreage for a few livestock.

We are certainly pleased to have Jary join our faculty, and look forward to the recruitment and development of a successful Livestock Judging Team. In addition to coaching, Mr. Douglas will teach Livestock Evaluation and Selection as well as team teach Live Animal and Carcass Evaluation with Dr. Pringle this fall semester. Please see Mr. Douglas' plans for this coming year on page 4 of this issue.

Mr. Douglas can be reached at 706-542-8921 or [Jaryd@uga.edu](mailto:Jaryd@uga.edu), and he will be housed in room 146 Edgar L. Rhodes Center for Animal and Dairy Science, 425 River Road, Athens, GA 30602.



I am pleased to announce that Mr. Jary Douglas joined our ranks here at UGA's Animal and Dairy Science Department on July 10<sup>th</sup> as the new Livestock Judging Team Coach. Jary comes to us with a wealth of knowledge on livestock judging, working with young people interested in food animal production, and in the instruction of animal science classes. Mr. Douglas was born in Corsicana, Texas and raised in Oklahoma on his parents' cattle ranch of 10,000 crossbreds. He received his Associates Degree in Agriculture from Northeast Oklahoma A&M College, his B.S. in Agricultural Education from Oklahoma State University, and his M.S. in General Agriculture from the University of Arkansas.



We also welcome Carole Hicks, who begins her new duties at our Statesboro office as Extension Animal Scientist specializing in beef production and management. Carole is a Georgia native and received both her B.S. and M.S. degrees from the Animal and Dairy Science Department at UGA.

She grew up in Bullock County on a Registered Polled Hereford operation, and was very active in 4-H as well as the Georgia Junior Livestock Judging Program.

Since receipt of her Masters degree in 2003, Carole has been self employed as a Certified Live-Animal Carcass Ultrasound Technician in which she serves cattle producers and breed associations all over the southeastern US. Her education at UGA prepared her well for this role as her thesis involved using live-animal ultrasound techniques to evaluate compositional changes in beef cows through a production cycle. She also compared prices paid for bulls at the GA Bull Test Stations to their performance evaluations. Thus, Ms. Hicks has been well prepared to take on this new position of Extension Animal Scientist in our Department.

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Jary has spent over 30 years of his career at NEO, so comes to UGA with 3 decades of judging experience at a junior college, and he is now ready for the challenges of a land-grant university. Mr. Douglas has won national contests from San Francisco, CA to Kansas City, MO, to Louisville, KY, and has recruited students from all over America, as well as from Canada. During his tenure in Oklahoma, in addition to judging, he was responsible for teaching several animal science courses and advised approximately 50 students per semester.

He and his wife, Marsha, recently joined us for the Georgia Limousin Field Day on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Livestock Instructional Arena in Athens with son Brandon. The couple has two other grown

## ADS ALUMNI NEWS



**Dr. Bartell (On Left) Receiving An Honor At Retirement Event**

Dr. John Bartell (BSA 1963, M.S. 1964) recently retired from his role as full-time teacher at the rank of Professor and Chair, Department of Agriculture and Horticulture at SUNY Alfred (Alfred State College). Dr. Bartell taught both dairy and food science and related agricultural courses for 43 years, including one year as a graduate student at UGA. For over 40 years Dr. Bartell has been an active member of the New York State Association for Food Protection, serving as both President in 1983 and quarterly newsletter editor for over 30 years. Dr. Bartell notes that he has had a most interesting professional life, thanks in particular to those who guided him while a student in our program. During his years at Alfred, many of his graduates transferred to the UGA College of Agriculture in various programs (including our own!). Dr. Bartell has been married for 39 years to wife, Nancy and they have 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren. He may be reached at [bartelljr@alfredstate.edu](mailto:bartelljr@alfredstate.edu)



**Ms. Youngblood (3<sup>rd</sup> From Left) At State 4-H Congress**

Ms. Lynn Youngblood (B.S. AS 1994) currently serves as a 4-H agent in Turner County. She is the recipient of this year's William H. Booth Award sponsored by the Georgia Electric Membership Cooperative and Georgia 4-H. This prestigious honor recognizes outstanding work in professional achievement, educational development, professional service to the UGA and overall philosophy toward the mission and objectives of working with youth. Lynn was also honored this year with receipt of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents in recognition of her achievements during her 7 year career with the UGA Cooperative Extension/4-H program. While an ADS student, Lynn was a member of the ADS Quadrathlon Team, Livestock Judging Team, and Horse Judging Team, as well as the Block and Bridle Club and the UGA Cattlemen's Association. Lynn may be reached at [lynn@uga.edu](mailto:lynn@uga.edu)

## We Also Heard From ...

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**Geary Bush.** (BS AS 2003): Geary is a fourth year medical student at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta. After graduation in May 2007, he will begin a residency in general surgery. In addition to an arduous medical school schedule, he still finds time for a least one international mission trip each year to Africa or South America spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. 231 Overton Road, Augusta, GA, 30904; 706/513-0708; [gearybush@gmail.com](mailto:gearybush@gmail.com)

**Kath Donoghue.** (Ph.D. ADS 2003): Kath is employed as a Beef Cattle Geneticist at the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit in Armidale, Australia. She loves being back in her native country but misses all her ADS friends throughout the world. Kath may be reached at Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351; Australia. +61 2 6773 2183; [kdonogh4@une.edu.au](mailto:kdonogh4@une.edu.au)

**Rob Miller.** (BSA 1999): Rob serves as the Lab Supervisor for the

Student Instructional Surgery Labs at the UGA Veterinary College, encompassing First, Second and Third year veterinary students. He also coordinates with various professors within the Veterinary College different Continuing Education Courses held each year in his lab area. Rob and his wife, Donna, live in Danielsville and have 2 children, Grant (6) and Peyton (2). 135 Ridgeway Drive, Danielsville, GA, 30633; 706/583-0249; [rmiller@vet.uga.edu](mailto:rmiller@vet.uga.edu)

**Robert Varnedoe.** Robert is the V.P. of Sales for Lee Container Corp., a manufacturer of HDPE plastic bottles for the crop protection, pet care, lubricants, beverages & household chemical markets. He and wife, Layne, (BSED) reside in Homerville, GA, and have 2 children, Joel (18) and John (11). [rvarnedoe@leecontainer.com](mailto:rvarnedoe@leecontainer.com)

**Cliff Ward.** (BSA 1936). Cliff has enjoyed retirement for the past 28 years. He would enjoy hearing from former classmates and friends. Ward Cattle Farm, 5600 Hog Mountain Road, Bogart, GA, 30622; 706/769-7223.

**Mike Wiltshire.** (BS 1993). While a student in ADS, Mike worked at the College of Vet Medicine in the Animal Resource Dept. and served as Departmental Manager there for 13 years. Since 2001, he has served in the role of Coordinator of Research Programs & Services in the Lab Animal Department at Florida State University. His wife, Nancy, is also employed by FSU as their Rural Medical Education Coordinator. Mike and Nancy have 3 daughters, Anna (21), Madison (9), and Abigail (6). [mwiltshi@mailier.fsu.edu](mailto:mwiltshi@mailier.fsu.edu)

<p><b>We're Making Progress With The Double Bridges Farm!</b></p>	<p><b>Aerial View prior to timber harvest</b></p>	
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<p>The 2006 Georgia Legislative Session granted \$5 million for our new farm, which will include a new swine unit, a teaching/research beef unit and a sheep unit, all of which will be relocated from the Whitehall unit on South Milledge Avenue. Dr. Rick Jones has visited newly constructed swine farms at Auburn, Michigan State, and Minnesota in order to gather</p>	<p>ideas for the newest and most innovative designs to minimize odor and handle waste without impacting the environment. We will incorporate the successes from each of these to build a state-of-the-art facility. The beef unit will include a 48-head feed facility (to replace the feedlot at Whitehall), pastures for yearlings and cows to be used in the teaching program and modern working</p>	<p>facilities (to be used for Extension programs like the Georgia Beef Challenge as well as live animal labs). There will also be a small sheep facility to support the teaching program as well as research projects. Our plans also include renovating the milking parlor at the dairy and, hopefully, additional repairs at that unit.</p> <p>As our fall newsletter goes to</p>	<p>press, the timber is being harvested and the selection process for an engineering firm to spearhead the effort is nearing completion. As said earlier, we are finally making measurable progress. There is no firm timeline for the beginning of construction; however, we hope to start breaking ground in the Spring of 2007.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Submitted By Robert Stewart</b></p>
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### Congratulations Go To:

	<p>two members of the Animal and Dairy Science Department received distinguished service awards.</p> <p>Dr. John K. Bernard, dairy scientist at the ADS Tifton Campus, received the Award of Honor from the Southern ADSA for his support of the dairy industry in the Southeast and his activities in the southern and national ADSA. Ms. Lani Pacetti, a native of Atlanta, GA, and a master's degree candidate studying under the guidance of Dr. Joe West at the ADS Tifton Campus, won first place in the Southern ADSA graduate student paper competition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to John and Lani!</p>
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### Greeting from Department Head continued ...

<p>In her new role, Carol will serve as a resource for the beef industry in Southeast Georgia and develop relevant Extension programming in cooperation with other beef specialists. Additionally, she will be active in the Georgia Junior Livestock Program, including the Junior National Livestock Shows, Georgia Beef Futurity, 4-H Congress, and District Project Achievements.</p>	<p>It is exciting to have such a successful young specialist join our ranks, and we look forward to great accomplishments from Carole.</p> <p>Mr. Hicks can be reached at 912-681-5639 or <a href="mailto:clh@uga.edu">clh@uga.edu</a>, and she will be housed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Nesmith/Lane CE Bldg., P. O. Box 8112-GSU, Statesboro, GA, 30460.</p>
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## From The Desk Of Jary Douglas

Fellow Georgians:

It is great to finally be settled in Athens and geared up to have a winning UGA Livestock Judging Team! We plan to open our national competition during the spring semester by participating in the Christmas Extravaganza at Express Ranches in Yukon, OK. Following Christmas break, the Livestock Judging will travel to Denver to compete in the Livestock and Carload Contest sponsored by the National Western. Then, in February, we will travel to the Southwest Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth and the Dixie National in Jackson, MS. We will wrap up the season by participating in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo as well as the All East contest in Bowling Green.

I teach the Livestock Evaluation class for prospective Judging Team members, in which 9 potential team members are enrolled. Experience varies widely among our recruits; but all are eager, enthusiastic, and very willing to learn as they prepare to represent UGA in national competitions this spring. Team members include NEO Junior College transfers Will Cabe of Carnesville and Katie Smith of Bainbridge, who judged with me for 2 years, and have now returned to their home state to anchor the team. Other candidates include Clayton Bloodworth of Rochelle, Meredith Carey of Royston, Tad Harper of Athens, Kellis Johnson of Jackson, Bradley Lowe of Reynolds, Jacob Segars of Talking Rock, Valerie Tapley of Athens, and Caitlin Tenewitz of Cairo.

Our team is eager to accept all UGA students with an interest in judging livestock and in representing the University in national contests. Because the Livestock Evaluation Class was added late this semester, we encourage all students who enjoy livestock judging to contact me and to consider participating with the team to determine who will represent UGA in upcoming competitions.

Again, it is wonderful to be a part of the UGA faculty and I look forward to a successful judging season.

Sincerely,

Jary Douglas

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