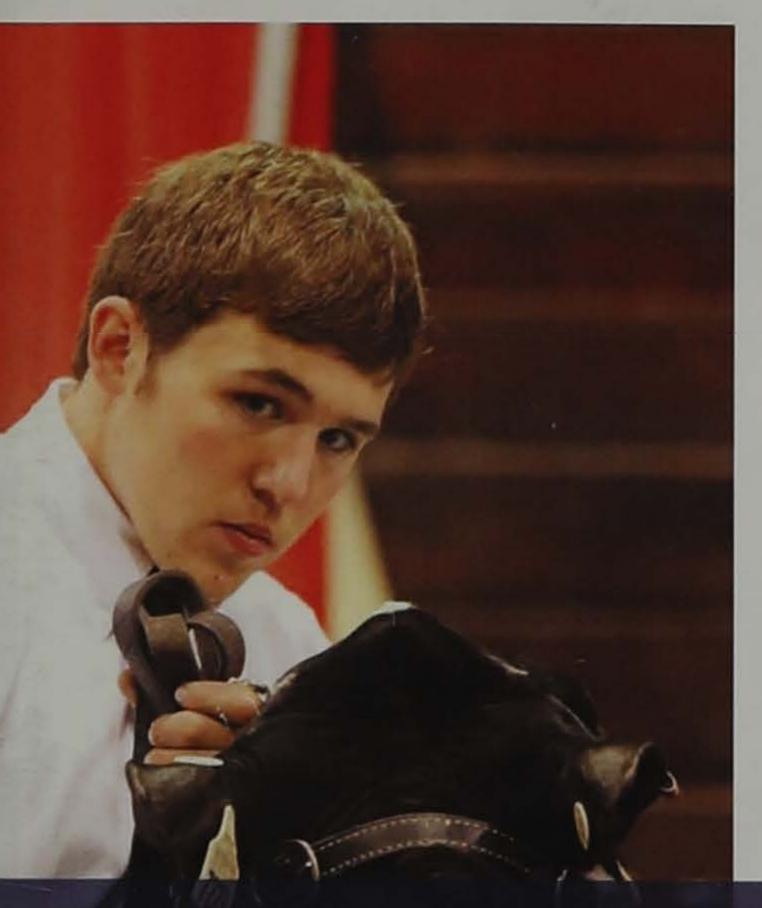
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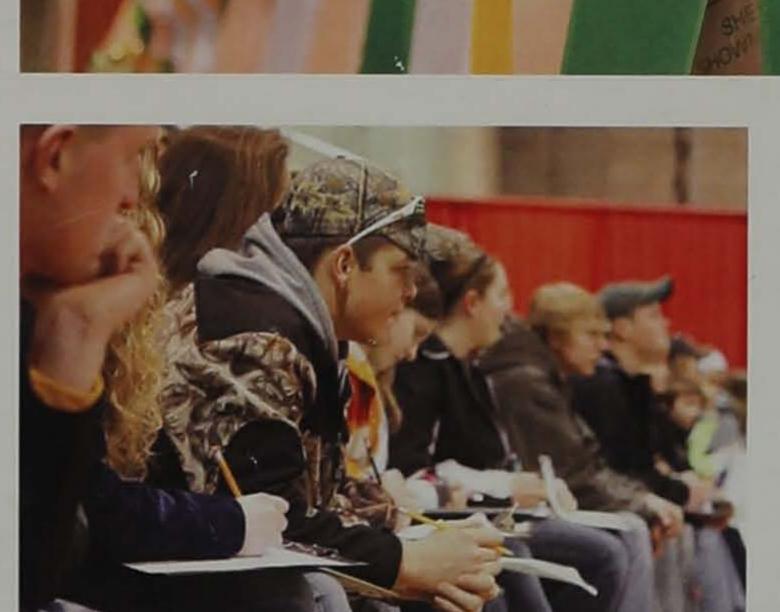
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PROGRAM

TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2015 9:00 pm Dodgeball

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2015 9:00 pm Dance in the Chips

FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2015

MORNING PERFORMANCE

7:30 am	2-year old Horse Fitting, Prelims
8:00 am	Horse Fitting, Prelims
8:30 am	Experienced Sheep Fitting, Prelims
9:00 am	Novice Sheep Fitting, Prelims
9:00 am	Farm Business Management I
9:00 am	Machinery Sales
9:00 am	Natural Resources I
9:30 am	Horse Judging
9:30 am	Dairy Products I
10:00 am	Crops Judging I
10:30 am	Floriculture I
10:30 am	Meats Evaluation I
10:30 am	Dairy Products Judging II
II:00 am	Farm Business Management II
11:30 am	Dairy Cattle Judging Begins
11:30 am	Block & Bridle Quiz Bowl
11:30 am	Dairy Products III
11:30 am	Floriculture II
NOON	Nursery Landscape
NOON	Natural Resources II
NOON	Crops Judging II
12:30 pm	Floriculture III
12:30 pm	Meats Evaluation II
1:30 pm	Livestock Judging Contest
2:30 pm	Wool Judging
4:00 pm	Experienced Dairy Fitting, Prelims
4:25 pm	Novice Dairy, Prelims

EVENING PERFORMANCE:

5:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies
5:45 pm	Heifer Fitting, Finals
6:05 pm	Bull Fitting, Finals
6:30 pm	Lamb Lead, Prelims
6:55 pm	Sheep Fitting Finals
7:15 pm	Horse Fitting, Finals
7:35 pm	Goat Fitting, Finals
7:55 pm	Novice Dairy Fitting, Finals
8:15 pm	Dairy Fitting, Finals
8:35 pm	Swine Showmanship, Prelims
9:00 pm	Novice Showmanship, Prelims

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2015

MORNING PERFORMANCE

2-year old Horse Showmanship,
Prelims
Horse Showmanship, Prelims
Ag Product Sales
Experienced Sheep Showmanship,
Prelims
Novice Sheep Showmanship, Finals
Beef Showmanship 1, Prelims
Beef Showmanship 2, Prelims
Novice Beef Showmanship, Finals
Judges Luncheon
Experienced Swine Showmanship,
Prelims
Novice Swine Showmanship, Finals
Dairy Showmanship, Prelims
Novice Dairy Showmanship, Finals
Goat Showmanship, Prelims

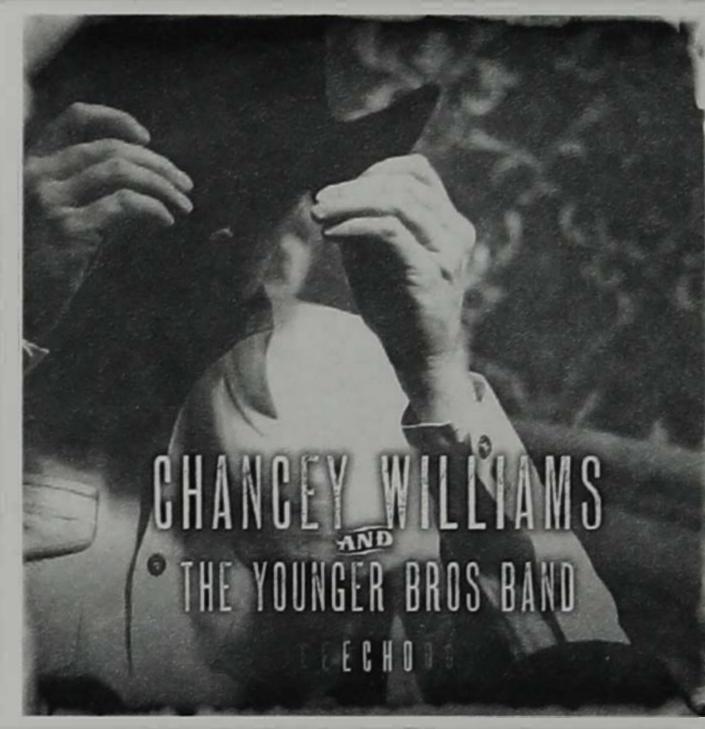
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5:15 pm	Beef Showmanship Finals
5:35 pm	Sheep Showmanship, Finals
5:55 pm	Meat Products Auction
6:05 pm	Horse Showmanship, Finals
6:25 pm	Goat Showmanship, Finals
6:45 pm	Dairy Showmanship, Finals
7:15 pm	Swine Showmanship, Finals
7:35 pm	Teacher of the Year & Ag/Bio Advocate
	Announcement
7:45 pm	Round Robin
8:15 pm	Honored Agriculturist Recognition
8:25 pm	Staff Recognition
8:35 pm	Awards

9:00 pm Doors Open: Chancy Williams and the Younger Brothers Band at Swiftel Center Holding Barn
10:00 pm Chancy Williams and the Younger Brothers Band on stage

CHANCEY WILLSOUNGER BROTHERS BAND





"Echo," the latest independent release from Chancey Williams, immediately charted on the Billboard Heatseekers chart for the Mountain Region. It was no surprise. The Wyoming native and his "Younger Brothers Band," have relentlessly toured the Western United States, developing a rabid fan base not seen from the Cowboy State since Chris LeDoux. In fact, Chancey Williams and LeDoux are the only two people to ride in the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo (one of the most famous in the world, the touted "Daddy of 'Em All) and play its main stage as a major entertainer. The band has shared the stage with dozens of artists, including Lady Antebellum, Miranda Lambert, Eric Church, Craig Morgan, Rodney Atkins, Brantley Gilbert and Thompson Square. They've also enjoyed bills with Texas contemporaries Casey Donahew and Stoney LaRue. But, Williams says, nothing beats the opportunity to have occasionally opened for their heroes, legends like LeDoux, Merle Haggard and Dwight Yoakam.

Chancey Williams was raised on a ranch near the small town of Moorcroft, Wyoming where his mom is a recently retired school teacher, his dad and brother ranch, and his other brother is the head coach of a notable wrestling team. The beautiful family ranch is adjoined on one side by Keyhole Lake, a regional tourist attraction. "But we hardly knew it," joked Williams, "we really couldn't afford a boat and my dad had us working all the time, anyway, so we hardly ever went over there!" It was a strong family background and work ethic that Chancey Williams credits with pretty much everything he has. Chancey and his father, Dennis, were both state champion wrestlers in High School, Chancey for two years in a row. He also followed his dad as a saddle bronc rider, going to the National High School Rodeo Finals, the College National Finals and even winning a couple of rounds at Cheyenne Frontier Days. While avidly supporting his musical dream, his parents also put great emphasis on education. In fact, Chancey Williams has a total of four degrees, including a Bachelor Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Wyoming.

Chancey and his drummer, lifelong friend Travis DeWitt, started the Younger Brothers Band with the humble initial goal of entering a high school talent contest. The pair had no idea it would lead to wedding receptions, small fairs (then big fairs), small bars (then large clubs) and become a fulltime career. In 2008 they were joined by the amazing harmonies and lead guitar of Wyatt Springsteen and then Brooke Latka with stunning fiddle and a 3rd part to their harmonies. More recently, Jack Robbins joined the band on bass. The result is Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band, a rowdy, raucous, unapologetic, memorable stage show that is on the road pretty much all the time.

Somewhere along the way, playing for friends became playing for wild fans. The studio album "Honky Tonk Road" was released in 2008, "Highway Junkie" in 2011 and, recently, the Billboard Heatseeker Charting, "Echo." Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers have sold, between digital downloads and CD sales, more than 40,000 records, almost unheard-of for an independent artist without the aid of major distribution or a record label.

2014 has been a breakout year. Chancey has joined the cast of a new reality television pilot tentatively titled "Real Cowboys of Wyoming," that began shooting in August. After releasing their latest music video "She Loves Me Anyway," which had more than 25,000 views in its May release, the band embarked on a vigorous 170-date tour that included numerous state fairs, festivals, the legendary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and, for the third consecutive year, the main stage at Cheyenne Frontier Days. The band shared summer dates this year with Gary Allan, Trace Adkins, Alabama, Billy Currington, Craig Campbell and Dean Alexander, among others. Most recently Chancey Williams & the Younger Brothers inked a 6-night run with Las Vegas Events to perform at the National Finals Rodeo. "We just love to play, travel, record our music and represent the great state of Wyoming," said Williams, "It's just in our blood, I can't imagine doing anything else."

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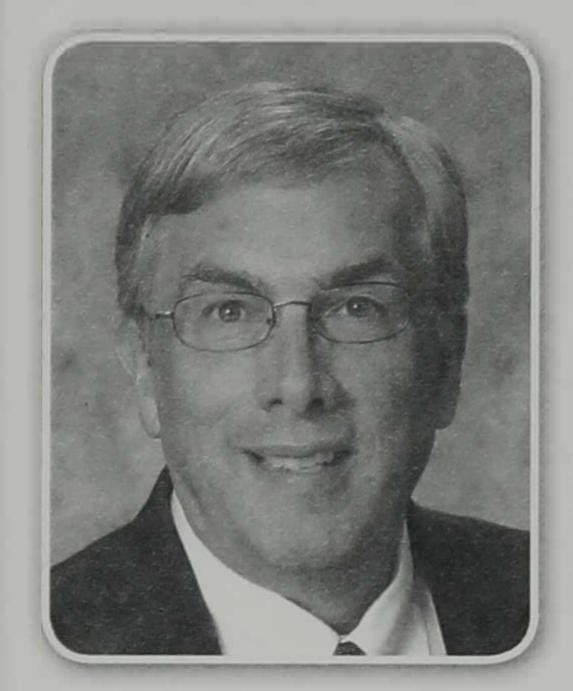
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For more information about our "Friends in Agriculture" program, contact John Weber, (651-315-3522) sdsu_littlei@yahoo.com.

Welcome from the Dean of Agriculture and Biological Sciences

SDSU Makes Strategic Reinvestment in Food Science



I enthusiastically welcome you to South Dakota State University and the 92nd Little International. Thank you for supporting our outstanding students, faculty, and university staff that have worked hard to make this a memorable event. I cannot say enough good things about this great group of people that I am privileged to learn and work with. Please help me recognize them for their dedication.

Beyond the Barn, the theme for this Little "I," recognizes that not only to do we educate,

do research, and extend knowledge about the production of livestock and crops, but we also do a great deal more. SDSU has chosen to make a strategic reinvestment in a new Food Science program that will be housed in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences. This program will bring together the scientific expertise in processing of crop and livestock products for human consumption currently at the university under one program. New scientists will be hired to compliment the work that is already underway. In addition, enhancements to the curriculum are underway that will be of great benefit to our students that pursue degrees related to Food Science.

Recent steps have been taken to re-energize the oat breeding program at SDSU. There have been new developments in our understanding of the health benefits of oats in human diets. Research in this area has the opportunity to add value for producers in our state. SDSU is positioned to be at the forefront of generating new knowledge in this area, new opportunities for our farmers, and healthy food for consumers.

Our students certainly make our college exceptional. Current students and alumni provide a strong voice for agriculture industries. In particular, our Agriculture Communications alumni are serving as leading editors and contributors to agriculture publications across the country. In addition, current students advocate strongly for agriculture by holding Ag Day on campus, publishing articles in the college newspaper, and writing blogs on current events within the agriculture industry. The recent addition of the Agriculture Leadership major will only help to bolster our students' ability to make a difference in their communities.

Our college is now the largest in undergraduate enrollment at SDSU. This is not only because of the excellent education that we provide, but also because of the enthusiasm of our students for careers in agriculture. This field will only grow, as we take on the "Grand Challenge of the 21st Century;" which is to produce enough food, fiber, and fuel for more than 10 billion people in the next 35 years using less land, less water, and less energy than we do now, and in a sustainable manner. The young people before you will be our leaders and our hope in this endeavor. While many of our graduates will become farmers or ranchers, many others will enter careers that contribute to agriculture well beyond the barn or field row.

On behalf of everyone in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, I thank you for your strong support of our fine students. Our future is in good hands because of them.

Barry H. Dunn, Ph.D.
South Dakota Corn Utilization Council Endowed Dean
College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences
Director of SDSU Extension
Professor of Animal Science

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Manager's Welcome

Little "I" Embraces Staff Growth



It only takes a quick look at history to realize that many things can change in 92 years. I feel that speaks to the legacy of Little International here at South Dakota State University, and the commitment to all those who have, and continue to support it. This includes our dedicated staff, exhibitors, faculty and SDSU community who all pull together year after year to make Little "I" a success. It is sometimes difficult to express to those who have never attended this event the scope of what Little "I" means here at SDSU. I hope our staff's hard works shows

through in this weekend's performances. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be your 92nd Little "I" manager and for the opportunity to work with so many great leaders on our staff.

Little "I" has always had a strong commitment to tradition while still embracing innovation. This year's theme is "Beyond the Barn" and I feel our staff took this in stride in our new changes. You may notice that our evening programs have been extended to allow for a meat goat show. As a fast growing part of agriculture we took the opportunity to incorporate them into the show. In recent years agriculture has run into unprecedented controversy. To meet this, the Little "I" Advocacy supers have traveled to places such as Sioux Falls to tell agriculture's story through Little "I". We also created Historian and Alumni positions to allow us to better understand and preserve our history for generations to come.

Little "I" continues to move "Beyond the Barn" by reaching more than our own students but also those in the surrounding region. Many of our staff members began their experience at SDSU early on by showcasing their knowledge in our many competitions. The skills they gained as participants are then passed on through the contests they now organize. Our staff works tirelessly to make sure that we can continue to offer these learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

I cannot say enough about this year's staff. We had an over-whelming interest in staff positions and I think it shows in the quality of the driven students I have been able to work with. I am continually impressed day in and day out at their skills, drive and organization in their event planning. They continue to push to make Little "I" better in all the work they do.

I would like to thank our advisor Dr. Keith Underwood for his support. He lends his time and wisdom to our staff throughout the year. Dr. Underwood has always offered guidance and assists our staff countless times during our preparation.

We are also pleased to have our honored agriculturalist, the Kelly Bruns family, with us for the 92nd Little "I". Many on our staff can attest to Dr. Bruns's passion for animal agriculture through the many courses he taught here at SDSU. Please take a moment of your time during Saturday's evening performance to stop in and congratulate him in the balcony of the animal science arena.

Lastly, I would like to thank our generous financial sponsors. Your contributions allow us to carry on the tradition year after year. Without your generous gifts our hard work would be for nothing. Please take a look at all of the businesses that graciously support us in the catalog.

With a staff that has grown in recent years the 93rd Little "I" will need a strong leader, I cannot think of a better choice than Adam Krause. He has shown a great deal of leadership since his first Little "I" being crowned high point freshman, to being swine superintendent, and this year as assistant manager. We are very fortunate to have his ambitious leadership for the year to come.

Thank you all for attending the 92nd Little "I"! I hope you enjoy our performances throughout the weekend as well as the Chancey Williams Band to follow. Good luck to all of the contestants, and look forward to seeing you all at Little "I"s to come!

John Weber, 92nd Little International Manager



Assistant Manager's Welcome

Alumni Keeps Little "I" Tradition Alive

Welcome to the 92nd Little International here at South Dakota State University. It is my pleasure to welcome you to this outstanding tradition here at State. This it truly the highlight of my experiences here at SDSU, and I'm glad you have attended to share this experience with all of us. From the FFA competitors, to collegiate staff and participants, to Alumni and faculty, this is truly an unofficial reunion here at South Dakota State University.

Over the many years here at State, this reunion has turned into a tradition, and eventually a tradition with an expectation of excellence. I'm pleased to say that during all my years, this tradition has proved to produce outstanding results.

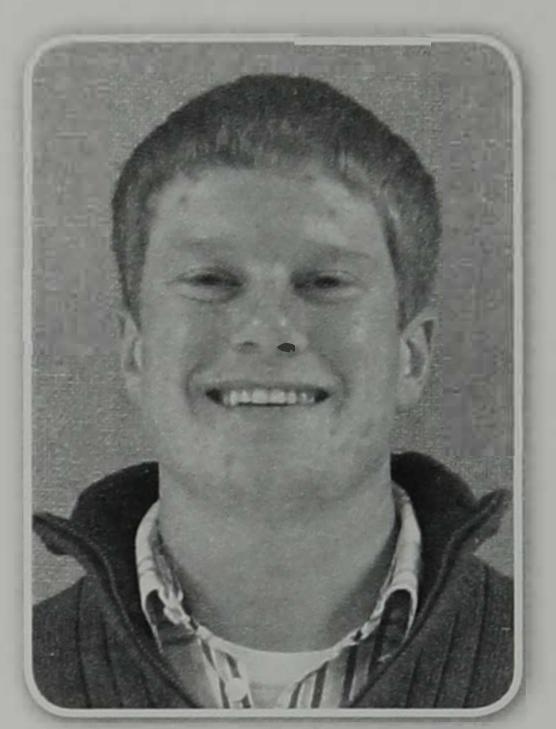
Part of the reason this tradition has such great results are because of the community support. I cannot say thank you enough to the businesses and corporations that help us fundraise, advertise, and work with us to make this tradition a success year after year. You are truly an asset and friend to us all, and this tradition would not be near as admirable without your help.

Another reason why this tradition stays alive is the alumni. We have recently added an alumni coordinator to our staff. We hope to expand our alumni contacts and be able to call upon them as future judges, announcers, or to send announcements. It seems like every year, past staff members and participants return to the arena to experience another Little International. I spoke with a couple last year that has made it to Little "I" for more than 20 strait years. Thank you all for your continued support of this fine and respected tradition.

I believe that the main reason Little "I" is such a success every year is the leadership. From the staff members to the manager, these are South Dakota State University's best and brightest students that choose to lead and participate in this event. These members have done an outstanding job this year, and I hope you are all eager to see the rewards of their efforts. I'm proud to say that we have grown to

over 150 staff members, and every member plays an integral role in the making of a successful Little "I". Neither John nor I could ask for a friendlier or hard working staff here at SDSU.

There is one particular staff member deserving special thanks, and that person is our 92nd Little "I" Manager, Mr. John Weber. Like many of you have that one person in mind who brought you to a certain club or organization, John is the one who pushed me to become more involved within Little International. His will power to succeed and improve exceeds



most, and it has been my utmost pleasure to observe, shadow, and learn from him this past year. John has truly made it his personal mission to leave Little "I" better than he found it, to not stray from tradition, yet continue to select and improve certain aspects of this tradition like the many managers before him. The bar has been set high for me next year, but I'm confident I can do well with such an outstanding role model to follow. I look forward to seeing what is in store for this young leader.

Thank you all for taking the time to visit South Dakota State University and good luck to all those competing in the shows and contests!

92nd Little International Assistant Manager

2015 MCs—Fond Memories of Little International

It is an honor to be invited back for the 92nd Little International. In my years at SDSU from 2006-2010, I had the pleasure to partake in the history rich tradition that is Little International. For myself, as well as many other alumni, it was the highlight of the year, and created many friendships that still exist. In addition to Little International, I was able to actively participate in Block and Bridle, the Meat Animal Evaluation Team, and General Livestock Judging Team, coached by John Mrozinski. I graduated in 2010 with a degree in Animal Science, and Ag. Marketing minor.

Currently my wife, Anna, and I reside in Heron Lake, Minnesota on my family's home farm, where we operate a row crop operation and I run a few cows.

To the staff of the 92nd Little International- Thank you for your hard work and efforts in continuing this tradition. It is a benefit to many youth around the region and a great opportunity for students at South Dakota State University.

To the contestants- Best of luck in your competitions.

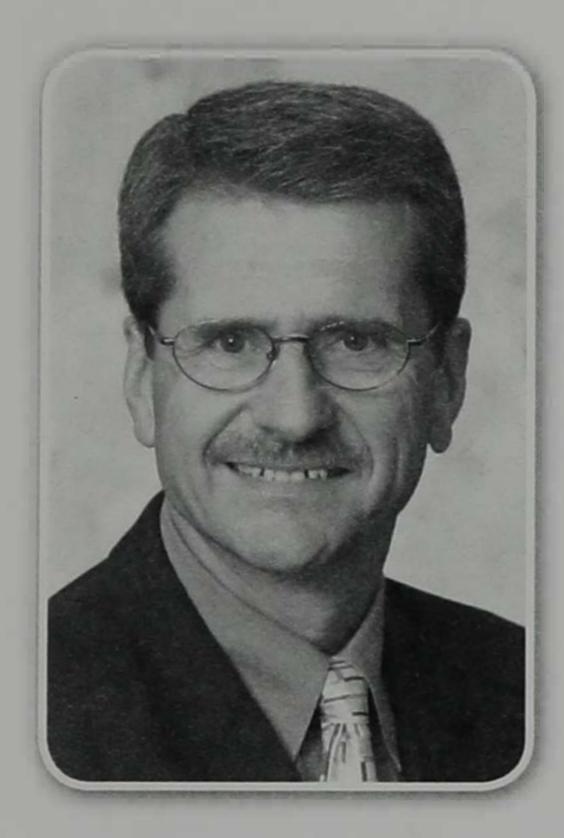
Thank you for the opportunity to join Grant Thompson as a coemcee of 92nd Little International, and I look forward to a great weekend of competition! It is with great pleasure that I am able to come back to the 92nd Little International. I attended SDSU beginning in the fall of 2005 and had the privilege of being part of the time-honored Little International traditions. As an undergrad, I grasped the opportunities presented in the College of Ag & Bio and served as Marshal in the Block & Bridle club, helped co-found the SDSU Swine Club, and both served on staff and competed in Little I. My fondest memories will always be of Little International and all the people that were involved. Upon completion of an Animal Science degree in 2010, I began a career in the Hog Procurement division of John Morrell in Sioux Falls, SD. My wife, Mallory, and I currently live in Brandon, South Dakota and enjoy camping and feeding a few show pigs every year.

I would like to thank the 92nd Little International staff for inviting me to attend as co-emcee with Jason Diemer and for their hard work in supporting the Little I tradition. All of the effort that you put into this annual event results in an excellent opportunity for our agriculture youth and the students at SDSU. I also would like to wish this year's contestants the best of luck in their competitions.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the spectators who made time to attend this year. Your presence is also an important part of the traditions that will carry through the 92 Little International.

President's Welcome

Little International Makes South Dakota State Special



As president of South Dakota State University, it is my privilege to welcome participants and visitors to our campus and to the 92nd annual Little International exposition.

Little I has a rich and storied history on our campus. It has been held annually since 1921, with only three exceptions, and it has grown into the largest student-run agricultural event in the United States. It is one of the traditions that makes South Dakota State a special land-grant university.

When I was a student, Little I was held in a building known

appropriately as "The Barn." Chances are good that many attending this year's event participated in the show ring at that location.

Although the site has changed, our students' dedication and efforts continue to be strong. Little I provides a venue for students to demonstrate their animal showmanship skills and their leadership attributes. We at South Dakota State are proud of them.

In closing, I wish the best for our students and another successful Little I expo, and I hope the participants, alumni, family members and interested spectators enjoy the weekend at South Dakota State.

Sincerely,

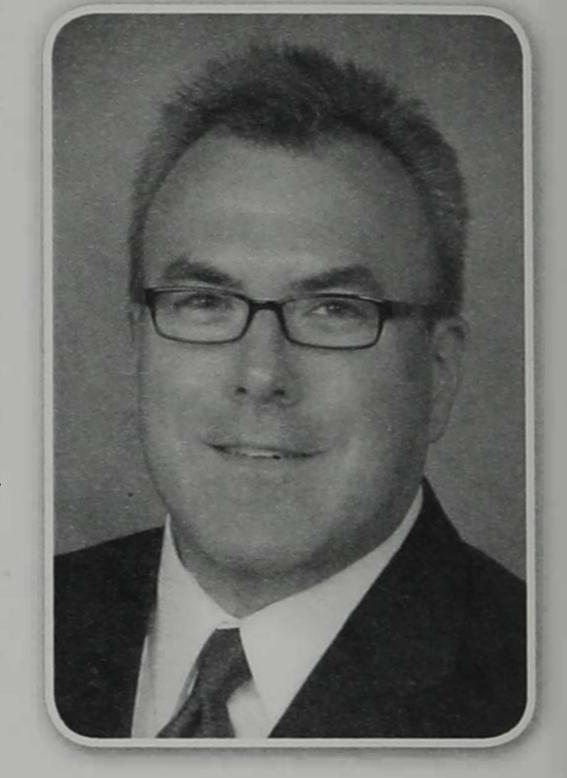
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South Dakota State University

Alumni Welcome

Little International, Cherished Event Since 1921

Welcome to South Dakota State University and Little International! Little "I" is the largest student run two day agricultural exposition in the United States of America. With a history that stretches all the way back to 1921, Little "I" has become a cherished event here at SDSU and holds memories for thousands of our alumni, faculty, friends, and students.

This year, too, memories will be made as the iconic red barn is yet again raised in the



Animal Science Arena. The crowds that pack the stands in support of this tremendous student event will find out what we mean when we say "It is a great day to be a Jackrabbit!"

Once again, let me say welcome and enjoy your time on campus.

Best regards,

al Bailey '88. Chair, Board of Directors

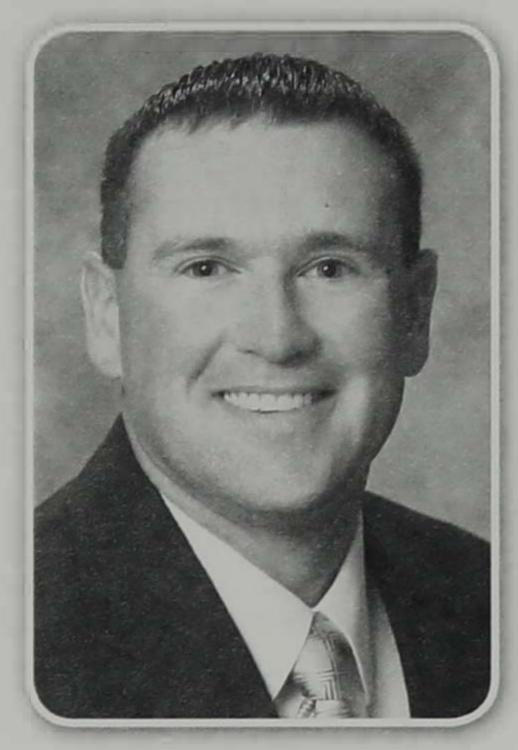
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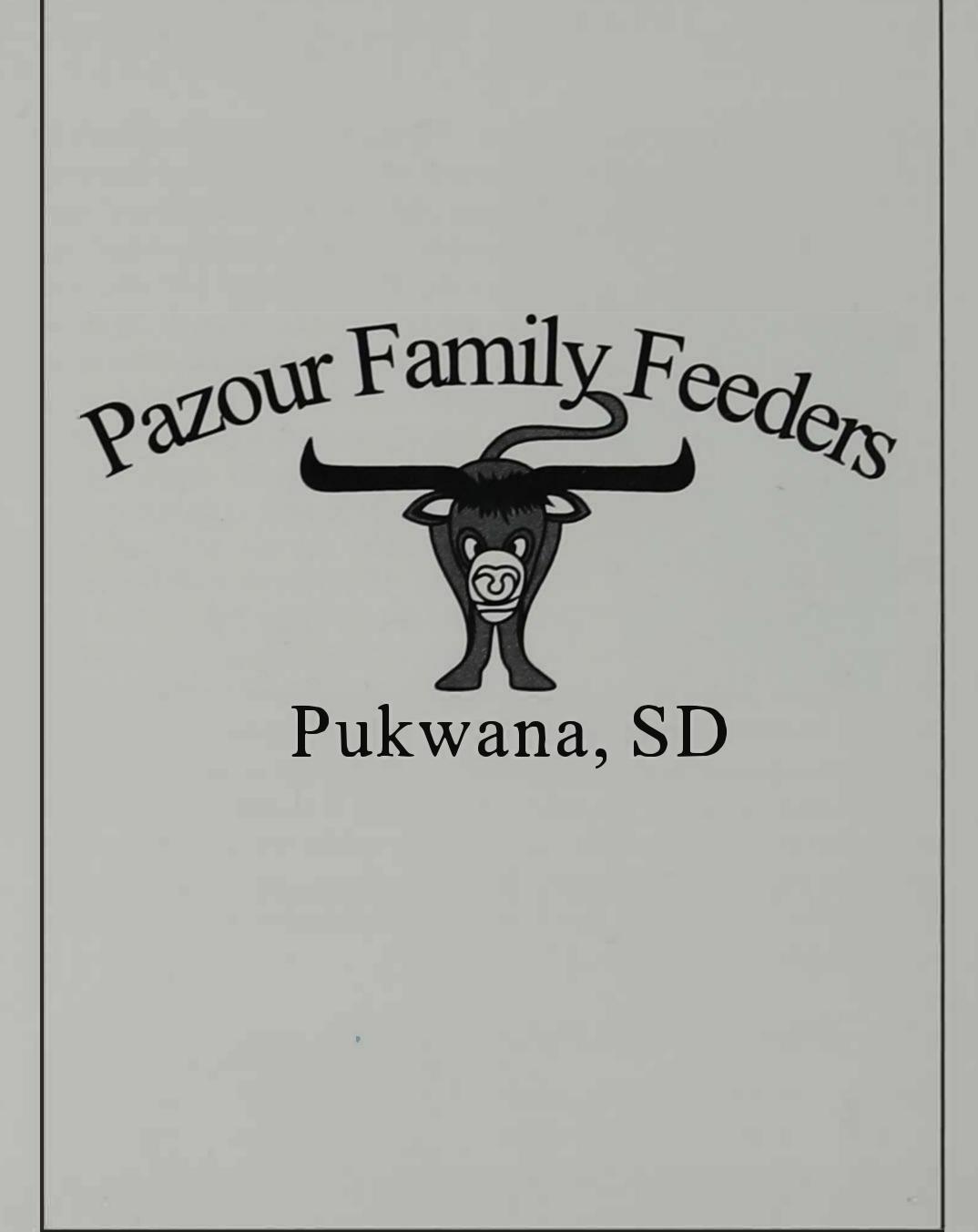
Little I Advisor

KEITH UNDERWOOD Advisor

Dr. Keith Underwood is an Assistant Professor at South Dakota State University. Keith received his Ph.D. and M.S. from the University of Wyoming in Animal and Veterinary Science with an emphasis in Meat Science and Muscle Biology. He earned his B.S. in Animal Science from Texas Tech University. Keith has a joint research and teaching appointment at SDSU in the Department of Animal Science. His research focuses on determining the effects of enhancement on palatability, factors influencing marbling



development in beef cattle, beef tenderness prediction methods, and fresh pork quality. Keith is responsible for instructing classes focusing on meat evaluation, meat safety and HACCP, and 2 graduate courses in advanced meat science.



Past Little International Managers

1921—L.C. Lippert, Sheridan, Wyo.

1929—Arthur Cole, Salem Ore.

1930—Edwin Hanson, Hawarden, Iowa

1931—P. Ode Hegg, Sioux Falls

1932—Clarence Stockland, Lincoln, Neb.

1933—Cliff Jenson, Killed in Action

1934—Wilbur Bryant, Canton

1935—Leslie Johnson, Liberal, Kan.

1936—Lawrence DeHaan, Brookings

1937—Duane Clark, Worthing

1938—Ted Larson, Salem, Ore.

1939—Henry Lardy, Univ. of Wisconsin

1940—Elmer Sanderson, Brookings

1941—Al Face, Yuma, Ariz.

1942—Verlon Welch, St. Paul, Minn.

1943—Carl Ham, Rapid City

1946—Donald Biggar, Brookings

1947—J.W. McCarty, Brookings

1948—Vince Kenneally, Raymond

1949—Dwayne Kettering, Brentford

1950—Herb Lippert, Timber Lake

1951—Ray Weick, Yuma, Ariz.

1952—Mick Crandall, Selby

1953—Gene Wheeler, Raymond

1954—Keith Manfull, Gettysburg

1955—George Cook, Clear Lake

1956—Robert Duxbury, Wessington

1957—Don Briedenbach, Newell

1958—Merlin Van Walleghen, Letcher

1959—Richard Peterson, Fedora

1960—Marvin Olson, Madison

1961—Tom Hansen, Brookings

1962—Jim Anderson, Clear Lake

1963—Gary TeStroete, Brookings

1964—Marshall Nygard, Fairview

1965—Steve Witt, Butler

1966—Roger Tilberg, Ethan

1967—Larry Nelson, White Lake

1968—Haven Stuck, Brentford

1969—Jim Danekas, Raymond

1970—Denton Haber, Redfield

1971—Tom Varilek, Geddes

1972—Wayne Williamson, Aberdeen

1973—Neal Pearson, Lake City

1974—Tom Scott, Ashton

1975—William Delaney, Lake Benton, Minn.

1976—Robert Noble, Riceville, Iowa

1977—Rocky Blare, Hammill

1978—Randy Wirt, Parker

1979—Randy Blare, Hammill

1980—Monte Mason, Frankfort

1981—Jeff Davis, Forestburg

1982—Bruce Paterson, Lake Preston

1983—Jeff Gruntmeir, Iroquois

1984—Bruce Bot, Minneota, Minn.

1985—Brad Hennen, Minneota, Minn. 1986—Lyndon Hohwieler, Chester

1987—Shannon Rausch, Hoven 1988—Dorn Severtson, Canby, Minn.

1989—Tom Larson, Jackson, Minn.

1990—Dave Uttecht, Woonsocket

1991—Guy Rusche, Bancroft

1992—Ann Gunderson, Lake Park, Iowa

1993—Bryce Healy, Pukwana

1994—Daniel Kohls, Litchfield, Minn.

1995—Brian Sharp, Bath

1996—Michael Willard, Colton

1997—Joel DeRouchey, Pukwana

1998—David Grinde, Colton

1999—Mark Johnson, Pipestone, Minn.

2000—Lora Kohls, Litchfield, Minn.

2001—Matt Gunderson, Mission Hill

2002—Adam Wirt, Parker

2003—Travis Hoffman, Rockham

2004—Clint Gehrke, Luverne, Minn.

2005—Brian Fruechte, Pipestone, Minn.

2006—Crystal Mohrhauser, Hartford

2007—Dustin Mohrhauser, Hartford

2008—Crissa Zenk, Webster

2009—Jared Sanderson, Lake Preston

2010—Alissa Johnson, Luverne, Minn.

2011—Lee Sanderson, Lake Preston

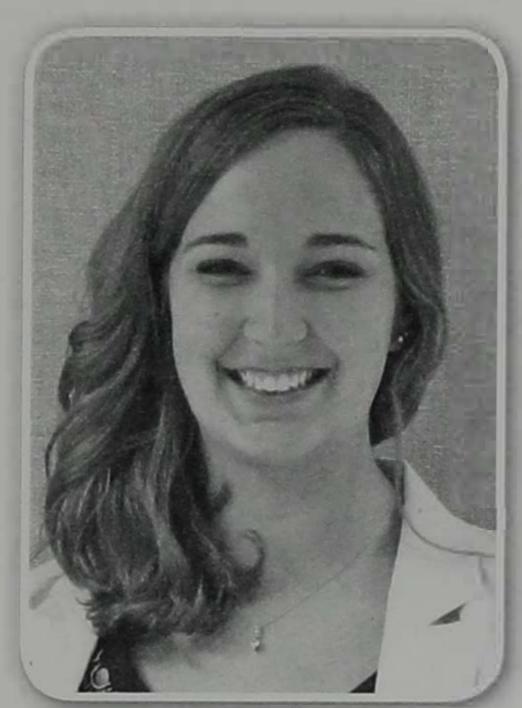
2012—Colton Buus, Lennox

2013 – Kalen Manthei, Sanborn, Minn.

2014—D.J. Buseman, Canistota, S.D.

AgBio Advocate's Welcome

Little "I" is the Ultimate Celebration of Ag



Hello there and welcome to the 92nd Little International! I am Loretta Bartosh and this past year I've had the opportunity to represent the student body of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences as their student advocate! I grew up on a small hog and crop production farm near Heron Lake, MN and constantly surrounded myself with agriculture. If I wasn't helping with chores or digging in the garden, I was usually found in my FFA advisor's office study-

ing for contests or planning chapter activities. Actually, one of my first exposures to SDSU was through the contests held at Little International. As soon as I could, I signed up to be on staff. I eventually worked through the ranks the past few years and served as the Secretary this year. From my vantage point, Little International is the ultimate celebration of agriculture on campus.

One celebration is good, but the Prexy Council works hard to celebrate the agricultural and biological sciences all year long. They host several events for Ag. & Bio. students, including our fall Ice Cream Social and the scholarship banquet in September, the Career Fair in October, and serving the Hunger Banquet in December. Finally, on April 14th this year, we will have another celebration with our campus-wide Ag Day. Student clubs and organizations help proclaim the importance of agriculture by staffing booths throughout the day then attending a free meal in the evening. Brad Greenway, South Dakota's 2014 Ag. Ambassador, will serve as this year's speaker and discuss how producers and consumers can engage in educational, but meaningful, conversation about food, fuel, and fiber.

I hope you all enjoy the 92nd Little International whether you're on staff, on the bleachers, or on an FFA team. Make sure to take in as much of Brookings as you can and have a burger at Nick's or some sweet potato fries at Cubby's! Good luck to all competitors and Go Jacks!

Loretta Bartosh, 2014-2015 Ag-Bio Advocate

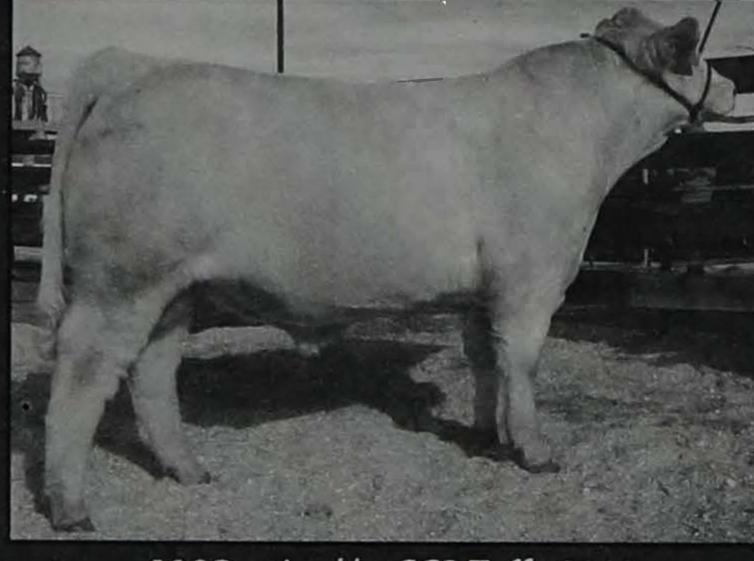
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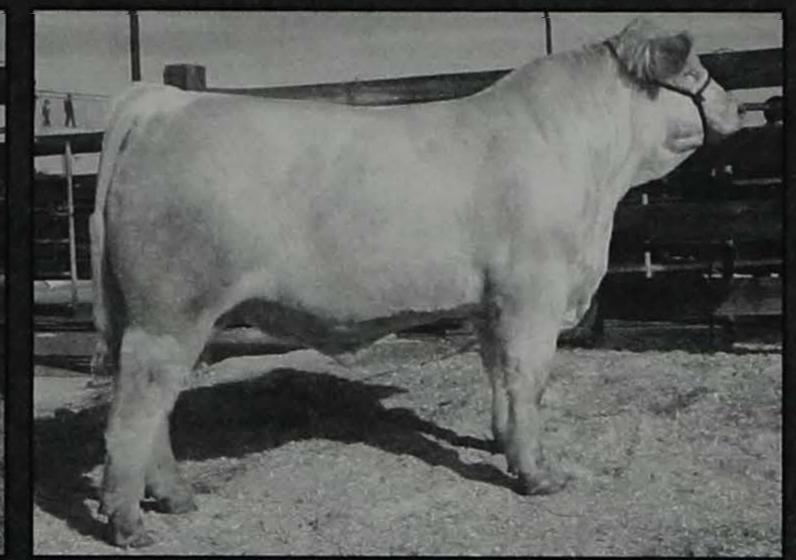
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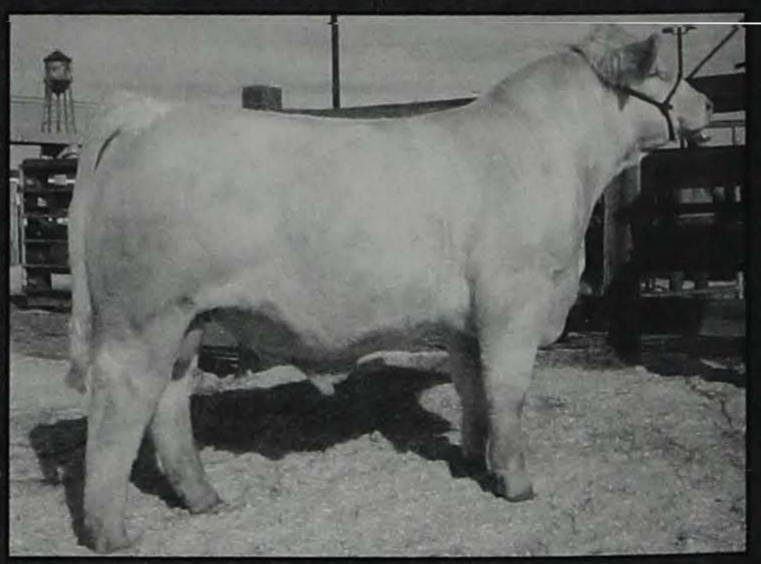
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Advocate Candidates Extends Welcome



TAYLOR LEONHARDT

Ever since I was a freshman in high school, Little International has been something I have looked forward too. Being from the small town of Groton, SD, it was always an adventure when my FFA chapter and I packed our bags and headed to Little "I". Not only is Little "I" the most exciting place to be, but it is also most competitive. To this day I love the environment that Little "I" brings to Brookings, and South Dakota State.

Every year during Little "I", I would call up my grandfather and tell him where I was,

"Hey Papa, guess where I am?"

"Oh, I don't know, where are you?"

"I am at Little I!"

And then my Papa always says: "Ah, guess where I was 70 years ago..."

Little International holds a special place in my heart and in many others hearts' as well. Its not just the green chips or the round robin contest, but it's the people you meet and the long standing tradition of pride in agriculture; that is why I would like to become the next Ag-Bio advocate, to insure that the future of agriculture on campus stays bright.

The College of Ag-Bio has more to offer its students than any other college, from great trips with clubs to classes with outstanding faculty and staff, the college of ag and bio has had a long standing tradition of success and friendship. As the next ag-bio advocate I want to capitalize on everything this amazing college has to offer and ensure that every student has the opportunity to grow, learn, and participate in what this college offers. I hope you enjoy your Little "I" experience as much as I do and take pride in the hard work and dedication that the Little I Staff and exhibitors have put in. Welcome, and please enjoy this "Beyond the Barn" experience!

Taylor Leonhardt, 2014-15 Ag-Bio Advocate Candidate

MAGGIE STILES

I hope you've brought lots of smiles and laughs for this weekend's events, and maybe even a clap or two for the hard working, exhausted college students out there. Hello and welcome to the 92nd Little International here at South Dakota State University. My name is Maggie Stiles and I am one of the nominations for the 2015-2016 Ag/Bio Advocate. I am a Dairy Production and Speech Communication major with an Animal Science minor from Lakeville, Minnesota. During the time I've spent here, I have been very involved in the SDSU Dairy Club and Sigma Alpha Sorority. I also have had the opportunities to be apart of the SDSU Dairy Cattle Judging team and the SDSU Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon team.

If I were to be selected as the Advocate for this upcoming year, I would spend the year focusing on two items, college unity and Ag awareness. First, I would like to create more of a community feeling within the eight departments of the College of Ag and Bio. We like to separate ourselves a lot, but I feel we could learn a lot from each other, as we may have to work with one another when we graduate. The second area I'd work on is the awareness of Agriculture on campus; hanging up signs in all the food areas on campus as well as anywhere you'd walk past and see them. Just to get people thinking about where their food, clothing and other products come from.

Agriculture is my passion. It is the only place I can see myself in the future, and I'm sure that goes for most of those in attendance here at Little I. I hope you enjoy all of the festivities planned for this weekend. Good luck to all of the exhibitors and for those just here to watch, thank you for your continued support of the students and our programs here at South Dakota State University.

Maggie Stiles, 2014-15 Ag-Bio Advocate Candidate



KAYLEE WEGNER

Hello, and welcome to the 92nd Little International! Little "I" is so much more than just showing livestock and judging crops; it's a tradition that brings past, present, and future Jackrabbits together. My name is Kaylee Wegner and as candidate for the 2015-2016 Ag-Bio Advocate it is my pleasure to welcome you to one of the longest standing traditions at South Dakota State University.

I grew up on my family's dairy and crop farm in Faribault, MN

where I developed a passion for all aspects of agriculture. This passion inspired my decision to attend SDSU and major in Dairy Production and Animal Science. While at SDSU, I have been involved in Dairy Club, Sigma Alpha professional agriculture sorority, Ag-Bio Ambassadors, and Little International where I serve as Assistant Secretary.

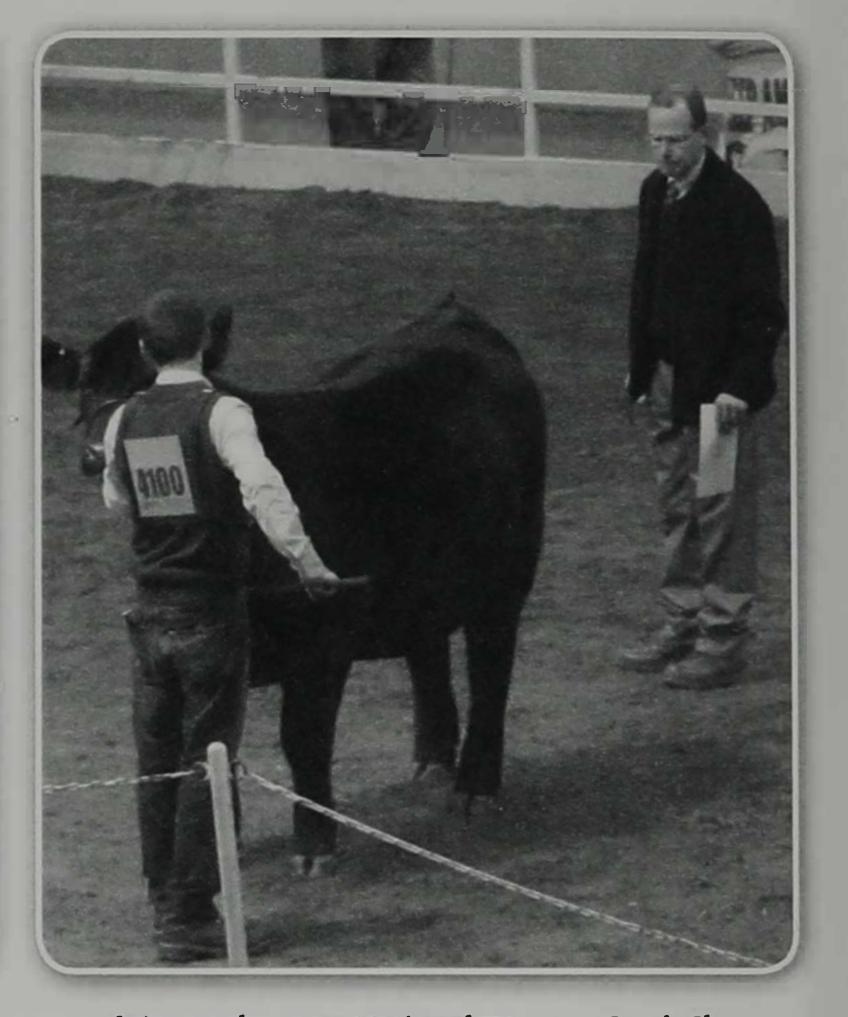
As Ag-Bio Advocate, I would promote agriculture across campus and be a positive voice for the 46,000 farmers of South Dakota. Farmers are the unsung heroes of America, but they also receive some of the most negative publicity. If selected as Advocate, I would work to connect students who do not have much knowledge about agriculture to the work being done by the College of Ag and Bio to help build their confidence in the food supply. I also hope to support agriculture majors in their efforts to advocate on behalf of our industry by providing resources to help them tell their story. Once again, welcome to campus and I hope you enjoy taking in part in the outstanding traditions of Little "I" this weekend!

Kaylee Wegner, 2014-15 Ag-Bio Advocate Candidate

2015 Honored Agriculturalist

KELLY BRUNS-Former SDSU® Instructo





Kelly, Kason, Blake, Stacie, Mathew

Judging at the 2014 National Western Stock Show

Teacher. Mentor. Innovator. Three words that all describe this year's honored agriculturalist. He grew up near Grand Island, Nebraska, on a diversified crop and livestock farm where his family raised cattle and had a small farrow to finish operation. In addition to helping with his family's operation, he had his own project raising sheep.

He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska

– Lincoln, a Masters at Michigan State University, and a Doctorate from South Dakota State University, where he would teach for 18 years. This year's honored agriculturalist is Kelly Bruns.

After earning his Masters degree in 1995, Kelly joined SDSU as an instructor for the Opportunities in Animal Science course and as a livestock judging coach while pursuing a Doctorate degree. He coached the judging team from 1995 – 2003. The 1995 team earned the title of Reserve National Champions and the 2003 team placed Third High Team at the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky. Kelly also coached the meat animal evaluation team from 1997 – 2005, where three teams earned the national champion title. The teams from 2001, 2004, and 2005 had individuals that placed first overall each year in addition to several individuals placing in the top ten overall.

Today Kelly is a nationally recognized livestock judge for breeding cattle, market steers, and market lambs and has judged in 23 states as well as Canada and Mexico. He has judged at major shows including National Western Stock Show, North American International Livestock Exposition, American Royal, and the Houston Livestock

Show. Kelly has also served as the superintendent for the 4-H and FFA judging contests at the American Royal and assistant superintendent for the contest at NAILE. He oversaw the South Dakota feeder pig derby and created the Summer Spotlight show that is held in Huron, South Dakota, each summer.

After Dr. Dan Gee retired in 2001, Kelly became the instructor for Livestock Marketing and Evaluation and in 2003 Introduc-

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2015—Kelly Bruns, North Platte, NE

2014—Gilbert and Rosemary Mohrhauser Family. Hartford, SD

2013—Steve and Arloine Goodfellow, Bruce, SD

2012—Duane and Colleen Blare Family, Winner, SD

2011—Dr. Lowell Slyter, Brookings, SD

2010—Fred and Joan DeRouchey Family, Mitchell, SD

2009—Sharon Odegaard Family, Lake Preston, SD

2009—Sharun Queyaaru raniiy, Lake Freston, 3

2008—Edward and Gina VanderWal, Volga, SD

2007—Leonard and Violet Wulf, Morris, MN

2006—Dr. Roger Hunsley, Omaha, NE 2005—Mr. Darrell Anderson, Sherburn, MN

2004 Mr. John and Dolina Nagal Avon St

2004—Mr. John and Delina Nagel, Avon, SD

2003—Mr. Denny Everson, Yankton, SD

2002—Dr. Fred Cholik, Brookings, SD

2001—Mr. Jim Woster, Sioux Falls, SD

2000—Dr. Dan Gee, Brookings, SD

1999—Dr. William Costello, Brookings, SD

1998—Mr. W.C. McCone, Redfield, SD

1997—Mr. Chester Gullikson, Bath, SD

1996—Mr. Walter Schaefer, Sioux Falls, SD

1995—Mr. Howard Hillman, Canova, SD

1994—Mr. Darwin G. Britzman, Sioux Falls, SD

1993—Mr. Robert Duxbury, Wessington, SD

1992—Mr. Vern Fritz, Sioux Falls, SD

1991—Mr. Leonard Fawcett, Ree Heights, SD

1990—Mr. Walter Bones, Parker, SD Mrs. Barbara Law, Yankton, SD

1989—Mr. Gordon Brockmueller, Freeman, SD

1988—Mr. Russell Wirt, Parker, SD

Mrs. Eleanor Krokosh, Ipswich, SD

1987—Mr. Mark Keffeler, Sturgis, SD
Mrs. Lucille Rooke, Watertown, S

Mrs. Lucille Ronke, Watertown, SD

1986—Mr. John W. Curry, Elk Point, SD Mrs. Margie Esmay, Murdo, SD

1985—Mr. Martin Jorgensen, Winner, SD Mrs. Gene Christie, Brookings, SD

1984—Mr. Carl Ham, Pennington County, SD

Mrs. Ethel Christiansen, Yankton, SD 1983—Mr. Forrest (Shorty) Ireland, Belvidere, SD

Mrs. Kay Snyder, Piedmont, SD 1982—Mr. Bernard Beastrom, Pierre, SD

1982—Mr. Bernard Beastrom, Pierre, SD Mrs. Emily Jennings, Spearfish

1981—Mr. Gordon Quinn, Timber Lake, SD Mrs. Chrys Daniel, Wentworth, SD

1980—Mr. Pat Gant, Geddes, SD

Mrs. Florine Glaus, Chamberlain, SD

and Nationally Reconized Livestock Judge



Teaching Feedlot Management Class

tion to Animal Science. During his 18 years at SDSU, he taught 7,094 students in 12 different classes, including a feedlot management course that he developed. Kelly was also an academic advisor for 18 years and advised 700 undergraduate students in Animal Science, General Agriculture, and General Studies.

He made a point of getting to know his students by name, what type of operation they came from, and the species they were interested in. Students knew they could stop by Kelly's office if they had questions about figuring out a yield grade, creating a breakeven analysis, or just to talk about how to improve their home operations.

"I had the opportunity to work with students who not only grew up on very progressive livestock operations, but they always made an impact in the industry right after graduation," he says. "SDSU has some of the best cattle, sheep, and hog breeders in the nation in close proximity that the campus can interact with. I don't know if there is a better location throughout the country for students to interact with progressive purebred breeders in multiple species."

Kelly has been granted several teaching awards including SDSU College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences "Teacher of the Year", 2004; Midwest Animal Science "Young Teacher Award", 2007; and North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, Teaching Award of Merit, 2012. Although awards speak for themselves, the true impact Kelly has left is evident in the lives of those he has taught that are now leading the agriculture industry.

In addition to teaching and advising, Kelly conducted research that focused on the effect of management practices on meat quality while at SDSU. The use of differing potency of implants, manipulation of dietary calcium, and castration time, have all been evaluated for treatment affects of production, carcass,

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AGRICULTURALIST, HOMEMAKER

1979—Mr. Ervin Dobberstein, Baltic, SD Mrs. Mildred Acheson, Chester, SD

1978—Mr. Warren Wright, Brandon, SD Mrs. Grace Sanderson, Aurora

1977—Mr. Wendell Leafstedt, Alcester, SD Mrs. Dorothy Littau, Winner, SD

1976—Mr. John Glaus, Chamberlain, SD Mrs. Anna Mae Tesch, Watertown, SD

1975—Dr. H.M. Briggs, Brookings, SD
Mrs. Alvida Sorenson, Brookings, SD

1974—Mr. Clarence Hillman, Canova, SD

1974—Mr. Clarence Hillman, Canova, SD Mrs. Alyce Kettering, Mellette, SD

1973—Mr. Rodney Larson, Fruitdale, SD Mrs. Clarence Levins, Brandt, SD

1972—Mr. Walter Taylor, Pennington County, SD Mrs. Martin Muchow, Sioux Falls, SD

1971—Mr. Don Jorgensen, Ideal, SD Mrs. William Kirsch, White River, SD

1970—Mr. L.L. Zeller, Vermillion, SD Mrs. Laurence Stuck, Mellette, SD

1969—Mr. Clark J. Lamport, Britton, SD Mrs. Lillian Tomberg, Beresford, SD

1968—Mr. Leonard Dailey, Jefferson, SD Mrs. Lillian Dahl, Clear Lake, SD

1967—Mr. John Gauger, Clear Lake, SD Mrs. Edith May Garrett, Pierre, SD

1966—Mr. Harry Blair, Sturgis, SD Mrs. Robert Knickrehm, Verdon, SD

1965—Mr. Pete Ginsbach, Dell Rapids, SD Mrs. Warren Wright, Brandon, SD

1964—Mr. Allen Sperry, Bath, SD Mrs. Joe Biever, Oelrichs, SD

1963—Mr. Harry Gustafson, Brandt, SD Mrs. Marvin Twombley, Vale, SD

1962—Mr. Jay Welch, Mitchell, SD Mrs. Howard Hansen, Pierre, SD

1961—Mr. Walter Feind, Hazel, SD Mrs. Adolf Larson, Bath, SD

1960—Mr. Hugh Faulkner, Faulkton, SD Mrs. Charles Newcomb, Rowena, SD 1959—Mr. Nick Fox, Watertown, SD

Mrs. Orville Blocker, Webster, SD 1958—Mr. Justin Mortvedt, Dell Rapids, SD

Mrs. Charles Reid, Nisland, SD 1957—Mr. Fred G. Hoscher, Faulkton, SD

Mrs. Alvin Kausuke, Milbank, SD 1956—Mr. Ted Larson, Pierre, SD Mrs. Percy Copeland, Kennebec, SD 1955—Mr. Emil Rezac, Tabor, SD Mrs. Earl Lambert, Fedora, SD

1954—Mr. Art Thelin, Sioux Falls, SD Mrs. R.H. Gardner, Madison, SD

1953—Mr. Jim Magness, Miller, SD Mrs. Cyrus Heifner, Rosholt, SD

1952—Mr. A.B. Taylor, Pierre, SD Mrs. Louisa Sale, Montrose, SD

1951—Mr. Ernest Ham, Piedmont, SD Mrs. Bernice Smiley, Mt. Vernon, SD

1950—Mr. Sam Bober, Newell, SD Mrs. George Becker, Onida, SD

1949—Mr. Wilbur Bryant, Canton, SD 1948—Mr. Enos Blair, Sturgis, SD

Mrs. Lorenz Lippert, Crow Agency, MT

1947—Mr. Henry N. Dyvig, Humboldt, SD 1946—Mr. John Hartman, Humboldt, SD

1946—Mr. John Hartman, Humboldt, SD 1945—No show because of World War II

1944— No show because of World War II

1943—Mr. C.B. Newcomb, Madison, SD 1942—Mr. Thad Oviatt, Huron, SD

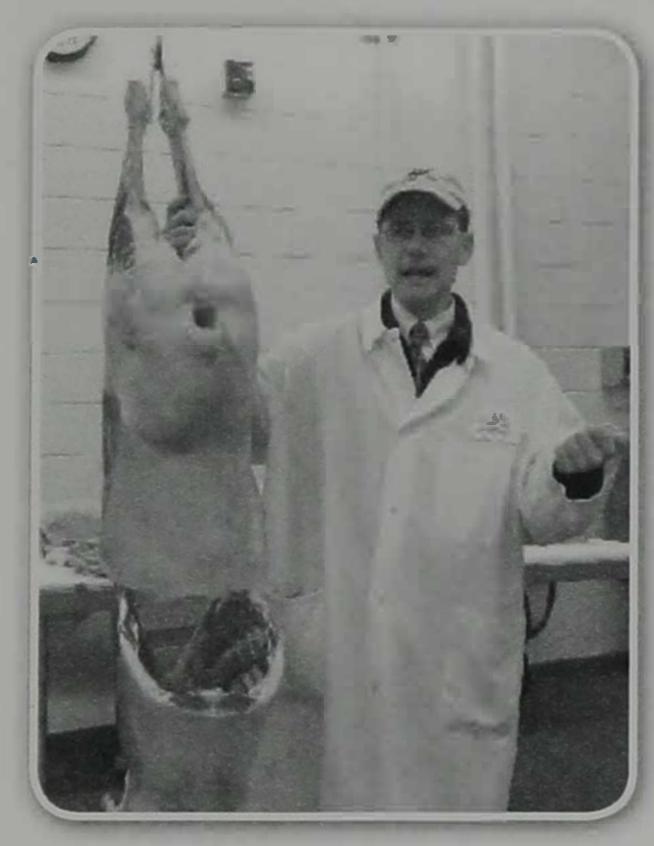
1942—Mr. Albert Hill, Alexandria, SD

1940—Mr. Charles S. Blackman, Watertown, SD

1939—Mr. H.G. Skinner (In memory of), Brookings, SD

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Honored Agriculturalist—Kelly Bruns





Teaching in AS101

Working with producers in Ethiopia

and meat sensory characteristics. He has authored 50 research reports and abstracts.

This agriculturalist has visited three different countries in three years, sharing his knowledge of livestock management and feed-stuffs utilization. He was invited to Australia in 2011 to conduct a series of workshops regarding feedlot management with a focus on the utilization of growth promoting in Queensland and New South Wales. While he was there, he conducted site visits and spoke with producers one on one concerning their production practices. In 2012, Kelly was selected to travel to Russia to promote beef production to Russian cattle producers. A volunteer assignment with Winrock International for a USAID Farmer to Farmer program led him to Ethiopia in 2013. Here, site visits to producers' farms to assess management practices and utilization of feedstuffs were conducted along with developing

curriculum for over 100 producers in the area of sheep management.

In 2013, Kelly accepted a position as Associate Director of the West Central Research and Extension Center with the University of Nebraska. He assists in the day to day management of all research and extension activities at the facility. The center is responsible for the oversight of 16,500 acres of research farms and grazing lands, including the Center at North Platte, the Water Research Lab at Brule, the Gudmundsen Sandhills Research Station, and the Stumpf International Wheat Center, where II faculty specialists and a support staff of 24 conduct research. Kelly is responsible for the oversight of 34 extension educators within a 24 county area who conduct extension programs in Central and Western Nebraska. His extension program focuses on beef cattle management with an emphasis on efficiency and marketing.

Kelly, and his wife Stacie (Bjornson), who is a SDSU graduate (BS 99' and MS 02') from Madison MN and past Little I staff member plus their three boys, Blake (12), Matt (10), and Kason

(8), were always seen assisting at various events and judging contests at the Animal Science Arena or across the state. The family has a small flock of purebred Southdown sheep that the boys exhibit at Junior Nationals, Ak-Sar-Ben, and state fair shows. Kelly attributes all of his success to the many hours of assistance that Stacie has provided organizing events, preparing meals and scoring judging contests. They boys favorite place to be was in the Animal Science Arena where they were always anxious to help. Kelly's advice for students is to make connections with professors to gain hands on experience in research and out-reach activities to further your education outside of the classroom. The connections that you make on campus will be beneficial whether you are returning to your home operation or pursuing

a career. Kelly and his family are grateful to the Little I Staff for

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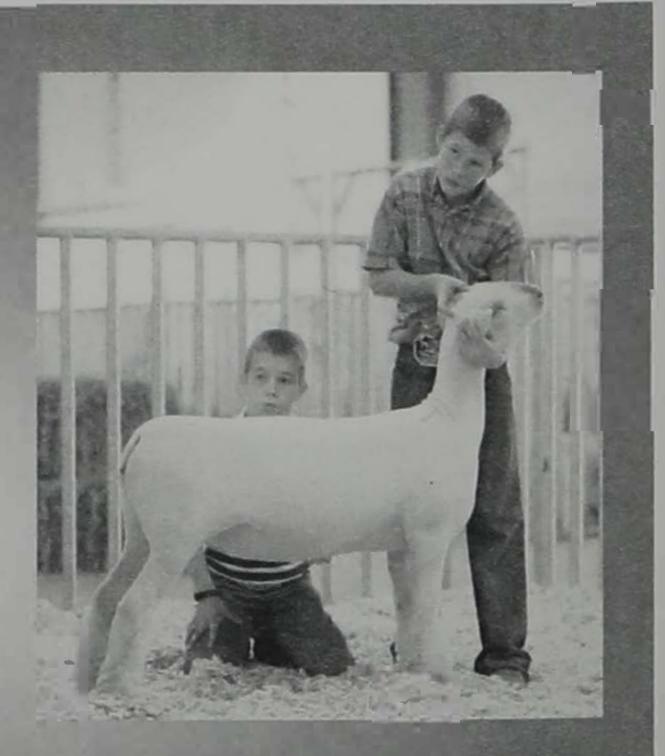
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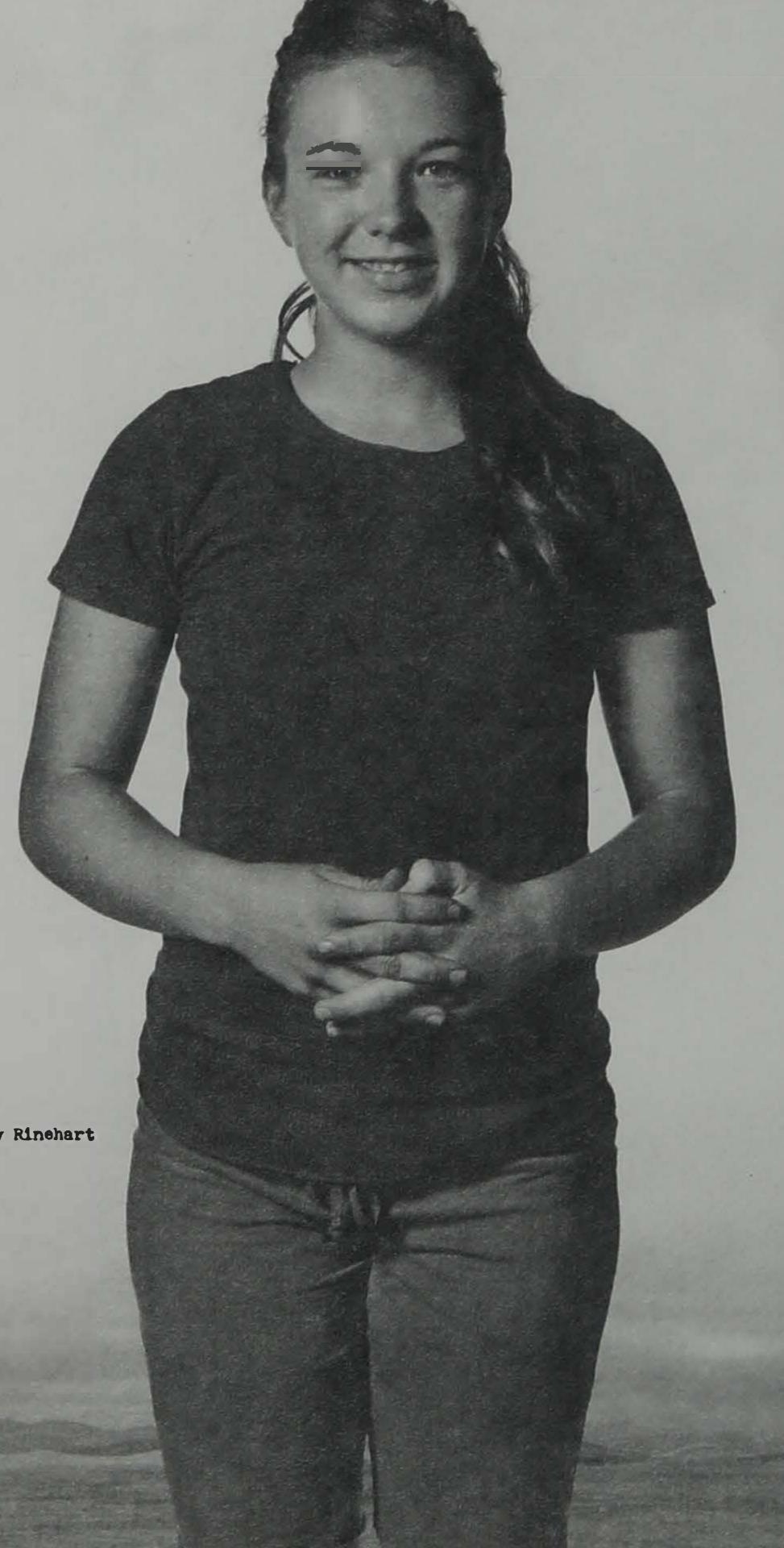
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SPECIES EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

LAMB LEAD:

During the actual event competitors are responsible for a personal interview, garment and blanket construction, sheep fitting, and general appearance and poise. Before the show competitors are responsible for working with the animal and washing and fitting the animal. Along with garment and blanket construction for the lamb lead competition. Lamb Lead participants are responsible for writing a narrative that will be read during the evening of lamb lead and representing there club during Little International.

SWINE:

The participants of the swine show use a steering device of their choice, drive their animal to present it the best to the judge, and answer questions about the animal the judge may have. During the swine show, the participants are broken up into two groups experience and novice. Experience includes those that have shown a pig as a project for 4-H or FFA at least once. The novice show participants have never worked with a pig before, is the aspect of training it for a show environment.

Before the show the participants have two weeks to prepare the animal for the show ring. They are required to work with the animal at least once and they are also allowed to clip the hair on the pig. However, it is at their discretion of how much to work with their pig and whether to clip the animal or not.

Some duties that arise before is helping any novice showers find equipment and assist them with any training and clipping questions they may have. During the even keeping everyone organized and making sure that the experience are in the experience division, the novice in the novice division. After the event just making sure everything is cleaned up and the pigs are all happy and content.

BEEF:

Show day prep for beef cattle usually starts with an early morning of washing the calf and then blowing it dry. Followed by putting different types of sprays and oils into the hair to give it as much volume as possible. During the show Little "I" exhibitors show their beef cattle on the halter. They have usually spent many hours practicing leading and setting up their project in the time before Little "I." Exhibitors are given roughly a month to get their animal ready for the show. Things like breaking the animal to lead, washing, and clipping are all things that the exhibitors will accomplish before they walk in the ring with their bull or heifer. Their hard work and dedication is evident as many people spend months getting an animal ready to be shown. The exhibitors encounter many different experiences during their time showing for Little "I." They usually are braving the cold during the early part of the month to halter break their animal followed by time spent clipping and fitting for show day making their project look the best it can. They then get to take the time and wash the animal after the show to ensure they have all oils and adhesives out of the hair.

DAIRY:

Dairy showing requires the exhibitor to lead the animal on a halter around the arena at a proper and slow pace to allow the judge to see all of the animal's virtues. The exhibitor is to always to keep an eye on the animal and the judge and be ready to set the animal up within a moment's notice. Exhibitors want to hold the head up and keep the back as straight as possible, and move at a distance where the animal's rear foot lands on top of where the front foot previously just was.

Prior to the show, exhibitors are responsible for halter breaking their animal which can take anywhere from a few days to a couple weeks. Once the animal is comfortable walking with a halter, then exhibitors get into the minor and critical movements such as feet placement and responding to the judge's position in the ring. The exhibitor must also wash and remove any manure from the animals coat a prior to clipping the animal. Dairy is the opposite of beef, with the shorter the hair the better because it portrays the animal's sharpness and angularity. Clipping the topline can be one of the more difficult tasks because it such a critical detail to maintain a straight back while standing still and on the move.

Before the show, exhibitors will set their animal's topline by applying adhesives to the hair across the back to make them stay standing up. They also will fluff and make the tail hair puff outward as possible. Many exhibitors will take a baby wipe and clean the inside of their animal's ears for showmanship as well as spray a shine across the animal's sides to make her look sleek. Some exhibitors will feed beet pulp to help make the ribs and stomach "pop" giving her a larger frame look. While at the show, dairy exhibitors will wear white pants and a white shirt, but for Little "I" it is white shirt with black pants. After the show, exhibitors must wash the animal to remove any shine or adhesive applied.

HORSE:

For both the fitting and showmanship classes, the horses are shown "in hand", or led around the arena. The fitting class is judged based on how well groomed the horse is. Criteria include cleanliness, clipping, etc. The showmanship class is judged on how well the competitor can maneuver the horse through a pattern, grooming, and how both the horse and handler exhibit themselves.

Before the show, the competitor has three weeks to work with their horse and improve on different maneuvers, such as walking or trotting when signaled, backing straight, and pivoting. They are also responsible for grooming, clipping and bathing their horses.

The contestants are in charge of working and exercising their horse, as well as cleaning their horse's stalls, making sure that their horses have water when they are kept inside, daily grooming, clipping, bathing, and general last minute touch-ups before walking into the show ring.

SHEEP:

During the last two weeks the sheep showmanship contestants have been hard at work preparing their ewes for the Little "I" show. There are two sections of the sheep contest, fitting and showmanship. During the fitting contest exhibitors must fit their ewe with only hand clippers. They must "block" their ewe's wool and make her look smooth and refined. "Blocking" is essentially squaring the wool, and providing a flat level top for the animal. A good fit job usually takes several weeks to complete.

The second portion of the contest is showmanship. Contestants only have two weeks to halter break their ewes and make them show ready! During showmanship you must make sure your ewe is squared, her legs and feet spaced well apart and you have to do all this without using a halter. Halter breaking a sheep can take anywhere from a week to a month or more.

The ewes are provided by the SDSU Sheep Unit. The SDSU Hampshire flock was established in 1898, making it the oldest purebred Hampshire sheep flock in the United States. Additionally, in 2012 the flock was given the Hampshire Heritage award by the American Hampshire Sheep Association for having a continual registry for the past 100 plus years! These ewes are currently bred and will lamb in the spring. It is important that these ewes are kept in a low stress environment; therefore exhibitors are only in charge of halter breaking and fitting their lamb. The sheep unit's manager and employees feed, water, and bed down the ewes as well as monitor their health. This contest would not be possible without them.

GOATS:

The goats are already broke when purchased for use in Little "I" from the Sioux Falls Farm Show, but if the goats were not already broke, it would take the showman up to 4 weeks to normally break them.

The competitors are allowed to brace the animal, and they are also allowed to full-fit the goats for their competition. The goats are shown with a chain.

The competitor is responsible for clipping the goats full body from knee up, they are also responsible for keeping their animal clean. Clipping the goats can be difficult because the hair makes many people itch, but this has to be done before the show.

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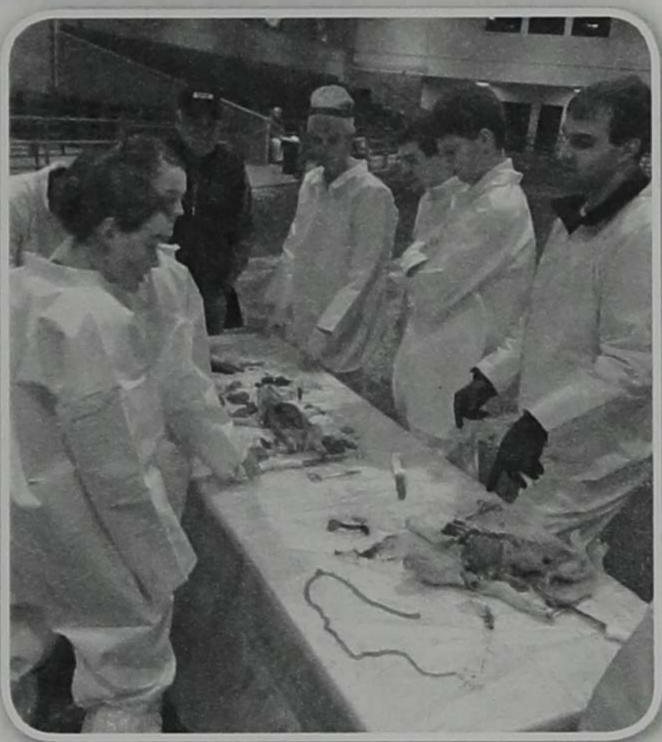
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SDSU Swine Club Keeps Busy with Trips & Volunteering







The SDSU Swine Club is an organization for students with a background or interest in the swine industry. The Swine Club is a very active club on campus with over 40 members. We provide various opportunities for club members to learn more about the industry by having speakers from allied industry members, trips and hands on activities, volunteering at activities sponsored by the South Dakota Pork Producers Council, and other promotional events.

The past year, specifically the past semester, was busy for the club. Members joined Dr. Thaler, Dean Dunn, and President Chicoine to promote the building of the new swine unit to the state legislature. In October, we volunteered and showed our support at the SDSU Swine Research and Education Facility groundbreaking ceremony. Also during October Pork Month, we promoted pork by helping serve a pork friendly meal at the Harvest Table. As a club, we toured the John Morrell facility in Sioux Falls. With the help of our advisor, Dr. Thaler, we were able to be the first university to show Farmland. Nearly 600 people saw the screening while a producer panel was available to answer questions about agriculture production and advocating. In addition, the Swine Club hosts a Necropsy Clinic and whole hog roast.

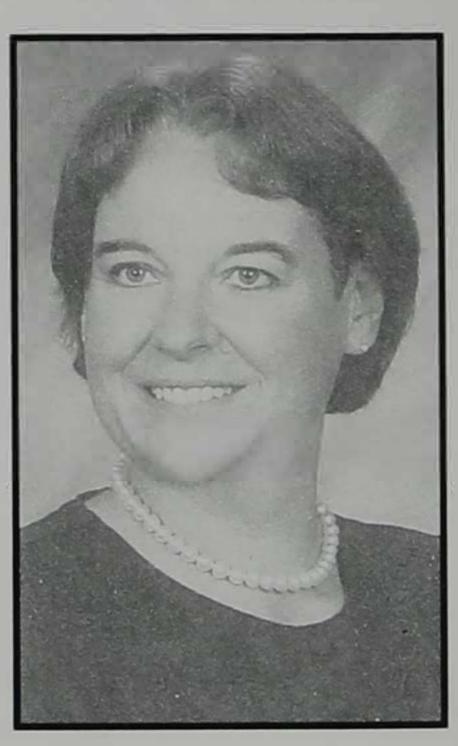
Swine Club is a great opportunity to learn more abut the industry, meet leaders in the industry, and meet students that share a common interest for the swine industry.

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SDSU Swine Education and Research Facility

New Facility to be Completed in 2016



In the ground breaking picture, l-r are Caitlyn Brandt (swine club Pres), Dean Barry Dunn, SD Sec of Ag Lucas Lentsch, Governor Dennis Daugaard, Dave Uttecht (SD Pork Producers), Pres David Chicoine.

South Dakota State University (SDSU) students will soon have an additional opportunity to gain hands-on swine production experience at a new state-of-the-art SDSU Swine Education and Research Facility. Currently under construction near Brookings, SD, the new facility will include an on-site classroom, sow farrowing and gestation rooms and additional areas for boar housing and semen collection, as well as providing the capability to study sow metabolism and physiology. An on-site wean-to-finish barn will support small-group nutrition research trials, and ag engineering research. An added off-site wean-to-finish facility will be set up to provide larger-pen production spaces to further improve student research and learning capabilities. Portions of the \$6 million facility will also be dedicated to intensive nutritional studies and will offer the capability for engineers to develop the next generation of finishing barns.

A raised glass observation area to will allow students and visitors a firsthand view of the breeding, gestation and farrowing rooms, all while maintaining the unit's biosecurity. This visitor-friendly feature will allow SDSU Extension and the Animal Science Department to continue efforts to educate members of the public about swine production practices.

During the October 2014 groundbreaking ceremony for the new Swine Education and Research Facility, Barry Dunn, Dean of the SDSU College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, told the crowd that the facility is a new beginning for teaching, research and outreach in the swine industry. "It represents a critical invest-

ment in the ag community," he said, "one that will educate and train many generations of swine producers in modern facilities with cutting-edge technologies."

In addition to Board of Regent and South Dakota Legislative support, construction of the Swine Education and Research Facility was made possible through contributions made by pork producers in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa, as well as the SD and MN soybean councils, the Hutterite colonies, and many allied industry partners.

Those present at the groundbreaking ceremony included South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch and SDSU President David Chicoine.



Swine Division

JEANNE JOHNSON Swine Show Judge

Jeanne Johnson is a 1999 SDSU graduate with degrees in Animal Science and Agricultural Business. While at SDSU, she served as Block and Bridle club president, was a four year Little I staff member, and was the 1997 Little I Round Robin Champion. Jeanne was also an active member of the Wool, Meats, and Livestock judging teams.



After several moves following graduation, Jeanne, her husband Mark, and their two boys Trevor and Tate, have called rural Centerville, South Dakota, their home since 2004. There, the Johnson's own and operate a registered Hereford and Angus operation. They also have a small show pig venture consisting of Yorkshire, Duroc, and crossbred sows. In addition to working on the farm, Jeanne also works part time for Westra Land and Auction Company located in Beresford, South Dakota.

2015 SWINE AWARDS Showmanship

Champion Swine Showmanship —Olsen Yorkshires LLC Reserve Swine Showmanship—Joel & Julene DeRouchey

2014 SWINE SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONS

Garrett Weber, Lake Benton, MN, Champion Calli Pritchard, Aurora, SD, Reserve Champion

2015	SWINE	
No.	Contestant	Home Town

375	Brent Krause	Clear Lake, SD
376	Danica Weber	Dousman, WI
377	Carson Glasnapp	Ringsted, IA
378	Megan DeRouchey	Hoven, SD
379	Carl Jacobson	Geneva, NE
380	Haley Olson	Kimball, SD
381	Allison Heine	. Vermillion, SD
382	Maddy Reed	Hartland, MN
383	Arthur Forst	Gibbon, MN
384	Carlie Jackson	Sanborn, MN
385	Paige Anderson	Jackson, MN
386	Kelsey Repenning	Mitchell, SD
387	Samantha Sleep	Spearfish, SD
388	Jacob Sorenson	Alden, MN
389	Connor Hoff:	Madison, SD
390	Kelsey Schaunaman	Aberdeen, SD
391	Lexi Schmidt	Schaller, IA
392	Sydney Sleep	Spearfish, SD

393	Kaitlyn Kline	Anamoose, ND
394	Zach Post	Lakefield, MN
395	Lorna Reimer	Conger, MN
396	Courtney Williamson	Glenville, MN
397	Laura Wentzel	Murdock, MN
398	Aaron Wetzel	.Franklin Grove, IL
399	Andy Scholtz	Comfrey, Mn
400	Tony Munsterteiger	Ogiline, MN

Swine Novice

2015 NOVICE SWINE AWARDS

Novice Showmanship

Champion Novice Swine Showmanship —Wright Stock Farm, Casey & Lora Wright Reserve Novice Swine Showmanship—Little "I" Staff

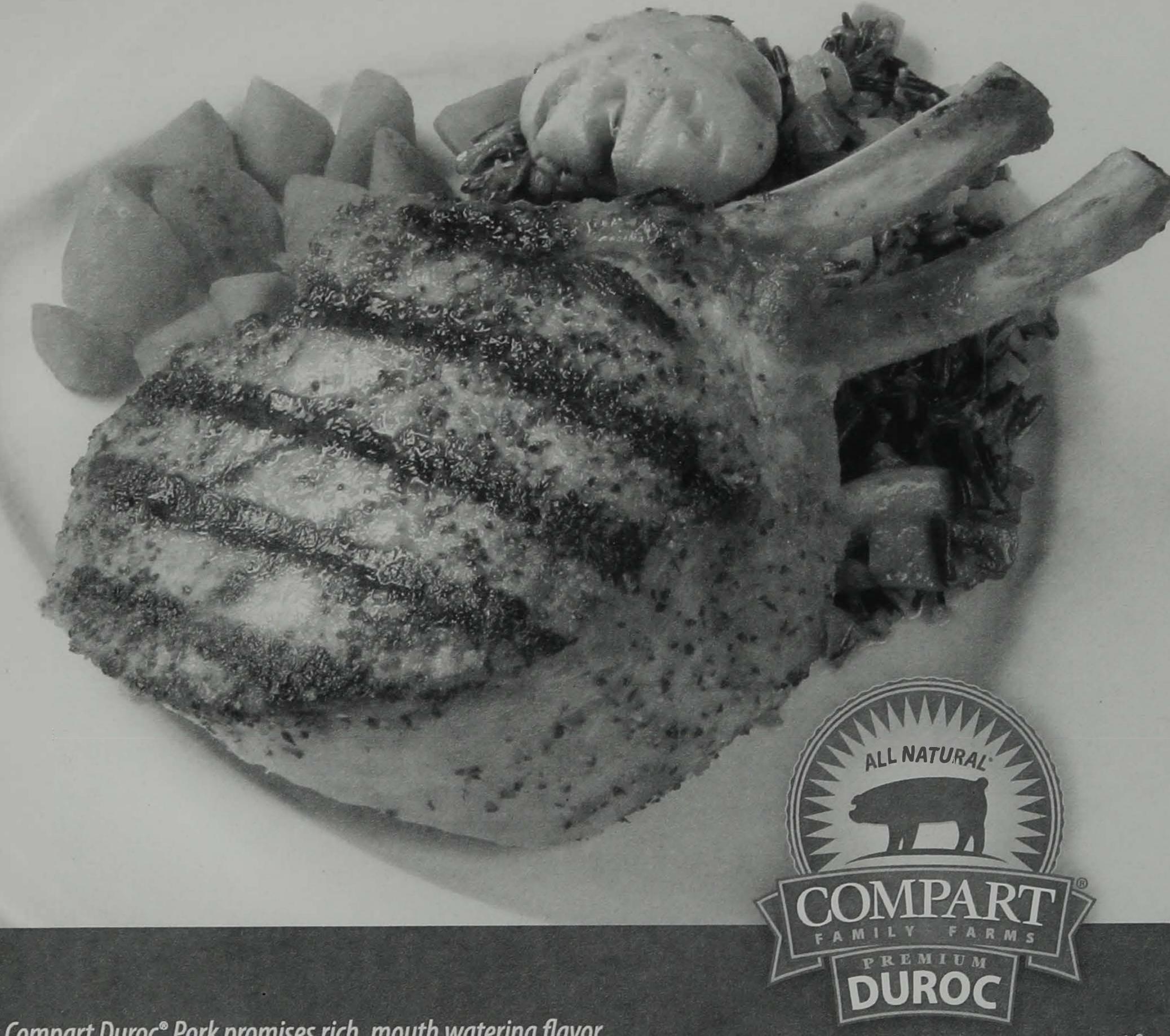
2014 NOVICE SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Theresa Claeys, Winnebago, MN, Champion Jared Brown, Peterson, MN, Reserve Champion

2015 NOVICE SWINE

No.	Contestant	Home Town
401	Brandon Weidert	Lismore, MN
402	Terrence Maeschen	Ethan, SD
403	Nathaniel Cacy	Omaha, NE
404	Baylee Scott	Garretson, SD
405	Sarah Post	Edgerton, MN
406	Carl Anderson	New Prague, MN
407	Nathan Howlett	Orange, TX
408	Cheyenne Leonhardt	Groton, SD
409	Katherine Newhouse	State Center, IA
410	Tom Harris	Plankinton, SD
411	Amanda Lage	Postville, IA
412	Kristin Schulz	Jackson, MN
413	Tyler Clayton	Farmington, MN
414	Philip Lorch	Ocheydan, IA
415	Grady Ruble	Albert Lea, MN
416	Shannon Duxbury	Wessington, SD
417	Cassie Scapanski	Sauk Rapids, MN
418	Madeline Schultz	Fairbault, MN
419	Cheyenne Edmundson	Garretson, SD
420	Sarah Mayes	Minneapolis, MN
421	Jenna Dockter	Milbank, SD
422	Logan Johnson	Rosholt, SD
423	Brianna Buseman	Canistota, SD
424	Maria Weber	
425	Hailey Ehlers	Jackson, MN

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SDSU Cow/Calf Unit and Teaching Center

Making Strides Toward New Facility



We continue to make strides toward a new facility to support efforts in cow-calf teaching, research and Extension. The new facilities will enhance the undergraduate student experience in the field of animal science, expand undergraduate, graduate and faculty research efforts, and improve outreach opportunities for workshops, field days and demonstrations. The design team has worked diligently with faculty and staff from SDSU to refine the plan and come up with facility that meets our needs, but does so in a fiscally responsible manner. Fundraising efforts are still in place to get us to our final budgetary goal. The Send a Cow to College program has provided producers with an opportunity to donate a cull cow, bull, or calf to the SDSU Foundation in support of the new facility. This program is still functioning and all of the auction markets in South Dakota are participating. If you are interested in sending a cow to college, please inquire with your auction barn when you deliver your cattle. They have been great supporters of the program and will be able to help you with the process. We also continue to meet with families and businesses to discuss opportunities for them to contribute to the project. If you are interested in making a donation to the new Cow-Calf Research and Education Unit, please contact Mike Barber at the SDSU Foundation (888-747-SDSU) or Dr. Cody Wright (605-688-5448).

The Cow/Calf Research and Education Unit will comprise 3 buildings. The main building will provide classrooms, offices, laboratories, animal handling, calving and other support areas. A "Bud Box" and associated low-stress animal handling methods will be utilized in the facility. Incorporation of a "Bud Box" system not only facilitates low-stress animal handling for the cattle, but in combination with other cattle handling facilities on or near campus, it will allow students and stakeholders to experience multiple types of handling facilities to determine their preferences. A second building will provide semi-enclosed feeding pens that can be used for any type of cattle ranging from cows

to feedlot cattle. These pens will be equipped with an Insentec feeding system, which allows for application of dietary treatments to individual animals and collection of individual feed and water intake. Animal nutrition trials can be conducted on fewer animals, which increases the efficiency and flexibility of the facility and the variety of research and teaching trials. This building will also include a shop area and a small-batch feed mixing system to allow for highly-accurate mixing of test diets to be used in the Insentec feeders. The third building will be a commodity feed storage facility designed to accommodate numerous types highmoisture and dry feeds.

This new facility will benefit more than 600 SDSU undergraduate students, 1,000 4-H and FFA students, research programs, Extension programs, and will improve opportunities for collaboration among university departments. Over the past 10 years, the Department of Animal Science has experienced tremendous growth in the number undergraduate and graduate students. Recently, a survey incoming students in Animal Science indicated that 87.1% of them have moderate or high interest in cow-calf production. Additionally, 50% indicated that they would like to return to the family farm or ranch. This facility will help them achieve the learning outcomes that students will need to be successful in their careers or in production at their home operations.

As in previous years, the SDSU Beef Seed Stock Merchandising class did an outstanding job of managing the 2014 Bull Sale. Sixteen Angus bulls averaged \$5,087.50 and 15 SimAngus bulls averaged \$4,053.33. This year's sale will be held on April 10th starting at 1pm with a lunch served prior to the sale. The sale will include Angus bulls sired by Connealy Imprint 8317, EXAR Combination 1750B, Hoover Dam, and PA Power Tool 9108. SimAngus sires include MR NLC Upgrade U8676, S D S In Force 112Y, TJ Sharper Image 809U, and TNT Finale W241. Hope to see you there!





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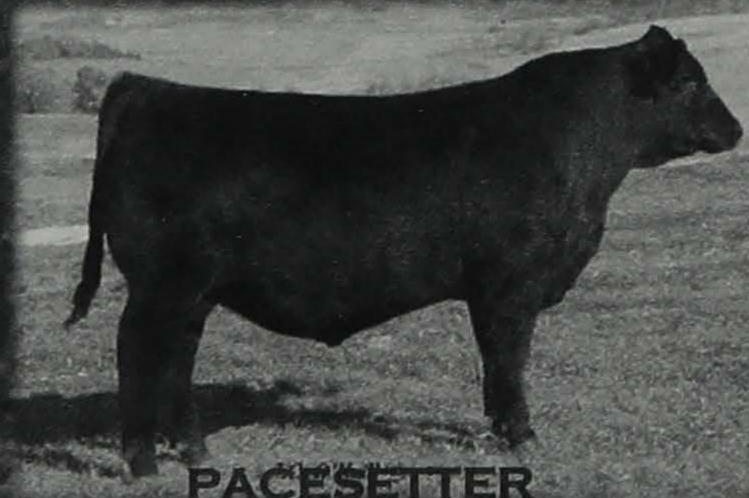
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NEWS RELEASE: Moving into New Tech Center

Prairie Aquatech Scaling Up Fish



Professor William Gibbons of the biology and microbiology department and Distinguished professor Michael Brown of the natural resource management department are converting plant-based proteins into commercial fish feed ingredients at Prairie Aquatech.

Two South Dakota State University researchers just got a little closer to their goal—marketing high-quality commercial fish feed ingredients made with plant-based proteins.

This fall Prairie Aquatech became the first tenant at the Agricultural Technology Center for Rural Enterprises, the 30,000-squarefoot, city-owned Brookings Research and Technology Center.

One part of the building will be used to convert feedstock, such as soybean meal and distillers' grains, into feed ingredients. Another part will be used to conduct fish nutrition research, while yet another will house analytical labs and office space.

Partnering for success

Professor William Gibbons of the biology and microbiology department and Distinguished professor Michael Brown of the natural resource management department developed the patent-pending microbial process that increases the protein content and digestibility of soybean meal. Brown, a fisheries expert, determines the percentage of soy product that can be used to replace expensive, marine-derived protein yet maintain a nutritionally balanced diet for the fish.

The collaborative work began in 2011 with a three-year grant from the South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council

and the United Soybean Board. Additional support came from the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and Sun Grant Initiative with equipment funding through the South Dakota Board of Regents and the Legislature.

In 2012, Gibbons and Brown worked with South Dakota Innovation Partners to start Prairie AquaTech. Work has also been done with dried distillers grain, a coproduct of the ethanol industry.

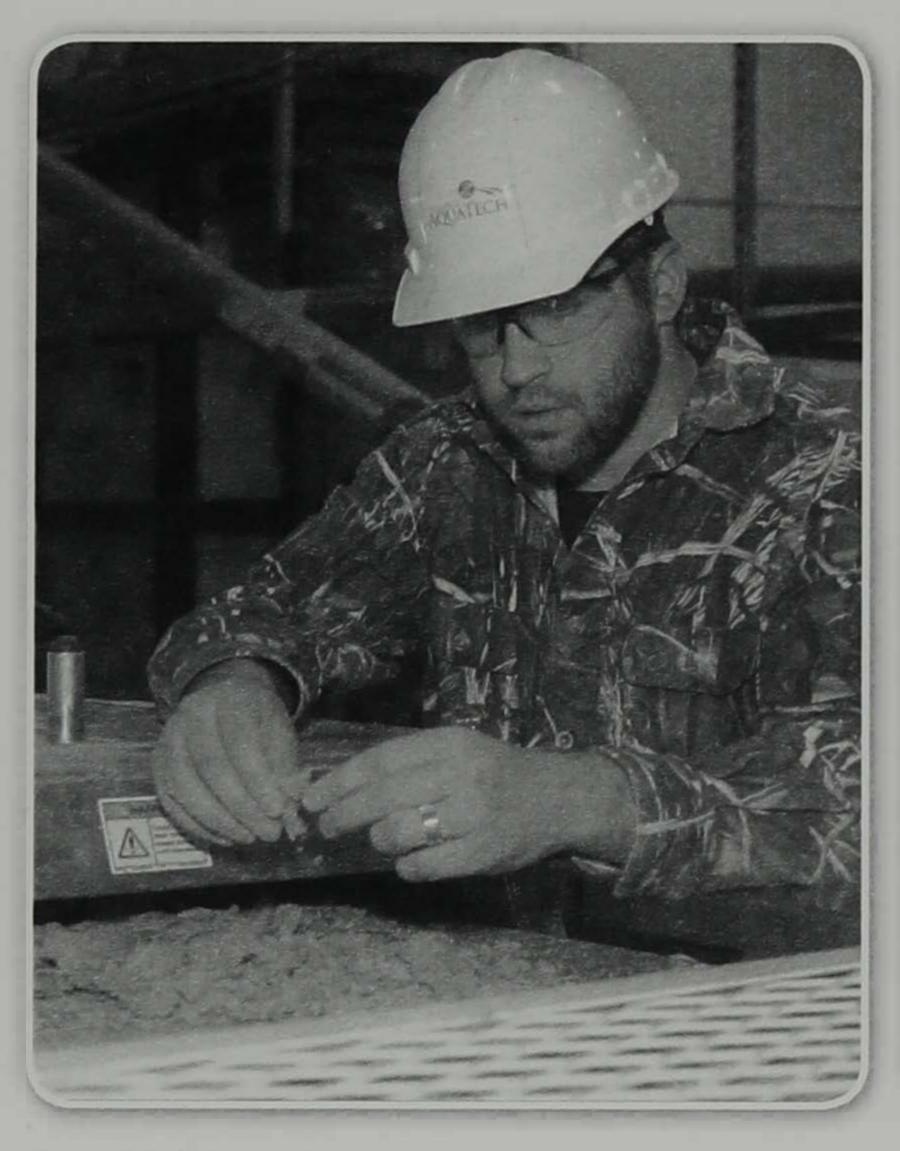
Assistant Vice President for Technology Transfer and Commercialization Will Aylor said typically university technologies are licensed to existing companies at base scale, which leaves a lot of questions unanswered. "It's like looking through a pinhole," he said, and further development expands that view.

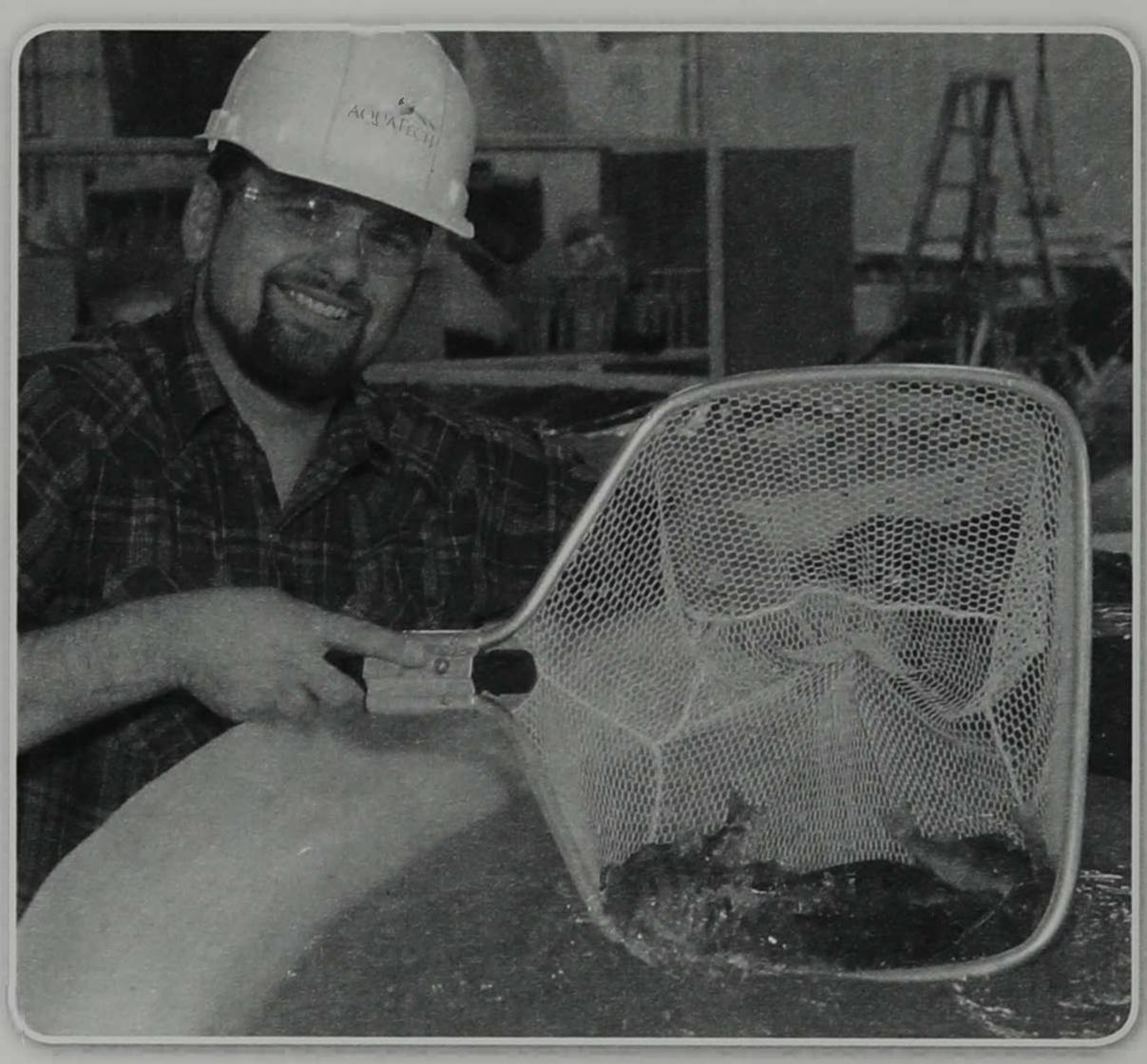
Scaling up the technology gives the researchers answers about size, cost and effectiveness, which add value, according to Aylor.

Testing process on larger scale

"We will be able to test our processing conditions at a larger scale, and under continuous or semi-continuous operating conditions that will simulate commercial scale production," Gibbons said. The feed ingredient production side includes a milling system, two 3,000-gallon processing tanks, a continuous flow centrifuge

Feed Production in Ag Tech Center





Pictured Left: Research microbiologist Michael Rinehart examines the fermented soybean meal as it comes out of the dryer. Pictured Right: Fish nutritionist Scott Sindelar examines yellow perch in a 1,000-gallon tank.

and a drying system to produce the plant-based protein.

Conversion processes often need to be modified as the scale increases, he explained, pointing to mass transfer issues and energy requirements, and even the effects of increased shear or turbulence on the microbes.

In addition, the microbes may perform differently when they are cultured for extended times, Gibbons pointed out. "We can't simulate this on the bench so we need the pilot-scale facility as a transition stage to allow us to then move to commercial-scale production."

Gibbons also hopes to expand his experiments to alternative oilseeds, such as canola, flax, crambe and Ethiopian mustard.

Expanding fish feeding trials

On the fish nutrition side, Brown can expand feeding trials to more fish species and increase the length of the trials. The new facility houses 120 30-gallon tanks in three systems, 36 50-gallon tanks in one system and 18 1,000-gallon tanks in two large systems, as well as 12 200-gallon tanks in three systems for digestibility trials and fish quarantine needs. These recirculating aquaculture systems have chillers and heat pumps to accommodate cold, cool and warm water species.

"The large systems will be used to test feed formulations by growing fish all the way to market size," Brown said. In a quality rearing environment and with optimum nutrition, many species can go from a small fingerling to market size in seven to 10 months.

Previous experiments focused primarily on yellow perch, rainbow trout and, to a lesser extent, tilapia. The pilot-scale facility will allow Brown to do more extensive feeding trials on trout and perch and to add hybrid striped bass and salmon.

Like traditional livestock, each fish species has different nutrient requirements, in terms of protein, amino acid and fat, Brown noted.

The number of species tested may also expand through independent feeding trials, with discussions underway for testing on high-value marine species such as yellow tail jack, red snapper and cobia. In addition, Brown and Gibbons visited freshwater and marine fish operations in China this summer to explore opportunities for feeding trials there.

In 2015, they anticipate building a small commercial-scale plant. When it comes to commercialization of university-developed technologies, Aylor said, "they are blazing a trail that others can follow."

Traveling to China—Spring 2014

This article was first published in part in the Summer edition of Growing South Dakota, a publication of the South Dakota State University College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences.

By Kindra Gordon

Several South Dakota State University students are going to have a very interesting answer to the question: "What did you do this summer?" Through their enrollment in the International Experience in Ag-Bio course (ABS 482/582), a group of 31 students, 4 faculty, and the ABS College Dean traveled to China in May, just a day after commencement.

Professor of Animal Science Bob Thaler and Assistant Professor Rebecca Bott have taught the course that culminates with a trip to China each spring for the past three years. It has attracted about 30 students each time, and for 2014, the SDSU student group was also accompanied by several SDSU faculty including College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences Dean Barry Dunn and Drs. Sharon Clay and Michael Gonda.

Cities visited included Beijing, Xi'an, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong. Agricultural visits range from a two-acre family farm to a 70-acre grass carp farm as well as visiting with the leadership of Pioneer Genetics in China to visiting the U.S. Agricultural Trade Officer at the U.S. Consulate.

Other stops feature a soybean crushing plant, a port tour, a John Deere plant, and beef, swine, and dairy farms. Cultural stops include the Great Wall, the Terra Cotta Warriors, Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, and "wet" markets selling meat, fish, vegetables, and fruit.

Students share that another highlight of the trip is the opportunity to spend an afternoon at China's premier agricultural university, China Agricultural University in Beijing where they had the opportunity to interact with their peers and see what college life in China is like.

During this trip students also toured equestrian facilities. "Several horse enthusiasts among the group were delighted to have the opportunity to tour the Beijing Equestrian Club," said Rebecca Bott, Assistant Professor & SDSU Extension Equine Specialist. "The Beijing Equestrian Club is simply amazing in that it is the home of more than 130 horses, show barns, schooling barns and provides enough arenas to host large-scale hunter/jumper and dressage competitions"

Throughout the tour of equestrian facilities, Bott said students were exposed to many differences between the horse industry and accessibility in the Upper Midwest and in China. For example, Bott said that although horses were fed four meals a day including hay and a grain mix, several horses in both the schooling and show barns were at a lower body condition than most of our horses back home. "Quality hay must be shipped over great distances to support horses and other livestock in China. In fact,



Above, students pose for a group photo with the Hong Kong skyline in the background.

some alfalfa is shipped from the U.S. to China to support livestock feeding programs," she said.

And, although numbers can get lost in translation, SDSU students were surprised at the cost to own and train horses in China. "We believe the cost of belonging to the Beijing Equestrian Club is approximately \$15,000 USD annually, and that training fees would be applied additionally. Far exceeding the spending capacity of most, this facility serves an elite group of competitive riders," she said.

By providing international opportunities for students, the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences aims to prepare the next generation to be active global citizens and knowledgeable participants in the global marketplace. The China study abroad class offers a spectacular opportunity for students to integrate course learning with hands- on observation and interaction. A fourth group of students will leave for China in May 2015. If you would like to be involved with the 2016 China trip, please contact Dr. Robert Thaler (Robert.Thaler@sdstate.edu) or Dr. Rebecca Bott (Rebecca.Bott@sdstate.edu).



Below, students are eating a "hot pot" dinner in Beijing, China.

South Dakota Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences Department



Pre-veterinary students from South Dakota State University admitted to Colleges of Veterinary Medicine in 2014

The South Dakota Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (ADRDL) within the SDSU Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences Department has served the citizens of the state and region with timely and accurate veterinary diagnostic services since 1887. A dedicated and experienced staff performs a full range of diagnostic testing services that arm veterinarians and health officials with the information they need to protect and improve animal and therefore, human health.

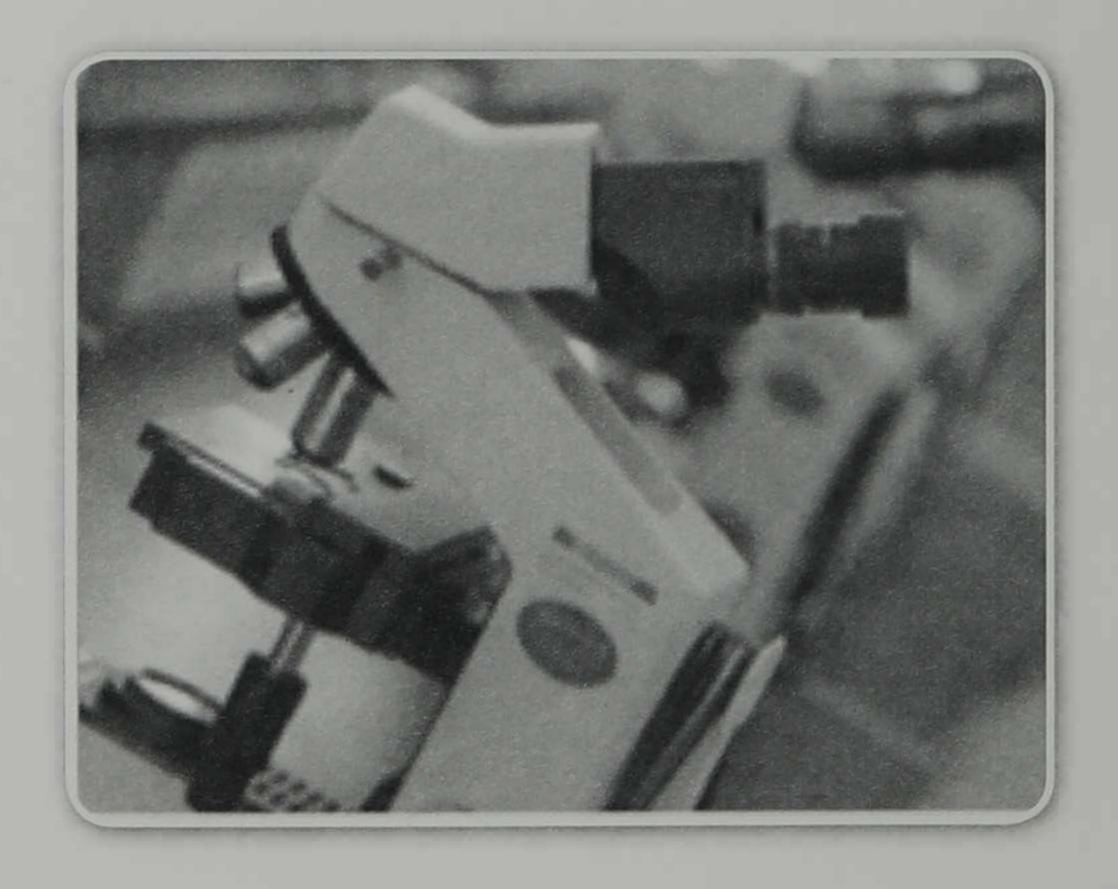
The staff of the ADRDL are nationally recognized for their skill in diagnosing key diseases of cattle, pigs, and other livestock. Additionally, the ADRDL supports veterinarians and caretakers of horses and companion animals, plays a vital role in identifying zoonotic diseases such as rabies, and helps to keep our food supply safe by testing food products for bacteria that may cause food-borne illness.

The ADRDL is one of fewer than 40 veterinary diagnostic laboratories accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD). In addition, the lab is an integral member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), a network of diagnostic laboratories across the US that help detect nationally significant animal diseases such as influenza and Foot & Mouth Disease. Expertise in detecting agents of food-borne illness is important in the ADRDL's role as a regional laboratory for the Food Emergency Response Network (FERN).

Recent research and diagnostics from this department include developing and performing new tests for detection

and control of porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDv) http://nationalhogfarmer.com/health/south-dakota-helps-fight-pedv and swine deltacoronavirus as described in 2013 and December 15, 2014 issues of The National Hog Farmer ("Rapid Detection of Coronavirus Vital").

The laboratory is within the SDSU Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences Department and also takes an active role in teaching and advising pre-veterinary students.



Beef Division

ADAM NIELSON Beef Show Judge

Adam Nielson is from Arlington, SD, where he lives with his wife Michelle and children Greyson, and Palmer. The Nielson family operates ROM'N Limousin and Club Calves. The operation consists of 200 purebred Limousin cows and 50 club calf cows.



They hold an annual production sale each spring where they sell bulls to both seed stock and commercial producers. They also hold an online female sale each fall around Halloween and a pasture sale in September. Along with the cows, they also farm roughly 1000 acres. While at SDSU, Adam showed in Little "I" for two years and competed in various judging contests. Along with being a participant in Little "I," Adam has also served as a judge. We are happy to welcome him back to Little "I."

2015 BEEF AWARDS

Showmanship

Champion Beef Showmanship—Beef Bucks Inc. Reserve Beef Showmanship—Beef Bucks Inc.

Bull Fitting

Champion Bull Fitting—SDSU Little "I"

Reserve Bull Fitting—SDSU Little "I"

Heifer Fitting

Champion Heifer Fitting—VanderWal Livestock — Reserve Heifer Fitting—SDSU Little "I"

2014 BEEF SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONS Kelsey Reppening, Mitchell, SD, Champion Kelly Morrison, Belle Plaine, MN, Reserve Champion

2014 BEEF FITTING CHAMPIONS

Bull Fitting

Kelsey Repenning, Mitchell, SD, Champion Jared Radcliffe, Weston, WI, Reserve Champion

2015 BEEF HEIFERS

Vo.	Contestant	Home Town
329	Christian Lewis	Frankfort, SD
330	Courtnie Smith	Yutan, NE
331	Brady Wulf	Starbuck, MN
332	Hunter Klontz	Jackson, MN
333	Sydney Schellpeper	Stanton, NE
334	Janet Van De Stroet	Fairview, SD
335	Wyatt Hespe	Okaton, SD
336	Hannah Kidd	Lennox, SD
337	Rob Foiles	Raymond, SD
338	Brian VanDeStroet	Canton, SD
339	Tara Parmely	Miller, SD
340	Bailey Willman	Wessington Springs, SD
34I	Austin Bower	Vivian, SD
342	Penny Speich	Beresford, SD
343Ka	dem Huber	Timber Lake, SD
BULL	_S	
No.	Contestant	Home Town
314	Lindsey Loerzel	Richville, MN
315	Blaine Geppert	Fort Pierre, SD
316	Kelly Morrison	Belle Plaine, MN
317	Dallis VanderWal	Comfrey, MN
318	Emily Scholtz	Volga, SD
319	Mackenzie Streich	Marietta, MN
320	Amanda Buus	Lennox, SD
32I	Colin Geppert	Kimball, SD
322	Colin Lyndorff	
323	Sara Glisczinski	New Prague, MN
324	Kendrah Schafer	Goodhue, MN
325	Eric Tesch	Goodwin, SD
326	Joey Yetzer	Waconia, SD
327	Joshua Stangeland	Pipestone, MN
328	Bailey McKay	Marysville, KS

BEEF NOVICE

2014 NOVICE BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Jessica Albrecht, Fairfax, MN, Champion Katelyn Stark, Sanborn, MN, Researve Champion

2015 NOVICE BEEF AWARDS Novice Showmanship

Champion Novice Beef Showmanship
—Wright Stock Farm, Casey & Lora Wright
Reserve Novice Beef Showmanship
—Travis & Crystal Reith

SDSU Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team

Another Year Has Come and Gone

The 2014 team consisting of Matt Purferrst, Jerad Brown, Laura Schoneman, Kate Anderson, Theresa Claeys, Evan Koep, Dusty Compart, John Weber, Zachary Post, Brandi Raatz, and Dakota Thomas started off the fall finishing 7th at National Barrow Show. During the fall the team placed 7th at Wichita, 10th at Butler, 4th at Aksarben, 10th at Tulsa, 12th at American Royal, and finished 8th in Louisville.

This year a weekly study session was required. Academics are very important and the study sessions gave the team members time to catch up or keep up on classwork. In 2014, the team kept their average GPA above the Animal Science Department's average GPA.

Aside from judging, the team worked hard on recruiting efforts. We were able to host a group of Connors State students for a weekend. They were able to tour the SDSU Campus, help with our mock contest, and spend time with the team. A trip was also made to Casper, WY, to visit Casper Community College. After a rundown of the judging program here at State, a couple of the judging team members presented the various opportunities and events SDSU has to offer. We are excited to see

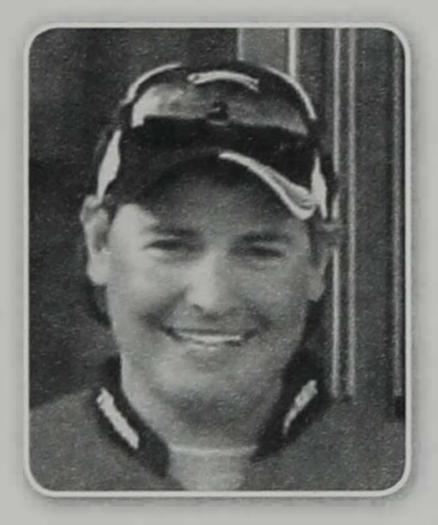
what the recruits will bring to SDSU in the next couple of years!

We would like to thank the SDSU Animal Science Department for their support and assistance throughout the year and our professors for understanding the rigorous travel schedule that causes class absences. We certainly cannot forget to extend our many thanks to the SDSU Alumni who have helped prepare for contests, the families who held workouts and cooked meals, and lastly our families and friends who have encouraged us along the way. This year could not have happened without everyone, we greatly appreciate it!



Livestock Judging Team Members and Friends Remember Brent Jay Beitelspacher

April 28, 1976-April 27, 2014



Last April, South Dakota State University (SDSU) alumni lost a fellow livestock judging team member and friend when Brent Beitelspacher died in a tragic airplane accident south of Highmore.

Brent was a native of Bowdle, S.D., and was a 1998 SDSU animal science graduate. He was the son of Carla and Leroy Beitelspacher and he and his wife Nicole had one son, Cade and a daughter, Alana. During

Brent's college career, he competed on the 1997 livestock judging team. Brent and his team had a successful senior season as the team placed 5th overall in Kansas City at the American Royal as well as earned 2nd place honors in sheep and 7th place in cattle. The team won the Northwest Meat Animal Evaluation Contest (MEAC) in Laramie, Wyo., and Brent was the second overall individual in that contest. The team went onto a third place overall finish at the United Meat Animal Evaluation Contest in St. Joseph, Mo.

After college, Brent put his animal science degree and passion for the livestock industry to work. He owned and operated Gettysburg Livestock for several years and at the time of his death, was an animal nutrition consultant for Northern Plains Cooperative in South Dakota. He was involved with all aspects of his families farming and livestock operation and purchased livestock for club calf and purebred breeders throughout the United States.

"Brent's enthusiasm for the cattle industry along with his high energy was a driving force behind the 1997 senior team as he took great pride in keeping his other team members motivated, and it in turn pushed them all to do their best," said Kelly Bruns, past SDSU livestock judging team coach.

It is because of this contagious energy and positive influence that Brent brought to the SDSU livestock judging program that has led his team members and friends to remember his legacy and establish the Brent Jay Beitelspacher team traveling fund. The 1997 senior team of five travelled countless miles together and the memories made all circle back to their late friend. As future SDSU judging teams look back on the miles they travelled, classes judged, sets of reasons given and points dropped, it is the hopes of Brent's team that they will look back on their judging experience and will first remember the lifelong relationships that were built that year in the judging van.

The Brent Beitelspacher team traveling fund will be awarded the next five years to the senior livestock judging team to assist with their travel expenses to the fall contests and work outs. Through this fund, Brent's passion and enthusiasm for the industry and it's people will carry on through future SDSU judging teams.

As the team of 1997 looks back on their judging experience we smile and each has a different Brent Beitelspacher story to tell. These memories and friendships are some of the BEST and it's relationships like these that make college careers so meaningful. Thank you Brent for igniting a spark in our team that we will never forget. Your memory is with us each day and we will always remember the miles we travelled in the judging van.

– 1997 team members and coach, Kelly Bruns, Nebraska; Mike Blume, South Dakota, John Schroeder, Nebraska; Rick Moe, South Dakota and Amy Cowan, Missouri.

SDSU Meat Lab: Best Meat in Town

Where can you find the best meat in town? At the SDSU Meat Lab, of course! The lab has facilities for animal harvest, carcass fabrication, sausage and cured meat processing meat smoking, and retail sales. Adam Rhody is the manager of the Meat Lab and overseen by Dr. Stacy Scramlin. He works in the lab with the help of undergraduate student workers. Don't be fooled though, these students really know what they are doing. Meat lab employees are always trying to improve the quality of fresh meat, assess beef to predict tenderness, and investigate alternative fabrication and processing techniques.

The Meat Lab is also home to meat science classes. Students in Introduction to Meat Judging, Livestock Evaluation and Marketing, Intro to Meat Science, and Value Added Meats all gain experience in the Meat Lab. These classes offer handson experiences in carcass evaluation, meats terminology, har-

vesting, and grading meat.

The Meat Lab offers beef steaks and roasts, pork chops and roasts, lamb chops and roasts, ground beef/pork/lamb, ham, bacon, bratwursts, smoked sausages, jerky, beef sticks, variety meats, and several cooked products.

Product availability varies depending on the time of semester and year. You can place an order Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. These orders can be picked up Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1 PM to 5 PM. Customers are also welcome to stop in during sale hours and employees can cut orders on the spot. However, there is no cutting after 4:30 PM.

The SDSU Meat Lab is located on the west end of the Animal Science Complex on the north end of campus. For more details, please contact Adam at 688-5925.

SDSU Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team

Team Consists of Seven Students

The South Dakota State Meat Judging team consists of seven students that came to South Dakota State from a variety of states. The 2015 team members include: Amanda Lage from Postville, Iowa; Becky Starkenburg from Deforest, WI;



Back row (left to right) Heather Rode(coach), Logan Johnson, and Ethan Groos, front row (left to right) Amanda Lage, Elen Skaar, Becky Starkenburg, and Maggie Kringen. Not pictured is Sarah Mayes.

Ethan Groos from Howard Lake, MN; Elen Skaar from Minneota, MN; Logan Johnson from Rosholt, SD; Sarah Mayes, Minneapolis, MN; and Maggie Kringen from Madison, SD.

They began preparation in the Fall of 2014 by enrolling in AS 200. There they learned the necessary tools needed to evaluate beef, pork, and lamb cuts and carcasses, specifications and how to defend their placings with written reasons. Students are asked to learn USDA quality and yield standards and apply those standards to exhibits. In the specifications division, students evaluate cuts for defects based off of industry standards for the particular cut.

Team members began the judging year by competing against numerous universities at the National Western Stock show in Denver, CO and will end their Meat Judging career at the International in Dakota City, NE, which serves as the National Championship contest, this fall. Throughout 2015 students will represent SDSU at the following contests: National Western Stock Show, Denver, CO; Southwestern, Fort Worth, TX; Iowa State Invitational, Ames, IA; Eastern National, Wyalusing, PA; American Royal, Omaha, NE; High Plains, Friona, TX; and the International, Dakota City, NE.

The team has already competed at the National Western and Southwestern contests, finishing 10th and 6th respectively. The team is coached by Heather Rode from Doss, Texas, a graduate student in Meat Science at SDSU.

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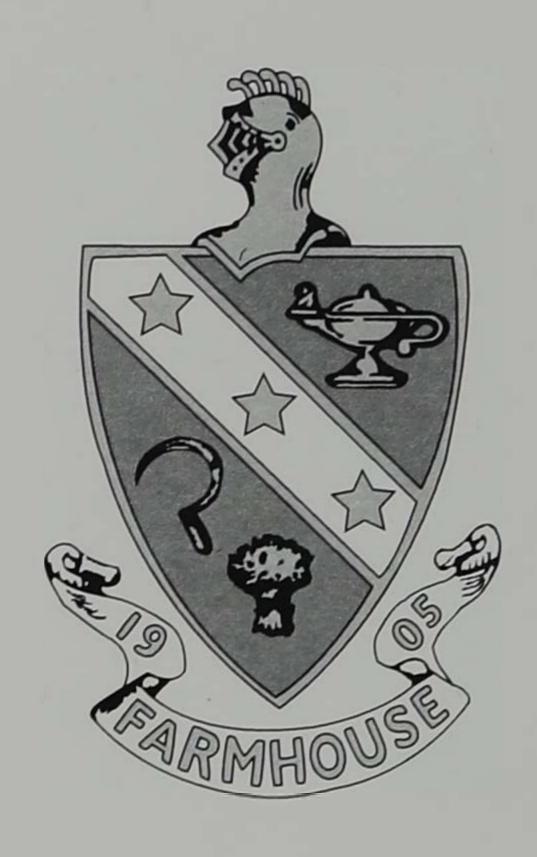
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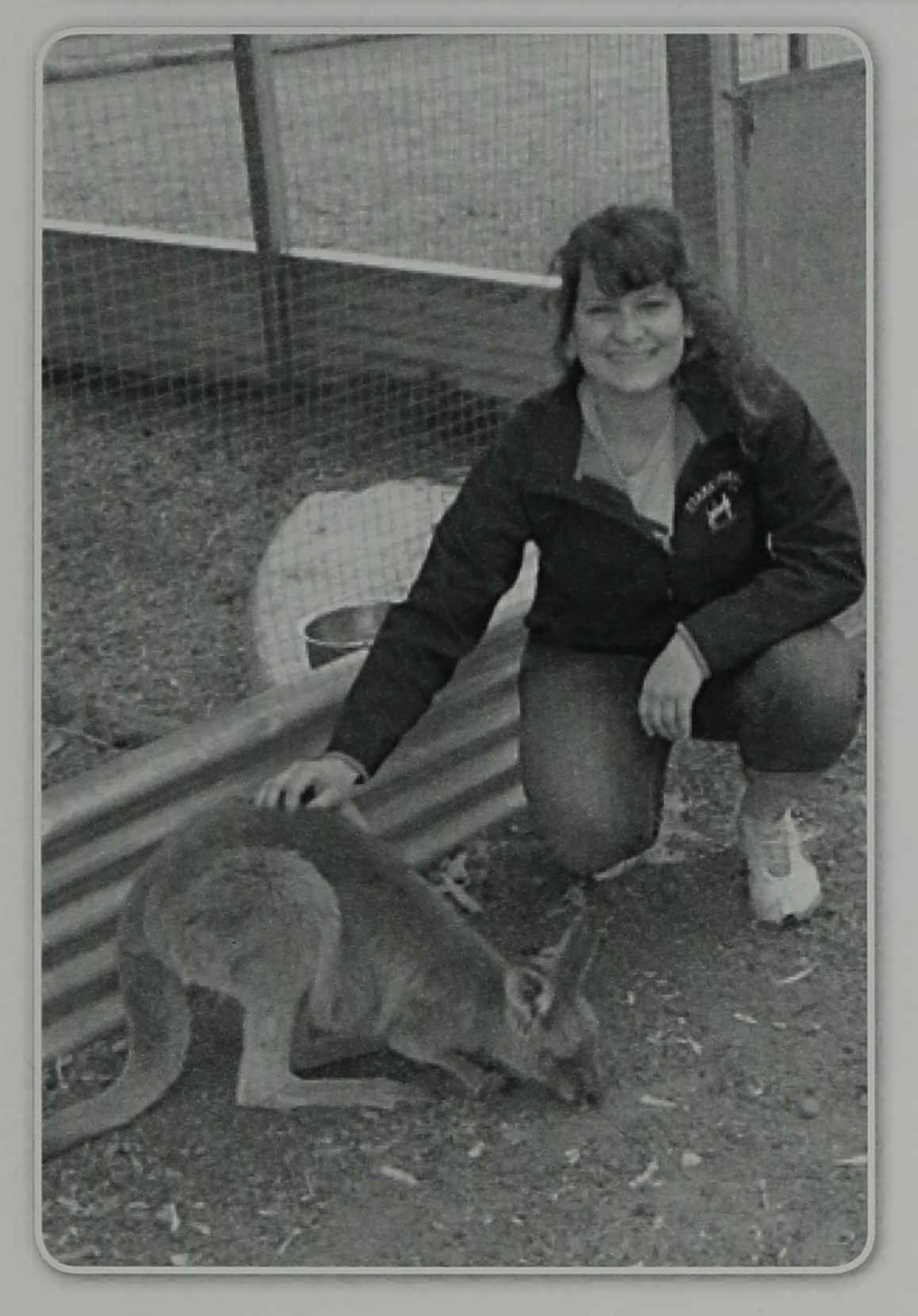






South Dakota State University





By: By: Julie Walker and Claire Andersen

"G'day mate" from the thirteen students who packed their bags to explore Australia in May of 2014. They were enrolled in of a two-week Faculty-led International Experience to learn about agricultural practices and issues facing producers and consumers with Australia. Additionally, students gained an appreciation for Australian culture and experience in travelling internationally.

Our tour took us along the eastern coast of Australia visiting cities such as Sydney, Canberra, Dalby, Armidale, Toowoomba and ending in Brisbane. We were able to observe various segments of agriculture first-hand; agriculture stops varied from Sydney's vegetables and flower markets to visiting an abattoir as well as seeing farming practices (Dairy, Beef, Sheep and Crop production). Our extensive look into Australia's agricultural industry allowed us to compare production practices, technologies, and land management techniques to those used in the United States. It also provided us with an opportunity to network with several Australia producers.

Australia (7,692 million km2) is about 80% of the size of the US (9,629 million km2) in land mass with a smaller population than the US (Australia = 22.5 million and USA = 316.1million). Although it's land mass is comparable to the United States, most of its land is in the Outback and thus not suitable for agricultural purposes. The majority of Australia's agricultural production and population is located along the coast.

Australian producers had been experiencing a drought in specific regions of Australia when we arrived in May of 2014. Since Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are opposite of the USA, thus it was Fall when we arrived. Livestock prices reflected the dry conditions and shortage of

International Tour—AUSTRALIA

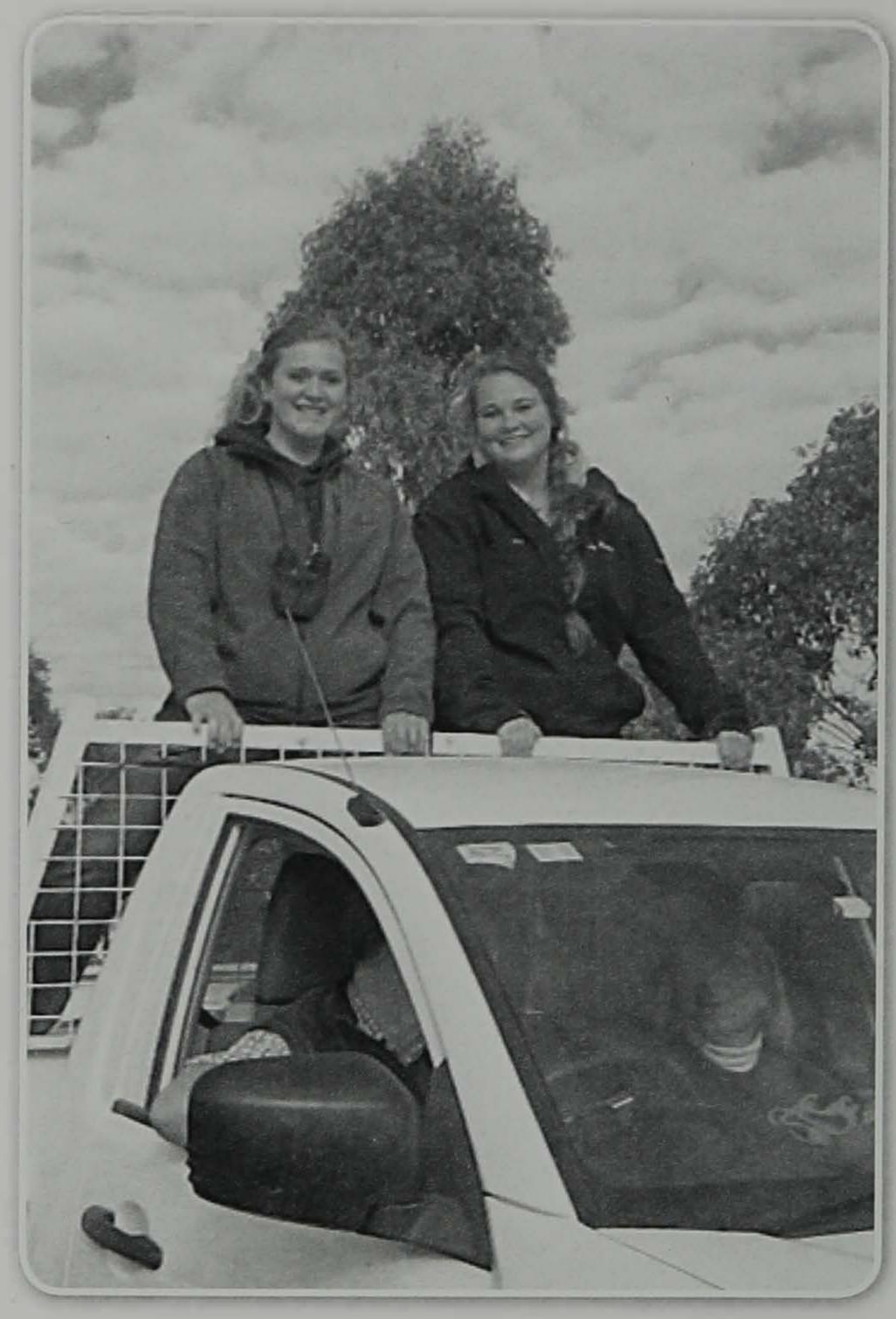


forage. We were able to visit the Dalby Sale Barn (Southeast region of Queensland) to see how their auctions function. Auction sales also work slightly different than in the U.S.: 1) people move to the cattle pens instead of cattle moving to the people, and 2) prices start high and move low and the first person who bids purchases the pen of cattle.

Interestingly, most large producers we visited on the trip had visited the USA, along with several other countries, to increase their agricultural knowledge and improve their production. They were also very up-to-date on international agriculture news such as prices in other countries, especially the United States, along with new technologies and production practices that are being applied elsewhere. These large producers are very technologically advanced and are continually looking to implement new ideas and improve their efficiency. Producers were very environmentally aware and tended toward practices that are efficient yet environmentally friendly.

A few tourism stops included: boat tour of the Sydney harbor, Opera house, Parliament house, and Bondi Beach. A highlight of this trip was seeing a Koala in the wild up close (within a few feet). According to the local producer we were with, seeing a koala this close was a first for him as well as the entire group.

The students appreciated the exotic animals, remarkable persons and the wonderful opportunities to learn about Australian agriculture and culture, however, it is always good to return home to see family, friends and, of course, US agriculture. If you wish to learn additional details about this trip, please visit our blog (http://sdsuaustralia2014.blogspot.com). A new group of students is eagerly anticipating exploring Australia in 2016. Cheerio, Hooroo or simply Goodbye.



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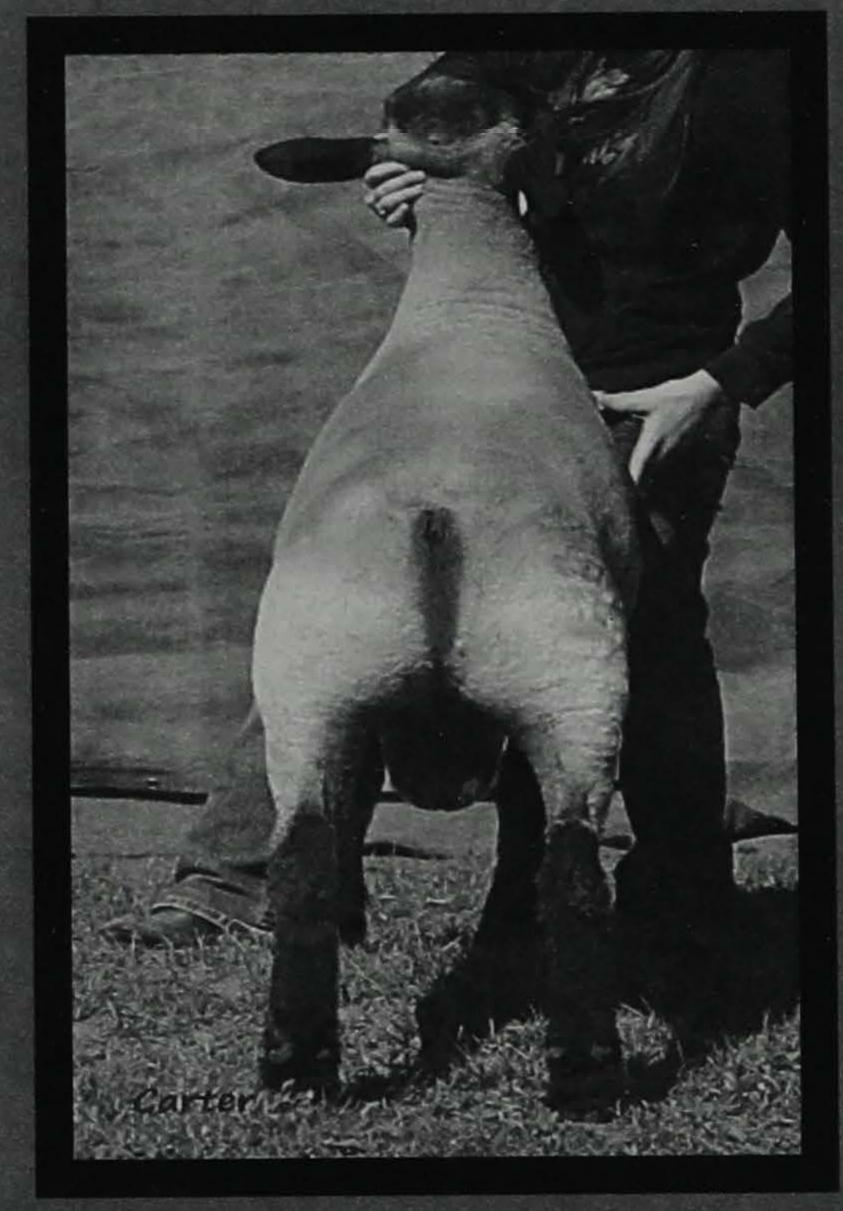
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Sheep Division

CHRIS CRIDER Sheep Judge

Chris Crider is from Arrowsmith, Illinois and works as an Ag and Commercial loan officer with First-Mid Illinois Bank and trust. Chris also farms part-time with his father and brother that include grain, hay, Angus cattle, and Columbia sheep. While at SDSU, Chris was involved in many facets of Little "I." He started as a machinery



sales assistant and worked his way up to a livestock coordinator and the executive committee. Chris also showed sheep and hogs, and considers Little "I" as the "Best group on campus."

2015 SHEEP AWARDS Showmanship

Champion Sheep Showmanship—Ray Weick Reserve Sheep Showmanship—Ray Weick

Fitting

Champion Sheep Fitting—Jeff & Mary Held Reserve Sheep Fitting—SDSU Little "I"

2014 SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONS

Jacob Englin, Bruce, SD, Champion Brady Miller, Bruce, SD, Reserve Champion

2014 SHEEP FITTING CHAMPIONS Mitchell Donkers, Fairbault, MN, Champion Brady Miller, Bruce, SD, Reserve Champion

2015 SHEEP

No.	Contestant	Home Town
276	Jacklyn Oelke	Barrett, MN
277	Becky Starkenburg	DeForest, WI
278	Caroline Scheffert	waseca, MN
279	Kylee Geppert	Mitchell, SD
280	Lacey Hanson	Owatonna, MN
281	Courtney Johnson	Huron, SD
282	Austin Schiefelbein	Kimball, MN
283	Benjamin Wagner	Primghar, IA
284	Dathan Smerchek	Rosholt, WI
285	Gabby Ryan	. New Prague, MN

Sheep Novice

2015 NOVICE SHEEP AWARDS

Novice Showmanship

Champion Novice Sheep Showmanship
—Wright Stock Farm, Casey & Lora Wright
Reserve Novice Sheep Showmanship—SDSU Little "I"

Novice Fitting

Champion Novice Sheep Fitting
—Comer Post Farm, Anne Crider
Reserve Novice Sheep Fitting—SDSU Little "I"

2014 NOVICE SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Tyler Jensen, Aurora, SD, Champion Brandon Weidert, Lismore, MN, Reserve Champion

2014 NOVICE SHEEP FITTING

Emma Christensen, Milbank, SD, Champion Sarah Post, Chandler, MN, Reserve Champion

2015 NOVICE SHEEP

No.	Contestant	Home Town
287	Anna Botzet	Buffalo, MN
288	Jessi Riediger	Lawton, IA
289	Lexi Slack	Viborg, SD
290	Kate Kullerd	Rapid City, SD
291	Crystal Demuth	Milroy, MN
292	Kaley Nolz	Mitchell, SD
293	Kamber Warne	Colton, SD
294	Daniel Summers	. Lake Preston, SD
295	Teresa Sandberg	. Taylors Falls, MN
296	Andy Kaskie	Canton, SD

Lamb Lead Division

SHELLY CLIFFORD Lamb Lead Judge

Shelly Clifford Libra is a Special Education Teacher in Fairmont, MN, but started out teaching high school Agriculture for 18 years. While teaching, she brought many FFA judging teams to Little "I." Shelly participated in Little "I" as an FFA member in high school and also was a participant during college where she represented the Ceres Women's Fratemity and the Agriculture



Education Club in Lamb Lead. She currently lives with her husband Mike Libra on an acreage outside of Buffalo Centre, IA.

2015 LAMB LEAD AWARDS

Champion Lamb Lead—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Lamb Lead—SDSU Little "I"

2014 LAMB LEAD CHAMPIONS

Ceres, Champion

FarmHouse, Reserve Champion

2015 LAMB LEAD

Contestant	Sponsor
Shane Mueller, Farmhouse	Garretson, SD
Sarah Lynd, Ceres Women's Frat	Des Moines, IA
Austin Carlson, AST & ABE Club	Garretson, SD
Katie Robinson, Sigma Alpha	Franklin, MN
Tyler Swan, Range Club	Newell, SD
Alis Golombeski, Chi Omega,	Estelline, SD
Brady Miller, AGR	Estelline, SD
Andrew Berg, Block and Bridle	Pipestone, MN
Wyatt Johnson, Student's Assoc	Midland, SD
Maggie Stiles, Dairy Club	Lakeville, MN

SDSU Sheep Unit

Strong National Reputation for Excellence in Sheep Education Programming



The SDSU Sheep Unit is located north of campus 1.5 miles on Medary Avenue. The main barn was constructed in 1992. Our flock is focused on two breeds, registered Hampshire and commercial Polypay ewes. The 120 head Hampshire flock was established in 1898, making it the oldest purebred Hampshire flock in the US. At the 2013 North American International Livestock Expo, we were awarded the Hampshire Heritage Award for breeding Hampshire sheep continuously for over 100 years! The 250 Polypay ewes are used for primarily research-based activities at SDSU.

Our production management goals include lambing 100 commercial ewes in the fall, 200 commercial and purebred ewes in January and February, and 75 replacement ewe lambs in May. The lambing periods usually run around 35 days long, but are shortened to 21 days for May. Fall lambing and CIDR research as well as development of co-product based feeding strategies are the main research focus at the Sheep Unit and provide excellent hands-on experience for undergraduate students in AS 477, Sheep Production and Management.

These facilities and livestock serve as teaching and research for students and faculty, and serve stakeholders in South Dakota and our neighboring states via extension programming. Animals from the unit are used in many undergraduate courses at SDSU including Introduction to Animal Science, Meats, Livestock Judging, Wool Judging, Livestock Evaluation and Marketing, and Sheep Production and Management classes. Sheep extension activities include the lambing time workshops, SDSU Shearing



School, Lamb Bonanza, Annual Replacement and Production Sales, Educational Programs, and Regional Brookings Sheep Forum.

Recent research projects conducted at this facility include:

- The effect of increasing the energy density of a lactating ewe diet by replacing grass hay with soybean hulls and dried distillers grains with soluble.
- The effects of increasing the dietary energy density by replacing grass hay with soybean hulls and dried distillers grains with soluble on nutrient digestibility and rumen physiology.
- Comparison of co-product based finishing diets vs. a traditional corn and SBM mixed diet on growth, feed efficiency, and carcass merit in finishing lambs.
- The effects of different levels of vitamin E supplementation during flushing and breeding on reproductive performance for a fall lambing regime.
- The effects of com stover in lamb finishing diets on grain efficiency.
- Evaluating the CIDR in sheep in a spring breeding system using a 6 or 12 d incursion regimen on ewe fertility and lambing performance.
- Validation of the supplement, Ovishield, in a newborn lambs when there are minimal amounts of colostrum is available.
- Evaluating pre-marketing and management practices of lambs in the upper Midwest to determine their effect on live body weight loss prior to slaughter.

Ms. Ann Kolthoff is the SDSU sheep unit manager with Dr. Jeff Held, SDSU State Extension Sheep Specialist serving as the faculty supervisor to coordinate research, teaching and extension activities. Currently there are 9 undergraduate students employed part-time at the unit they are involved in all aspects of teaching, research, and extension activities. These part-time student employees work closely with staff in this production system, and as a result gain valuable knowledge, skills and experiences that compliment classroom instruction.

Visitors are welcome at any time! For more information on the SDSU Sheep Program contact Ann at ann.kolthoff@sdstate.edu or Dr. Held at Jeffrey.Held@sdstate.edu

SDSU Intercollegiate Wool Judging

Team Places Fifth at National Western Stock Show

South Dakota State University's Wool Judging Team competed at the 2015 National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO on January 15th. The team finished with fifth place overall honors as well as captured high team overall honors in the hand spinning wool evaluation competition.

The teams consisted of freshman and sophomore animal science students Andrew Berg, Minnesota; Maggie Van Der Laan, South Dakota; Ben Endres, Minnesota; Haley Becking, South Dakota; Nolan Hohenstein, Minnesota; Blaine Geppert, South Dakota; Colin Geppert, South Dakota; Paige Anderson, Minnesota; Josh Stangland, Minnesota; Maria Weber, Minnesota; Hayden Kerkart, Minnesota; Dalton Vromen, Minnesotta; Dathan Smerchek, Wisconsin; Cade Opheim, South Dakota; and Spencer Wangen, Minnesota.

Goat Division

KELLY BRUNS Sheep Judge

Kelly Bruns grew up on a diversified livestock operation near Grand Island Ne. He received degrees from University of Nebraska, B.S.; Michigan State University, M.S.; and South Dakota State University, Ph.D. At South Dakota State he coached the livestock



judging team and conducted research in growth and development of beef cattle with an emphasis management effects on carcass quality. After teaching at South Dakota State for 18 years he accepted a position with the University of Nebraska as Associate Director of the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte, NE where he works with the faculty and staff at the center as well as holding an appointment in beef cattle management and extension. Kelly is involved with his wife Stacie and three boys, Blake, Matthew, and Kason raising Southdowns. His boys are active exhibiting sheep, cattle and goat projects.

The students have been preparing for the competition since September. Contestants graded one rail of fifteen fleeces, placed nine classes, and presented three sets of oral reasons. The team is coached by Zach Smith, an Animal Science graduate student, from Maryneal, TX.

Cade Opheim was 10th high individual overall. Maria Weber was 2nd overall in reasons; Dathan Smerchek and Colin Geppert were 5th and 8th in total placings, respectively.

Additionally, Hayden Kerkart was 3rd high individual in hand spinning, while Blaine Geppert finished with 4th place honors, and Paige Anderson captured 5th place honors.

Plus, in the Alternates Division Maggie Vander Laan was 10th overall in total placings.

2015 GOAT AWARDS

Showmanship

Champion Goat Showmanship—J&K Schultz Reserve Goat Showmanship—M.A.D. Boer Goats

2015 GOAT

No.	Contestant	Home Town
426	Dakota Thomas	
•	Matt Perfect	
427		
428	Kristin Egnes	
429	Ethan Groos	Howard Lake, MN
430	Lisa Smith	Kimball, SD
431	Daniel Larson	Medford, MN
432	Riley Ruble	Albert Lea, MN
433	Selena Yakabe	Castle Rock, CO
434	Mollie Maresh	Central City, NE
435	Jamie Flint	Viborg, SD
436	Callie Sleep	Spearfish, SD
437	Carly Binfet	Fargo, ND
438	Cassidy Wulf	Magalena, Mexico
439	Kendra Davis	Glenville, MN
440	Chantel Lewis	New Ulm, MN
44I	Maggie Kringen	Madison, SD
442	Anne Gathje	Richmond, MN
443	Andrea Tomschin	Alden, MN
444	Megan Blanchard	

BEST OF LUCK, CONTESTANTS!

-Jared & Carrie Sanderson

SDSU Equestrian Team

Independent Conference Champs



South Dakota State University proudly boasts the NCEA Women's Equestrian Team. Led by head coach Megan Rossiter and assistant coach Elizabeth Wilkins, with help from graduate assistants Natalie Gilbert and Lindsey McNeill, the Jackrabbit equestrian team is made up of 42 young women and 42 horses.

The women come from all across the country—from Florida, to Canada, to Washington and California, and of course from right here at home in South Dakota. They compete in four different events. The Hunt Seat events are equitation on the flat and equitation over fences, and the Western events are horsemanship and reining.

In these events, the talented young ladies randomly draw a horse's name and are given four minutes to ride before entering the arena for competition. Women must show poise, knowledge, strength, and finesse to accurately guide an unfamiliar horse through challenging patterns. The horses also come from a variety of locations. Generous professionals, owners, and riders lease many of the team horses to SDSU, while others are donated to the program and become true Jackrabbits!

The team had a big finish last season winning the Independent Conference Championship Tournament. The 2014-15 season has been a refining year, adding key competitors from this year's freshmen class. Currently, the Jackrabbit equestrian team is heading into their spring season. With multiple home meets for fans to attend, January 31st, and February 20- 21st. SDSU will be traveling to Dallas, TX, Martin, TN, Fresno, CA, and NCEA championship in Waco, TX

Information, schedules, rosters, and contact information can all be found at gojacks.com or on the South Dakota State Equestrian Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram page.

SDSU Students Experience South America Global Agriculture



Students who participated in the trip were: Back Row, L to R: Mandy Hoistad, Havana, ND; John Elverson, Sherman, SD; Riley Canham, Miller, SD; Chad Knoblock, Rock Rapids, IA; Tyler Morog, St. Lawrence, SD; Josh Terveen, Emery, SD; Taylor Jensen, Burbank, SD; Brian Van De Stroet, Fairview, SD; Curt Nagorske, Bingham Lake, MN; Jacob Meyer, Rock Rapids, IA; Justin Vanneman, Ideal, SD. Front Row, L to R: Dr. B. Lynn Gordon, SDSU Assistant Professor; Taylor Olson, Trimont, MN; Brandi Murley, Rockwell City, IA; Kelsi Pringnitz, Garner, IA; Megan Haupert, Granville, IA; Mik Sich, Duluth, MN; Ty Littau, SD Department of Agriculture, Rapid City, Travel Assistant.

December 29th, 2014, sixteen SDSU students enrolled in ABS 482 International Experience boarded a plane to travel for a global agricultural learning experience to South America. The students were headed into summer weather below the equator in Argentina and Uruguay for twelve days, returning Jan. 10, 2015

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, Argentina, we boarded a bus and headed to one of the major agricultural areas — La Pampa Province. This area is known for its sandy soils, feedlots, cow/calf operations and crops including corn, soybeans, wheat and sunflowers. We visited the largest feedlot in the country with a capacity of 50,000 but with current cattle market their capacity was 37,000 head. The cattle were primarily Angus and Hereford breeding with a very small percentage Brahman influenced. In this region the students also learned about backgrounding of yearlings in rotational grazing, most of which was on alfalfa with some cover crops. The cattle are backgrounded until about 800 lbs., and then sent to feedlot and remain there till about 1,000 lbs., when they are then shipped to the market, the closest market is seven hours away in Buenos Aires.

Crops in the La Pampa region included corn, soybeans, wheat, barley and sunflowers. We saw many sunflower fields and found out it was a profitable crop. Some of the larger farmers work with crop consultants and others manage the fields themselves. The most prominent point across the crops was the heavy influence of no-till due to the sandy soils. There is so much erosion in the light soils they must keep as much residue as possible in the fields to hold the soil and moisture.

After a week in the country, the group travelled back to Buenos Aires. They visited Liniers Market (largest cattle auction barn in the world), in the heart of Buenos Aires and where cattle from all over the country are sold; a start-up company called Raciones Argentina, a privately owned small pre-mix company targeting the production of high-end minerals for beef and dairy cattle; and visited the Argentina Board of Trade. Students were allowed on the trade floor, asked many questions about the system and were able to see the close of trade where there was a lot of shouting and bidding back and forth. The trade center matches its trade time with Chicago Board of Trade.

A ferry ride across the river between Buenos Aires to Colonia, Uruguay took the students to a whole different country just an hour ferry ride away. Colonia is a very historic town with a great beach that attracts many tourists. Our second day in Uruguay was spent with a team of young brothers who own a farm management and consulting business overseeing 18,000 acres of cropland. They showed us soybeans at three different stages of development, even as young as 3 days planted. We were also amazed at the farm equipment quality and size, almost identical in size to what you would find on a South Dakota farm. In fact, one of their sprayers was bought in Madison, SD over the internet and shipped to Uruguay because it was more affordable.

The two weeks in South America wrapped up with a tour of the historical sections of Buenos Aires and some of the large famous Catholic Churches including the one Pope Francis lead before being named Pope. The students had the honor to be invited to visit the U.S. Embassy and openly discuss with the USDA Ag team who work with issues in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. We were also invited to tour the Argentina Angus Association national office, visiting with their executive director and one of their prominent Angus breeders. The Association office is located across the street from "Palermo", the country's largest livestock exhibition held annually in August where over 500 head of Angus cattle are shown along with other breeds.

The visits to the two countries allowed the students to compare and contrast agriculture in Argentina, which is struggling due to excess government control, limited export markets and low prices and high taxes to Uruguay which is more progressive in adapting technologies, has better soils, and a more supportive government for agriculture. They also were able to compare yields, productivity, markets, etc., with those here in the U.S. and South Dakota.

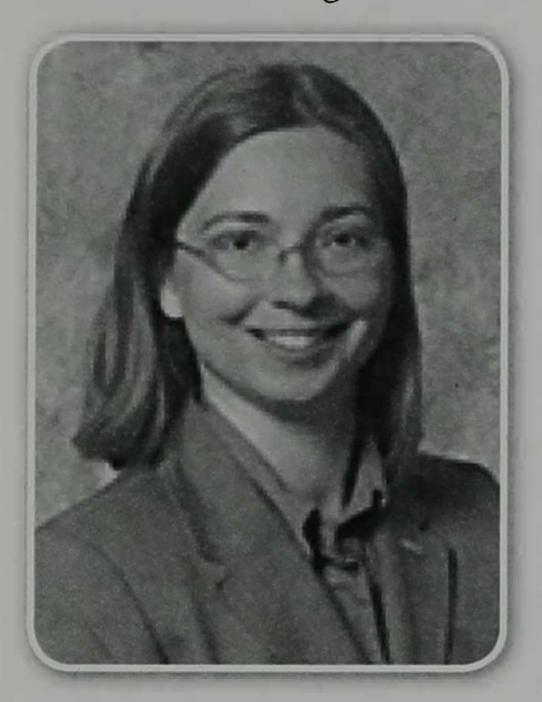
Our group was hosted by great producers and families, invited to New's Year Eve events, barbeques and no information was off limits for us to ask. Our hosts welcomed the students with great respect and enthusiasm. Our students in turn learned a great deal about a different culture and made great friendships with the hosts and families we met.

—By Dr. B. Lynn Gordon, Assistant Professor, Ag Leadership and Instructor for ABS 482 Fall 2014

Horse Unit

Equine Science Faculty Has 17 Years of

The South Dakota State University Equine Management Minor was created in 2005. There is a significant and constantly growing interest in the equine industry by current and potential SDSU students. Since its conception, the Equine Minor has grown into a notable program, which is constantly improving and expanding. Currently, 14 instructional courses are available on campus to address trends in equine science, management and industry. Coordinated efforts should propagate these topics through dissemination to the equine producer. The equine science faculty has 17 years of cumulative college teaching experience, ties to the equine industry in South Dakota as well as on a national level, and an ambitious strategic plan for positioning the SDSU program to receive meritorious recognition nationally.



SDSU Equine Welcomes new hire Dr. Sara (Tanner) Mastellar who joined the faculty as an instructor in equine and animal sciences in August. Sara grew up on her parents dairy farm in Elmira, NY where she became hooked on ponies at a young age. After an active career in both horse 4-H and Pony Club with her own horses, she attended Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, NY. While competing on the college equestrian team, she earned her Bachelor's in

Business Management with a Specialization in Equine Business Management along with minors in Biology and Pre-law. Then she left NY for Lexington, KY to complete her PhD in Equine Nutrition. During her PhD she also completed a Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning and was adjunct faculty at Midway College in Midway, KY. Sara joined SDSU in August 2014 as an Equine Instructor. In this position she is responsible for a wide range of classes, many of which utilize the Horse Unit. She is also the coordinator for equine internships, the equine hoof trimming, and shoeing courses.

Jen Eide recently assumed a new role, dedicating 100% of her time to managing the SDSU Equine Teaching Facility and creating outreach opportunities for the public. She mentors a group of student employees, preparing them to effectively care for a production herd while also instilling the value of community service. Jen led the students in efforts to host 55 children during the Parks and Recreation Horsemanship classes in June and more than 600 area youth for educational tours this spring. The impact and reach of Jen's efforts set the precedent for going above and beyond in service.

Summer horsemanship camps were a huge success again this year under the leadership of Jen Eide. Camps were offered in the month of June and July at the SDSU Horse Unit and Oak Lake Field Station in conjunction with Brookings Parks and Recreation. The camps provide children with opportunities to learn about horses in a fun and safe environment. Look for advertisements through Brookings Parks and Recreation in the near future! The SDSU Horse Unit was proud to host

clinics for area 4-Her's, educational tours for local elementary schools and area FFA Ag groups.

SDSU has had a long history of supporting FFA and 4-H horse programs. The State FFA Horse CDE's, held in April of 2013, revealed great talent in our SD youth. We look forward to the 2014 contest right around the corner.

Every fall Animal Science students are encouraged to apply for the Embry/Klosterman Research and Student Assistance Programs. Dr. Embry established the Research fund to create additional positions for undergraduate students to gain hands on training that would add a greater dimension of practical experience to enrich their classroom education and provide needed financial assistance. Dr. Earle Klosterman established the Assistance fund for students who need or wish to earn a portion of their college expenses. The financial support from employment at the SDSU livestock units had made it possible for him to complete his degree. Each year 8-10 students are awarded these funds. The following students are 2013-2014 recipients of the Embry/Klosterman Assistance Program working at the Horse Unit: Felicia Niebuhr, Ashley Swanson and Christine Woolley.

SDSU Graduate Becky Whitlock, M.S., 2014 (pictured by horse) served as an interim instructor of equine science during the spring and fall semesters of 2014. Her teaching was not only a great help to the department, but also earned her the admiration of our students who enjoyed her teaching style. This spring, Becky received news that she has been accepted into veterinary school at Ross University. Jen Eide presented her with a personalized SDSU stethoscope at the spring stethoscope ceremony. She arrived in the Caribbean in late December and began classes shortly after. We wish her the best as she pursues her dream of becoming a large animal veterinarian!

Tishawnna Carpenter and Olivia Kendall each presented their equine research projects at the SDSU Undergraduate Research Day. Tishawnna completed her honors thesis project in the spring of 2014, graduated and began veterinary school.

Thirty-one students from SDSU embarked on the journey of a lifetime to study culture and agriculture in China in May of 2014. Several of these students have a strong equine interest and especially enjoyed touring the Beijing Equestrian Club as well as the Happy Valley Racetrack and Jockey Club in Hong Kong.

Danielle Busselman combined her passion for horses and writing in a summer internship writing for iGrow Horses. A talented writer, she has published several articles on important topics covering many aspects of horse management. She was also selected to attend the annual American Horse Publications meeting as a student guest.

SDSU Extension Equine Specialist Becky Bott presented data from her efforts with working donkeys, mules and horses in rural Mexico at the 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids in London this summer. Attendees at this colloquium represented twenty-seven countries and a strong passion for improving the lives of working equids. Dr. Bott was invited to attend a follow up workshop in Sidmouth, England

Cumulative College Teaching Experience

at the Headquarters for the World Donkey Sanctuary.

Dr. Bott hosted the USDA multi-state group NE1041 "Environmental Impacts of Equine Operations" working group for the annual meeting in August. Attendees from UMN, Rutgers, VirginiaTech, Penn State, University of Vermont and SDSU joined in the two-day workshop as well as a Saturday outreach event. Jen Eide, Dr. Sara Mastellar, and Dr. Erin Cortus also participated on behalf of SDSU.

Dr. Bott attended the 4th Equitarian Workshop in Nicaragua in October. They provided health care and owner education for horses and their owners in developing areas of Nicaragua. During the workshop, which was held in rural areas of Nicaragua, she gave an invited presentation with former student Angie Gebhart on initiating an equitation project on American Indian reservations in South Dakota. Angie led educational activities for youth. The pair also collected data for a pilot project investigating consistency and accuracy of body condition scoring working equids using the Henneke scale. Angie began a dual master of public health and veterinary school program at Colorado State University this fall. Becky and Angie also traveled to Pine Ridge in July to contribute to equitarian efforts within South Dakota and are continuing their collaborations on equine well-being.

Supporters

The SDSU Horse Unit thanks the following for their continued support through the donation of livestock and time to enhance the equine courses at SDSU: Mike Olson of White, SD for teaching the Trimming and Shoeing courses as well as donating the use of his Belgian herd for classes and events; Warren (class 1961) and Fran Hammerbeck of Greeley, CO for loaning the use of a breeding stallion, mare and gelding; and Lowell Slyter of Aurora, SD for donating the use of a mare for Advanced Riding and six horses for the Trimming class with which to practice.







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Horse Division

BRANDON KINNEY Horse Judge

Brandon Kinney is from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He currently works as an inside sales representative for Animal Health International in the Sioux Falls office. This covers South Dakota, North Dakota, western Nebraska, and eastern Wyoming. While at SDSU Brandon was involved in Little "I"



during all four years of college. He showed horses for two years and served on the equipment crew. Brandon was also a livestock coordinator, and was a member of the executive committee.

2015 HORSE AWARDS Showmanship

Champion Horse Showmanship—Jen & Eric Eide Reserve Horse Showmanship —Mike & Kris Olson

Horse Fitting

Champion Horse Fitting—SDSU LIttle "I" Reserve Horse Fitting—Lowell Slyter

2-year old Fitting

Champion 2-year old Horse Fitting—SDSU Horse Club Reserve Champion 2-year old Horse Fitting —Cara Knipp

2014 HORSE SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONS

Samantha Welu, Marshall, MN, Champion Samantha Sleep, Spearfish, SD, Reserve Champion

2014 HORSE FITTING CHAMPIONS

Samantha Welu, Marshall, MN, Champion Dani Taylor, Mandan, ND, Reserve Champion

2015 HORSE

1	No.	Contestant	Home Town
2	297	Jaci Hermstad	Spencer, IA
2	298	Raela Hines	Fairmont, MN
2	299	Kylee Whitehill	O'Neill, NE
3	00	Savanna Tomoson	Marshall, MN
3	OI	Tori Barka	Litchfield, MN
3	02	Kristine Brown	Blue Earth, MN
3	03	Allyssa Sius	. Hutchinson, MN
3	04	Erin Gubbels	Laurel, NE
3	05	Carrietta Schalesky	Bison, SD

306	Siena Wagner	. Redwood Falls, MN
307	Corinne Kach	Marcus, IA
308	Brittany Haberman	Menno, SD
445	Spenser Pederson	Sioux Falls, SD
311	Sabrina Klein	Worthington, MN

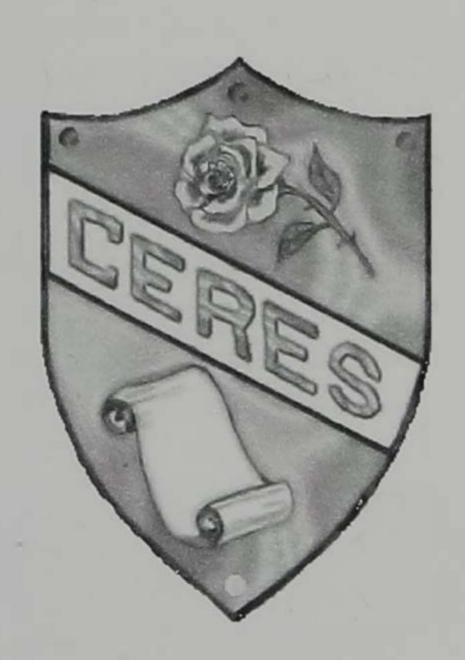
Horse Novice

2015 NOVICE HORSE AWARDS

Champion Novice Horse Showmanship—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Novice Horse Showmanship—SDSU Little "I"

2015 NOVICE HORSE

No.	Contestant	Home Town
309	Kasey Aasly	Highmore, SD
310	Danielle Knox	Highmore, SD
312	Logan Harris	Jasper, MN
313	Kara Schelske	Reliance, SD



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South Dakota State University Horse Club

"No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle."

-Winston Churchill

The South Dakota State University Horse Club is the only club in the College of Ag & Bio that focuses on the equine industry as a whole – not only in South Dakota, but across the United States and other countries as well! The club was designed to bring together any individual, or group, that is interested in any facet of the horse industry. We focus on broadening the students' interests in, and understanding of the horse industry by participating in and sponsoring various horse related activities, and hosting numerous speakers that are specialized in different areas of the equine industry throughout the year.

One of the main questions that we receive is, "Don't I need to have horses to be a part of the Horse Club?" The answer is no. Our club was not designed to be focused strictly on students with an equine background, nor is it major specific. Our roster of members includes approximately eighty individuals who are diverse in their fields of study – ranging from Animal Science, to Agriculture Science, to Pre-Veterinary Medicine, to Pre-Nursing, and many more. If you're interested in horses, or the equine industry at all, you can be a part of the South Dakota State University Horse Club.

A primary goal of the South Dakota State University Horse Club is community service to the Brookings Area, along with promoting the equine industry. This year, club members continued the tradition of the Annual SDSU Horse Club Petting Zoo, which is held at the Equine Teaching Facility right here

on campus. Over 1,350 children, grades Kindergarten – 3rd, were invited to attend the Petting Zoo, which had a mixture of both domesticated livestock, as well as exotic animals. The only thing that we ask these families to bring is a non-perishable food item, which we then donate to the Brookings Area Food Pantry. This fall, we donated over 450 canned food items – while at the same time brightening the days of several area children. We also have many other community service activities including: caroling at several area nursing homes during the holiday season, volunteering at the Brookings Area Humane Society, and helping out at the Gentle Spirit Horse Rescue.

The South Dakota State University Horse Club is a strong supporter of Little International, as it is one of the most prized traditions here at South Dakota State University! We are looking forward to, what is sure to be, another great Little International weekend! Thank you to the generous sponsors that make events like these possible! Best of luck to all the participants! To get involved with the SDSU Horse Club, get intouch with one of our current officers,

President – Andrea Kimball; Vice President – Bryan Goettsch; Secretary – Melissa Bohnenkamp; Treasurer – Katelyn Smith; Historian – Spenser Pederson; Prexy Rep. – Samantha Welu; or our Advisor – Dr. Rebecca Bott.

Respectfully written and submitted,

-Bryan D. Goettsch, Vice President 2014-2015

Pritchett Memorial Recognizes Efforts

The Pete Pritchett Memorial Award was established to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Little International Staff members. Pete was the livestock coordinator in 1988, and was tragically killed in an auto accident that summer. This award was started the following year to keep Pete's memory alive, and to recognize individual staff members for their dedication, just as Pete exemplified while he participated on the Little "I" staff. Recipients of this award are nominated and voted on by the entire staff, which makes this award all the more special for those who receive it. The award is sponsored by SDSU Little "I".

Past winners include:

1989—Sean Groos, Colman, S.D.

1990—Shane Odegaard, Lake Preston, S.D.

1991—Leland Olsen, Arlington, S.D.

1992—Kurt Netzke, Lamberton, Minn.

1993—Jeff Rabey, Akron, Iowa

1994—Dave Vander Wal, Volga, S.D.

1995—Mike Fischbach, Mansfield, S.D.

1996—David Grinde, Colton, S.D.

1997—Darin Zuehlke, Britton, S.D.

1998—Chad Hastad, Madison, Minn.

1999 — Matt Gunderson, Mission Hill, S.D.

2000—Aaron Singrey, Hazel, S.D.

2001—John Blachford, Lake Preston, S.D.

2002—Philip Schmidt, Alden, Minn.

2003—Wendy Mohrhauser, Hartford, S.D.

2004 — Jeff Paul, Swea City, Iowa

2005 — Kyle Caskey, Pipestone, Minn.

2006 — Eric Gjerde, Hazel, S.D.

2007—Ben Hollingshead, Ogden, Iowa

2008 — Scott VanderPoel, Pipestone, Minn.

2009—Blake Harms, Dell Rapids, S.D.

2010 — Amanda Fehrman, Lake Benton, Minn.

2011 — Greg Lalemen, Currie, Minn.

2012—Trent Kubik, Hamill, S.D.

2013—Cody Rehder, Sutherland, IA

2014 — Austin Mann, Crofton, NE

SDSU Rodeo Team

Men's and Women's Teams Ranked Nationally



After the 2014 fall season came to a close in October, the SDSU Men's rodeo team is ranked 1st and the Women's rodeo team is ranked 2nd in the Great Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. On the national scale the Jackrabbits Men's rodeo team is currently ranked 4th with the Women's rodeo team ranked 14th. Both teams compete at 5 rodeos in the fall semester and 5 rodeos in the spring semester in the surrounding five state region. Overall, the teams travel over 5400 miles during the school year to the 10 regional rodeos and add another 1300 miles if they qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming the third weekend in June. SDSU has sent 54 rodeo team members to the CNFR in the past 5 years.

The 61th Jackrabbit Stampede will be held April 10th & 11th 2015 with the annual rodeo team fundraiser to start off the weekend Thursday April 9th. Practices will start immediately after spring break in March and the team will travel to the remaining 5 rodeos through finals week in May. Information on the Jackrabbit Stampede and the SDSU rodeo team can be found at www.sdstate.edu/rodeo . SDSU Rodeo Clothing can be ordered through IGrow at http://igrow.org/catalog/merchandise . To track the standings for both SDSU rodeo teams and individual team members, visit www.collegerodeo.com and click on the Great Plains region. Pictures, updates, and other team information can be found at SDSU rodeo on Facebook.

SDSU BLOCK & BRIDLE CLUB

The South Dakota State University Block & Bridle Club is a livestock enthusiast organization that elects committee members to chair numerous activities and events throughout the year.

Like all organizations, they cannot participate in activities without fundraising. Block & Bridle's main fundraising tradition is selling SDSU Meat and Cheese boxes during October and November. In addition, the Block & Bridle club operates concession stands for various cattle sales held on campus to help fund our many activities.

Within our club, we have a variety of committees members can get involved with. Our Media team helps take and organize pictures throughout the year to complete our annual scrapbook. Another activity students help with is our concession stand we have at the Hereford Excellence Sale and Dakota Club Calf Sale in the fall and the SDSU Bull Sale in the spring. Here at Little I, our Competition Committee organizes and runs the annual Quiz Bowl competition for high school students to participate in.

One of our fastest growing committees is Ag in the Classroom. We are working to get involved with area schools to help bridge the gap from farm to plate. Along with classroom activities, the committee members organize our different booths we have for events like Ag Day at the Pavilion and Ag Day on Campus.

The biggest committee is our Steer Show Committee. Along with the SDSU AGR Fraternity's Steer Show Committee, we expanded our annual jackpot cattle show into a two-ring, one-day event. Our 2015 show will also take on a new name – SDSU B&B/AGR Jackrabbit Memorial. The members revamped it into a memorial for the four men - Nick Reimann, Brent Bietlspacher, Loagn Rau, and DJ Fischer - who were involved in the tragic plane crash in South Dakota along with Lisa Johnson who lost her battle with CJD. The planning of this show is a large undertaking and involves a large amount of member participation to make the show success.

The Block and Bridle Club is excited for what the rest of the year will bring!

Dairy Division

TED NORLING Dairy Judge

Ted Norling is from Beresford, SD where he lives with his wife Molly and three kids Grace, Ava, and William. He is self-employed where he owns a 100 cow dairy and farms 800 acres with his dad and brother. While at SDSU, Ted competed in several Little "I" events. In 2002 Ted received champion in dairy fitting, and in 2003 he stood second to



his wife in dairy showmanship and that year he also received reserve champion in Round Robin. We are happy to welcome him back to Little "I."

2015 DAIRY AWARDS

Showmanship

Champion Dairy Showmanship

—Animal Medical Care, Dr. Roger Genetaky Reserve Dairy Showmanship—SDSU Little "I"

Fitting

Champion Dairy Fitting—SDSU Dairy Club Reserve Dairy Fitting—SDSU Little "I"

2014 DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONS

Maggie Stiles, Lakeville, MN, Champion Tyler Jensen, Aurora, SD, Reserve Champion

2014 DAIRY FITTING CHAMPIONS

Chris Schultz, Holland, MN, Champion Jacob Englin, Bruce, SD, Reserve Champion

2015 DAIRY

No.	Contestant	Home Town
349	Olivia Siglin	Webster, SD
359	Josh Kirchembauer	Clear Lake, MN

361	Kelsey Hokanson	Cannon Fall, MN
362	Kayla Hamnga	Brandt, SD
363	Tyler Jensen	Aurora, SD
364	Tayler Keyser	Burke, SD
365	Isaac Popp	Rice, MN
366	Anna Ohlwine	Polo, IL

Dairy Novice

2015 NOVICE DAIRY AWARDS

Novice Showmanship

Champion Novice Dairy Showmanship
—Wright Stock Farm, Casey & Lora Wright
Reserve Novice Dairy Showmanship—SDSU Little "I"

Novice Fitting

Champion Novice Dairy Fitting—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Novice Dairy Fitting—SDSU Little "I"

2014 NOVICE DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONS

Tyler Jensen, Aurora, SD, Champion Lane Peterson, Holabird, SD, Reserve Champion

2014 NOVICE DAIRY FITTING CHAMPIONS

Lane Peterson, Holabird, SD, Champion Tyler Jensen, Aurora, SD, Reserve Champion

2015 NOVICE DAIRY

No.	Contestant	Home Town
367	Ellia Woronieck	Hebron, ND
368	Sam Welu	Milroy, MN
369	Megan Norman	Norwood Young America, MN
370	Jessica Brandt	Bowdle, SD
371	Michael Sundall	Ruthton, IA
372	Mackenzie Scheff	East Chain, MN
373	Olivia Uanessen	Edgerton, MN
374	Melissa Bohnenkamp	Baltic, SD

2015 HARDEST WORKER AWARDS

Beef Hardest Worker—Jared & Carrie Sanderson
Dairy Hardest Worker—Little "I" Staff
Sheep Hardest Worker—Terry & Cindy Leonhardt
Lamb Lead Hardest Worker—Little "I" Staff
Swine Hardest Worker—Earl & Lori Skaar
Horse Hardest Worker—Little "I" Staff

2015 OVERALL AWARDS

Champion Overall Showman—May Land and Cattle & Timmy Anderson Show Critters Reserve Overall Showman—Little "I" Staff High Point Upperclassman—Russell Wirt Memorial High Point Freshman—Little "I" Staff

2014 OVERALL CHAMPIONS

Senior High Point— Lane Peterson
Freshman High Point— Kendra Davis
Round Robin Champion— Jacob Englin
Round Robin Reserve Champion—Calli Pritchard
High Point Team—Sigma Alpha

2015 HONORED AWARDS

Pete Pritchett Award—Bruce & Alisa Weber Honored Agriculturalists—Matt Gunderson Manager Award—Little "I" Staff Assistant Manager Award—John Weber

Dairy Cattle Judging Team Excels at Contests

The South Dakota State University Dairy Cattle Judging team saw a successful year this fall and spring. After participating in several intercollegiate contests, Mikayla Piller, Maggie Stiles, Ben Choudek, and Riley Pitman were prepared to take on the fall judging schedule. Prior to the competition, the team visited several farms across Minnesota and Wisconsin in preparation.

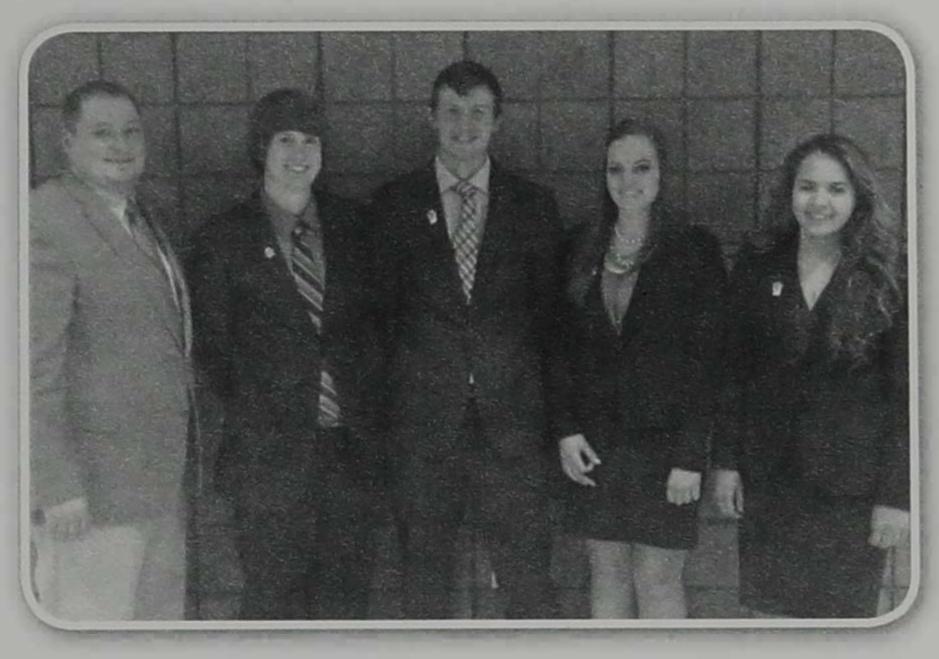
In mid-September, the SDSU Dairy Team competed at the 21st Annual Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Viroqua, Wisconsin. Team members included Mikayla Piller, Maggie Stiles, Andrea Pfaffenbach, and Riley Pitman. A total of 21 teams competed and the SDSU team place 12th overall and 11th in oral reasons. Mikayla Piller finished as the 1st high individual in the Guernsey Breed and 16th High Individual Overall.

At the 94th annual National Collegiate Dairy Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo, the team placed 18th of 21 teams and 11th in Reasons. Mikayla Piller placed second high individual in the Red & White breed while Maggie Stiles placed 8th high overall. Additionally, Mikayla Piller was also 11th in the Brown Swiss breed. The team finished as the 3rd High Team in the Red and White breed in a three-way tie for 1st. The team was also 4th place in the Brown Swiss breed.

In early November, the dairy team made up of David Trcka, Jacob Johnson, Audrey Souza, and Bernice VanderWal competed at the North American International Livestock Show and Expo Dairy Judging Contest. The team finished 15th overall, 14th in reasons, 2nd in Brown Swiss, and 7th In Guernsey. David Trcka was the 3rd High Individual Overall, 9th in Ayrshires, 11th in Brown Swiss, and 3rd In Holsteins. Jacob Johnson was 11th in reasons while Audrey Souza was 7th in Jerseys and 14th In Brown Swiss. Bernice Vander-Wal finished 12th in Guernseys and 14th in the Jersey Breed.

David, Jacob, Audrey, and Bernice continued their dairy judging careers in Fort Worth, Texas at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show this January.

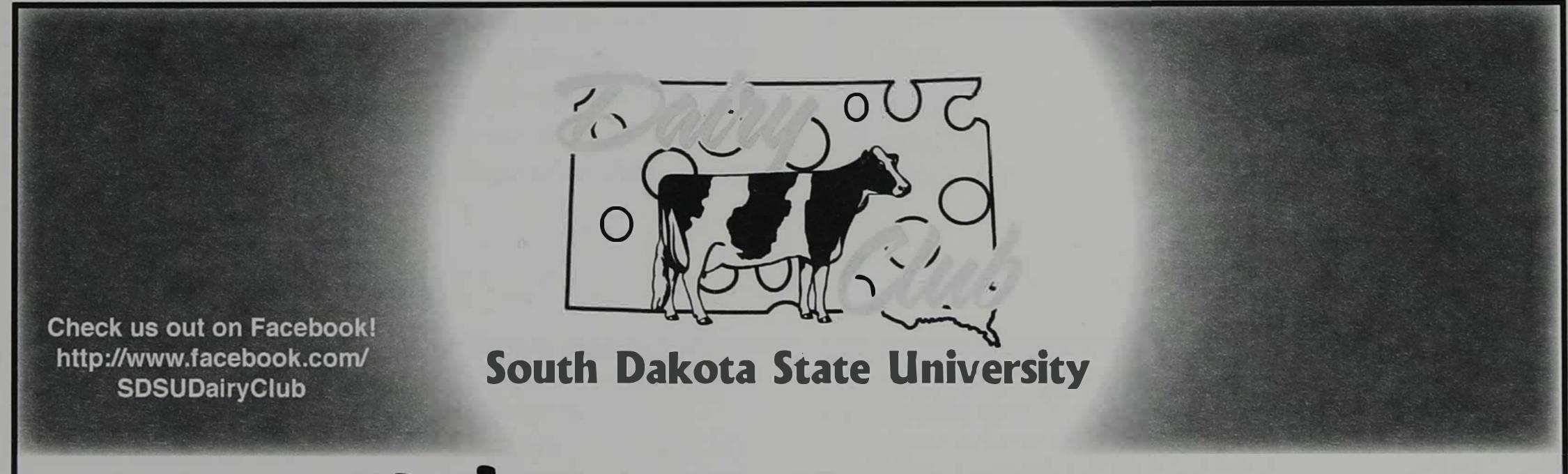
The SDSU Dairy Judging Team is coached by Jon Pretz and assisted by Randy Gross.



Louisville and Ft. Worth team: LtoR: Jon Pretz, Coach; Jacob Johnson, David Trcka, Bernice Vander Wal, Audrey Souza.



World Dairy Expo team: LtoR: Jon Pretz, Coach; Ben Choudek, Mikayla Piller, Maggie Stiles, and Riley Pitman.



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Jackrabbit Dairy Camp

Youth ages 8 to 18 are invited to register for the Jackrabbit Dairy Camp to enhance and develop skills in dairy cattle judging, fitting and showmanship. Also gain knowledge about dairy products and how to positively promote the dairy industry. Campers will also get a chance to take part in the South Dakota Dairy Fest on June 6 at Swiftel Center.

At Dairy Fest, campers will participate in Dairy Fest educational activities.

Registration Fee: \$60 Due May 15, 2015 - Visit sdstate.edu/ds for more registration details.

SDSU Dairy Club

Club Takes Pride in Industry Involvement



Students who have an interest in the dairy industry have the opportunity to be involved in the SDSU Dairy Club. The club is an active student organization and its membership is not limited to Dairy Science majors, and it's open to any student who is passionate and enthusiastic about the dairy industry. Through the involvement of active and enthusiastic members, the club's objective is to develop future dairy leaders, promote the industry to the public, and to provide networking between club members and industry professionals. Throughout the year, dairy club members can be engaged in numerous activities that help facilitate social interaction and professional development.

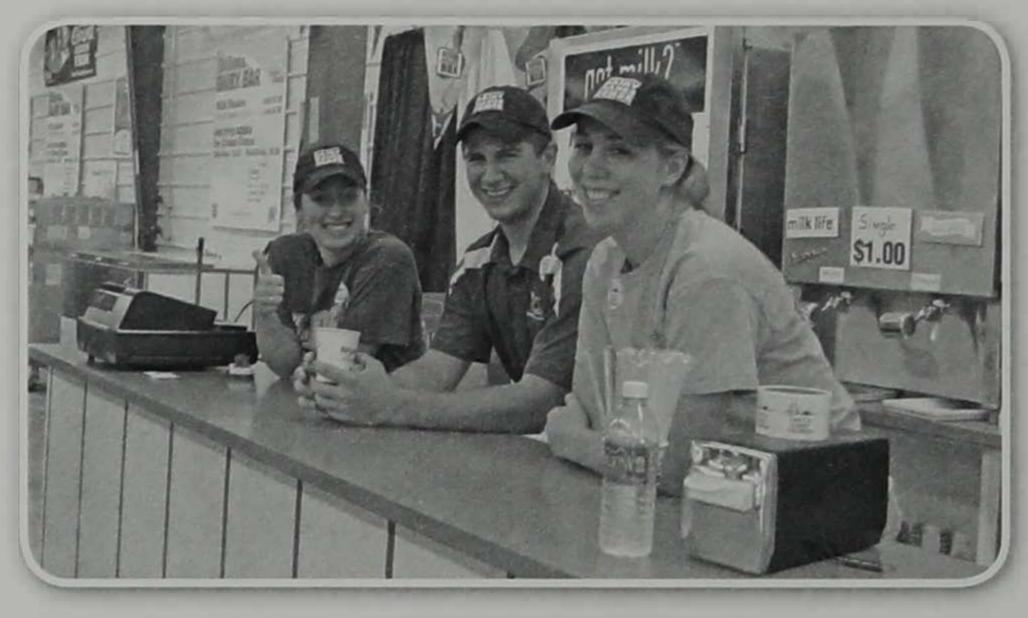
Dairy club members often have the opportunity to travel on many trips by participating in the dairy club. Earlier this fall, students were able to travel to Madison, Wisconsin to tour World Dairy Expo. This event allows students to see top notch cattle and the newest technologies throughout the dairy industry. Finally, in January Dairy Club members traveled to the ADSA conference in Wisconsin Dells. This event was a great professional and leadership development event for our club members and allowed them to interact with other dairy club members from several Midwestern universities.

The trips and opportunities that the dairy club offers would not be possible without the hard work of dairy club members through fundraising activities. In June, the Dairy Club worked the South Dakota Dairy Association and Midwest Dairy Association to kick off the 1st annual Dairy Fest in Brookings in cooperation with the club's 5K and Dairy Camp. This past August, the club worked the South Dakota Dairy Association milk and ice cream booth at the South Dakota State Fair. The weekend was hot and humid and was reported to have record sales on Saturday. During the Holiday Season, the Dairy club holds a holiday Cheese Box Fundraiser. Thousands of pounds of cheese are cut and sold. The cheese boxes are made available to the public in the SDSU Dairy Bar and also through online and mail ordering. The club cut and sold over 7000 pounds

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of cheese and shipped boxes to 48 different states and 3 international countries. We are also looking for new production based fundraiser ideas and activities.

The Dairy Club takes pride in its active involvement on campus, in the community and in dairy industry activities. Some of the activities that the club is involved in throughout the year include: Ag & Bio Bash, Ag & Bio Prexy Council, Hobo Days, Intramural Sports, Little International, Harvest Table, National Ag Day, Central Palins Dairy Expo, Dairy Camp, South Dakota State Fair Dairy Booth, Dairy Fest, Adopt-a-Highway, Relay for Life, and Dodging for Dollars. The club is looking forward to the Valentine's Day Cow Pie Bingo fundraiser and the first Women's Day in Dairy to be coming in fall 2015. The Dairy Club meets monthly on Monday nights and is always looking to expand its membership numbers.





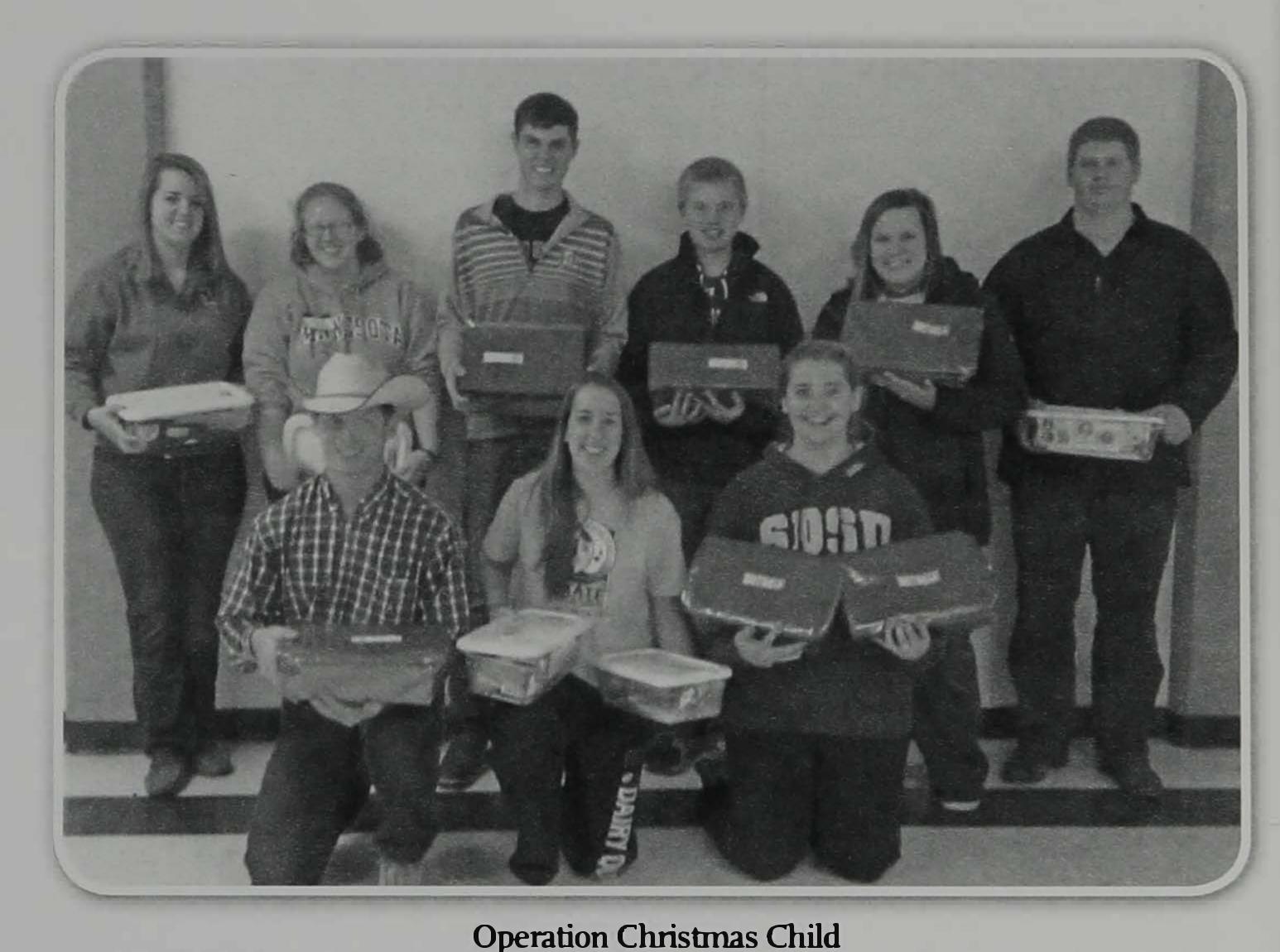
Collegiate FFA/Agriculture Education Club

A Lasting Impression

The Collegiate FFA/ Agricultural Education Club at South Dakota State University was formed in 2003 with the merging of the Collegiate FFA Club and the Agricultural Education Club. The Collegiate FFA (CFFA) and Agricultural Education (Ag. Ed.) Club is based on the ideals and principles held by both the National FFA Organization and the Agricultural Education profession. The merger between the two separate clubs has strengthen the new product because FFA programs and agricultural education rely so heavily upon each other.

Membership in the CFFA/Ag. Ed. Club is open to all students on campus whether they were previously involved in FFA or not. Current membership includes students involved in the Pre-Pharmacy program, Early Childhood Education, Animal Science, and many other areas of study. Our roster includes 74 dues paying members. The executive team consists of Makayla Heisler as President, Shauna Kill as Vice-President, Anne Gathje as Secretary, Trevor Larson as Treasurer, Janet VanDeStroet as Reporter, Katie Davis as Sentinel, our Prexy Council Representative is Joe Gathje, and our Agricultural Education representative is Alysha Keintopf.

CFFA/ Ag. Ed. Club is involved with Jackrabbit Invitational, State FFA Convention, and several service projects. The club hosts the Jackrabbit Invitational which is a practice Career Development Event contest for area FFA chapters. All judges and workers are provided by the CFFA/Ag. Ed. Club. The club also assists by providing contest assistants during the State FFA Convention. Our service projects for this year have included assisting with the Hobo Day activities and filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child.



Back L to R: Tori Barka, Anne Gathje, Kaden Eisenbraun, Sam Johnson, Jennifer Emery, Brian VanDeStroet. Front L to R: Trevor Larson, Becky Cronk, Lisa Smith.



Operation Christmas Child-packing boxes.

SDSU Range Club Brings Students Together



The SDSU Range Club is a student group here on campus that brings students together that share the interest of managing and caring for the rangelands. The South Dakota Student Chapter of the Society for Range Management includes Range Science majors and other students that have a growing interest in the field of range management. Our mission is to promote interest in range management by educating others while enhancing the social and professional skills of our members

through club activities. The SDSU Range club attends the Society of Range Management convention every February, competing in Range Plant ID, Undergraduate Range Management Exam, and the Rangeland Cup. The club meets monthly, and any and all students are invited to attend as there is no membership dues! If interested, please check out the Facebook page, SDSU Range Club or contact someone in the club.



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Agronomy Division

DR. ROBERT HALL Agronomy Judge

2015 CROPS AWARDS

Champion Crops Judging—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Crops Judging—SDSU Little "I"

2014 CROPS CHAMPIONS

Lane Peterson, Champion Jacob Bierstedt, Reserve Champion

Ag Product Sales Division

2015 SALES AWARDS

Machinery Sales:

Champion Machinery Sales—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Machinery Sales—SDSU Little "I"

Machinery Division

2015 AG PRODUCT SALES AWARD

Champion Ag Products Sales—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Ag Products Sales—SDSU Little "I"

2014 MACHINERY SALES CHAMPIONS

Brady Miller, Champion Jacob Sorensen, Reserve Champion

Agronomy and Conservation Club



The SDSU Agronomy and Conservation Club's purpose is to advance and disseminate knowledge concerning soils, crops, and the conservation of natural resources. We strive to foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual helpfulness among students interested in agronomic and conservation related fields. We work to provide opportunities for wider acquaintance with staff members and graduate students at SDSU while maintaining cooperation with other chapters for furtherance of the science of crop production as well as soil and resource conservation. The Agronomy and Conservation club stays busy over the course of each school year with multiple fundraisers, meetings every two weeks, and trips to regional and national conferences throughout the country. This March, members will attend a regional meeting of SASES (Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Other recent SASES conferences that we have attended have been at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Texas A&M, and Iowa State University. Also, we will be hosting a fundraising dance in the Volstorff Ballroom within the SDSU Student Union on March 4th. Our meetings are held every first and third Thursday of the month and we bring in speakers from various agronomic companies to talk to us about employment opportunities and career

choices for students of Agronomy. We are always looking for fun and educational as well as volunteering opportunities to pursue as a club. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ SdsuAgronomyAndConservationClub!

Alpha Zeta Fraternity Increases Membership





Pictured Left: The 2014 graduates with their certificates, pins and cords. Pictured Right: 2014 Initiation Ceremony.

Alpha Zeta is an honorary agricultural fraternity with a long national history. At SDSU, however, it serves as a meeting place for bright, respected individuals to learn about leadership and service. In the spring of 2013, Dr. Lynn Gordon graciously accepted the position as club advisor. As a professor of agricultural leadership, she was a natural choice to advise the new executive team on building Alpha Zeta's reputation again.

The first project came after the devastating Atlas Blizzard in 2013. Chancellor Evan Koep led the small club by organizing a Secret Santa Project for hard hit families out west. Volunteers from several organizations helped roam the toy aisles of Walmart to build packages for the families. Ages ranged from newborn to adolescent, but the goal was the same; to ensure the children had a happy Christmas that year. The project was a success as thank you cards flowed in the following January, praising our club and volunteers for their service.

The spring of 2014 ushered in new changes. With a new executive team, led by Loretta Bartosh, the club looked at their dwindling membership and decided to go back to square one. The first goal was to increase membership. That spring, twenty three new individuals joined Alpha Zeta to increase the total membership to thirty-two scholars! With so many motivated members, professional development arose as a common need. The fall of 2014 saw meeting activities include leader-

ship styles and introducing two new positions; Community Involvement and Fundraising. The new members also decided to continue our Christmas community service tradition and chose to wrap presents for soldiers coming home to the SDSU campus in the spring. The presents included much needed school supplies such as notebooks, pencils and pens, and any stress relievers like chocolate or stress balls – courtesy of our members.

This spring, Alpha Zeta continued their professional development by hosting a professional panel. The panel included Joe Scheffers from Monsanto: Kevin Moe from Metabank; Michelle Robbins from SGS; and Abby Roberts from POET. Members had the opportunity to ask questions relating to college life, the transition to the real world, and networking, while the professionals could see the potential that will be pouring out into the workforce very soon.

The future looks bright for Alpha Zeta as it slowly rebuilds and develops new traditions. Increased membership, innovative service projects, and chances for professional development will surely benefit the campus of SDSU and the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences.

—By Loretta Bartosh

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Little International Contestants work hard throughout the season prior to the big show grooming their animals and honing their showmanship skills to win one of the grand champion awards.

We apologize for the incompleteness of this list. If you know any names of the past winners who are not listed, please let us know.

2014

Champion Showmanship—Jacob Englin Reserve Champion Showmanship—Calli Pritchard High Point Overall—Lane Peterson High Point Freshman—Kendra Davis

Grand Champion Showmanship—Tim Anderson Reserve Champion Showmanship—Matt Purfeerst High Point Upperclassman—Tim Anderson High Point Freshman—Adam Krause

Grand Champion Showmanship—Jason May Reserve Champion Showmanship—Ashley Beer High Point Upperclassman—Jay Wolff High Point Freshman—John Weber **2011**

Grand Champion Showmanship—Kyle Sommers Reserve Champion Showmanship—Sara Sample High Point Upperclassman—Brett Tostensen High Point Freshman—D.J. Buseman

Grand Champion Showmanship—Lauren Wheeting Reserve Champion Showmanship—Kyle Sommers High Point Upperclassman—Trent Kubik High Point Freshman—Kalen Manthei

2009 Grand Champion Showmanship—Caleb Englin Reserve Champion Showmanship—Colton Buus High Point Upperclassman—Caleb Englin High Point Freshman—Trent Kubik

2008

Grand Champion Showmanship—Tyler Fruechte Reserve Champion Showmanship—Caleb Englin High Point Upperclassman—Amanda Nolz High Point Freshman—Tyler Fruechte

2007

Grand Champion Showmanship—Justin Fruechte Reserve Champion Showmanship—Caleb Englin High Point Upperclassman—Arne Harstad High Point Freshman—Amanda Nolz

2006

Grand Champion Showmanship—Katie Wirt Reserve Champion Showmanship—Joe Donnelly High Point Upperclassman—Keith Larson High Point Freshman—Melissa Goetz

2005

Grand Champion Showmanship—Steven Muller Reserve Champion Showmanship—Katie Wirt High Point Upperclassman—Nicole Potter High Point Freshman—Keith Larsen

2004

Grand Champion Showmanship—Lindsey Reister Reserve Champion Showmanship—Justin Fruechte High Point Upperclassman—Travis Reith High Point Freshman—Justin Fruechte

2003 Grand Champion Showmanship—Ben Olsen Reserve Champion Showmanship—Ted Norling High Point Upperclassman—Brian Fruetche High Point Freshman—Jared Knock

2002

Grand Champion Showmanship—Sarah Wirt Reserve Champion Showmanship—Kyle Caskey High Point Upperclassman—Erik Risa High Point Freshman—Kyle Caskey

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Grand Champion Showmanship—Jeff DeRouchey Reserve Champion Showmanship—Mike Schmidt High Point Upperclassman—Travis Hoffman High Point Freshman—Clint Gherke

2000

Grand Champion Showmanship—Janna Johnke Reserve Champion Showmanship—Stephen Thiesen High Point Upperclassman—Pam Hanson High Point Freshman—Travis Hoffman

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1997 Grand Champion Showmanship—Stacy Franz Reserve Champion Showmanship—Dan Nelson High Point Upperclassman—Heather Bruner High Point Freshman—Aaron Insley

1996 Grand Champion Showmanship—Chris Effling Reserve Champion Showmanship—Stacy Insley High Point Upperclassman—Chris Effling High Point Freshman—Matt Bruner

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1989 Grand Champion Showmanship—Meg Benda Reserve Champion Showmanship—Joey Effling Reserve Champion Showmanship—Jon Rentschler High Point Freshman—Nicole Sittner

1988 Grand Champion Showmanship—Kevin Hoff Reserve Champion Showmanship—Joey Effling High Point Upperclassman—Kevin Hoff High Point Freshman—David Schriever

1987 Grand Champion Showmanship—Darrel Rennick Reserve Champion Showmanship—Duane Wulf High Point Upperclassman—Cathy Wolles High Point Freshman—Brad Hillman

1986 Grand Champion Showmanship—Alan Eikmeier Reserve Champion Showmanship—John Buchholz High Point Upperclassman—Roland Van Der Werff High Point Freshman—Ann Marie Rice

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1976 Grand Champion Showmanship—Dave Wilson Reserve Champion Showmanship—Randy Wirt

Grand Champion Showmanship—Mike Sweeney Reserve Champion Showmanship—Gary Schwartz

Grand Champion Showmanship—Miles DeJong High Point Upperclassman—Brry Krueger High Point Freshman—Terry Beastrom

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1966 Grand Champion Showmanship—Frank Schwartz Reserve Champion Showmanship—Lee Leiferman

1965 Grand Champion Showmanship—Robert Osborne

1964 Grand Champion Showmanship—Rich VanZee Reserve Champion Showmanship—Robert Johnson

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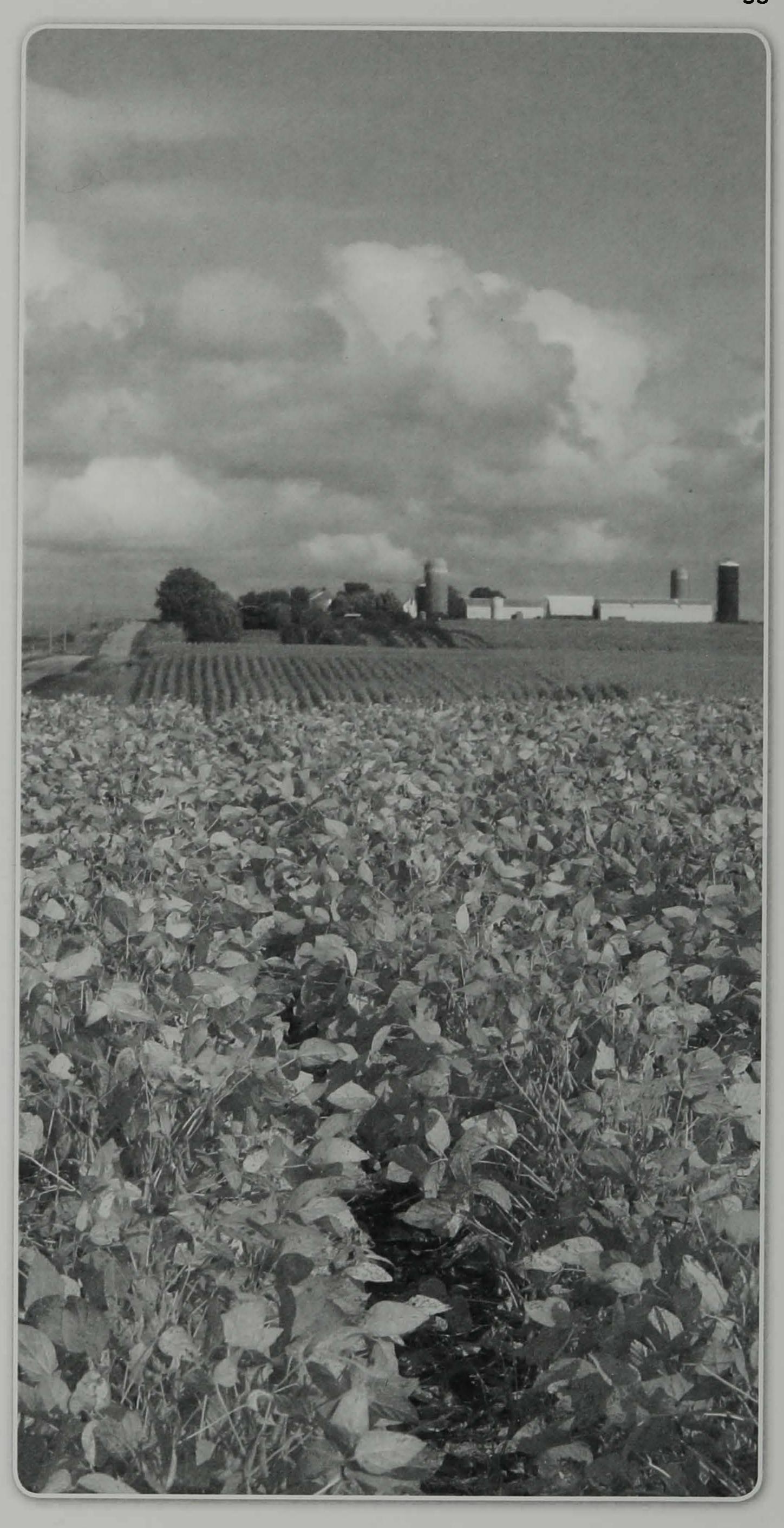
Sheep—Doyle Barton

1937

Champion)

Horse—Keith Swanson

Ray Lien (Beef Cattle Fitting and Showmanship



2014 Collegiate Judging Awards

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Champion—Brad & Kathy Sanderson Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

MEATS JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

MEAT PRODUCTS JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

NATURAL RESOURCE JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Champion—Farm Credit Services of America Reserve—Farm Credit Services of America

MACHINERY SALES

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

NURSERY & LANDSCAPE DESIGN JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

DAIRY PRODUCT JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

HORSE JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

CROPS JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

AG PRODUCTS SALES

Champion—SDSU Little "I" Reserve—SDSU Little "I"

FLORICULTURE JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little ''I"
Reserve—SDSU Little ''I"

WOOL JUDGING

Champion—SDSU Little 'I"
Reserve—SDSU Little 'I"

2014 Collegiate Judging Champions

AGRONOMY

Lane Peterson – Champion

Jacob Bierstedt – Reserve Champion

DAIRY CATTLE

Gina Wolles – Champion
Teresa Sandberg – Reserve Champion

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Lane Peterson – Champion

Dani Taylor – Reserve Champion

FLORICULTURE

Jacob Englin – Champion Kendra Davis – Reserve Champion

GENERAL LIVESTOCK

Elen Skaar – Champion Andrea Paulson – Reserve Champion

HORSE JUDGING

Katherin Newhouse – Champion Elen Skaar – Reserve Champion

MACHINERY SALES

Brady Miller - Champion

Jacob Sorensen - Reserve Champion

MEATS

Kayla Johnson – Champion Kelly Morrison – Reserve Champion

MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS

Elen Skaar – Champion Chelsey Johnson – Reserve Champion

NATURAL RESOURCES

Wyatt Johnson – Champion Michael Sundall – Reserve Champion

NURSERY/LANDSCAPE

Jacob Englin – Champion Lane Peterson – Reserve Champion

2015 FFA and 4-H Judging Division Awards

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING AWARDS

Champion Dairy Cattle Judging Team—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Dairy Cattle Judging Team—SDSU Little "I"

Champion Dairy Cattle Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Dairy Cattle Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I"

DAIRY PRODUCTS JUDGING AWARDS

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Champion Dairy Products Individual—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Dairy Products Individual—SDSU Little "I"

LIVESTOCK JUDGING AWARDS

Champion Livestock Judging Team—Brad & Kathy Sanderson Reserve Livestock Judging Team—SDSU Little 'I"

Champion Livestock Judging Individual—Travis & Crystal Reith Reserve Livestock Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I"

HORSE JUDGING AWARDS

Champion Horse Judging Team—SDSU Little 'I" Reserve Horse Judging Team—SDSU Little "I"

Champion Horse Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Horse Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I"

MEATS JUDGING AWARDS

Champion Meats Judging Team—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Meats Judging Team—SDSU Little "I"

Champion Meats Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Meats Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I"

CROPS JUDGING AWARDS

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Champion Crops Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Crops Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I"

NATURAL RESOURCES JUDGING AWARDS

Champion Natural Resources Team—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Natural Resources Team—SDSU Little "I"

Champion Natural Resources Individual—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Natural Resources Individual—SDSU Little "I"

NURSERY & LANDSCAPE DESIGN JUDGING AWARDS

Champion Nursery & Landscape Design Judging Team—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Nursery & Landscape Design Judging Team—SDSU Little "I"

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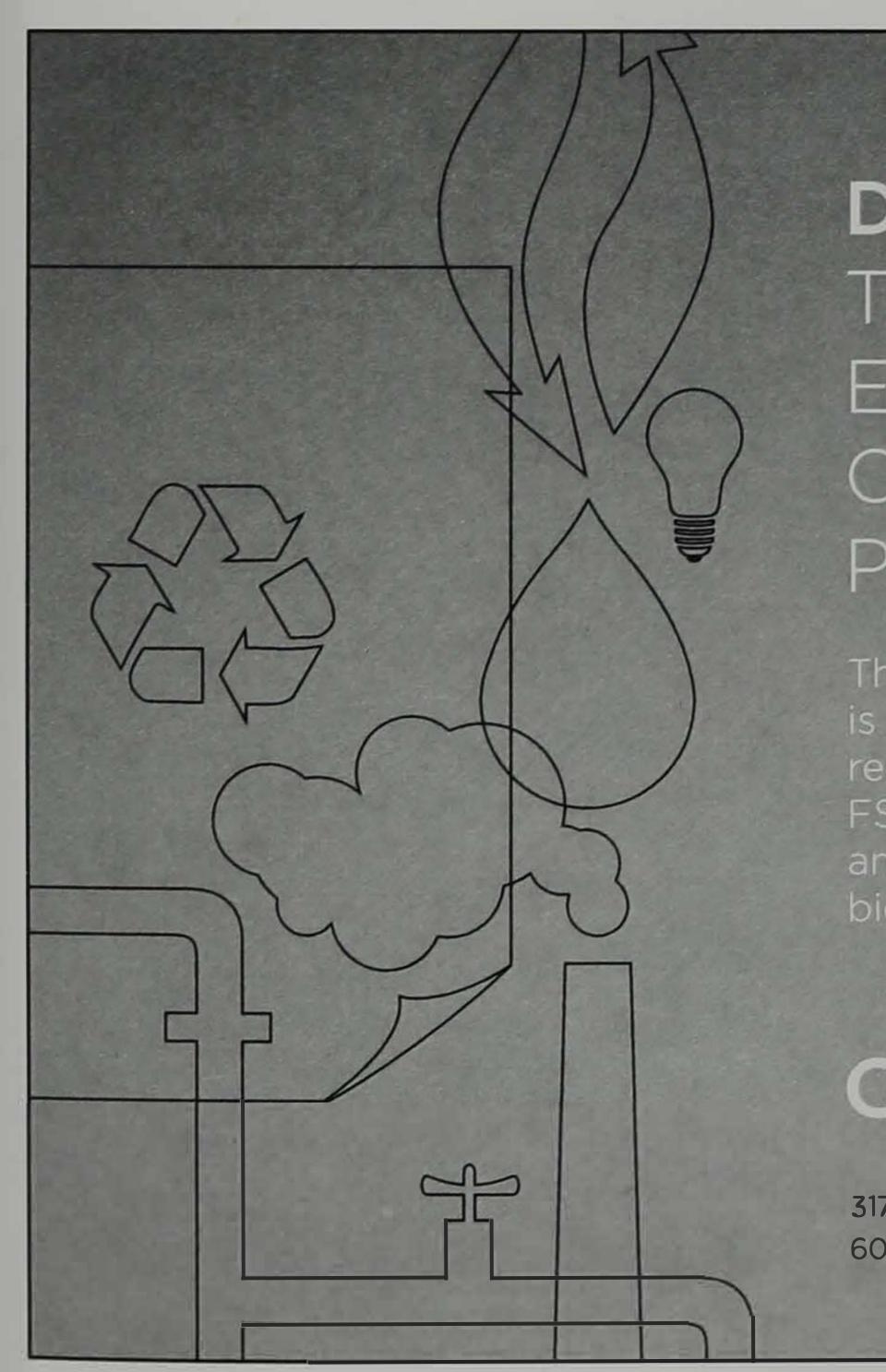
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FLORICULTURE JUDGING AWARDS

Champion Floriculture Judging Team—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Floriculture Judging Team—SDSU Little "I"

Champion Floriculture Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I" Reserve Floriculture Judging Individual—SDSU Little "I"



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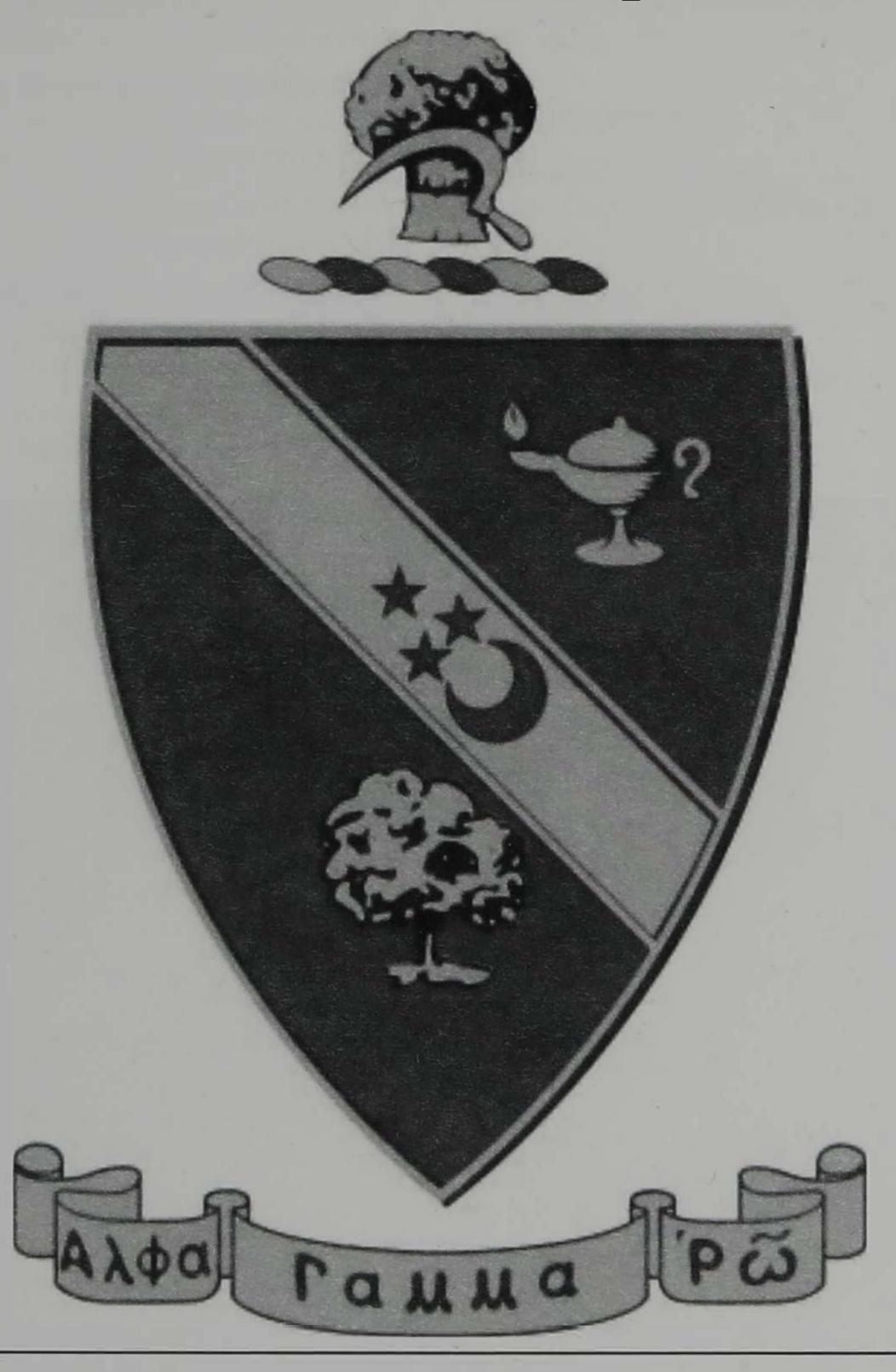








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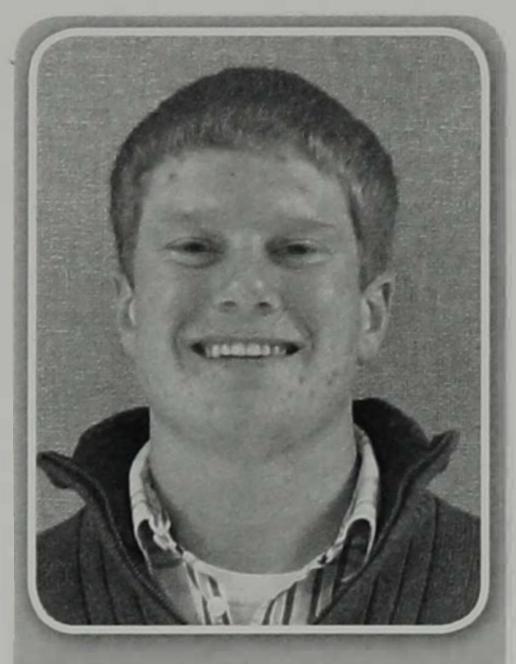
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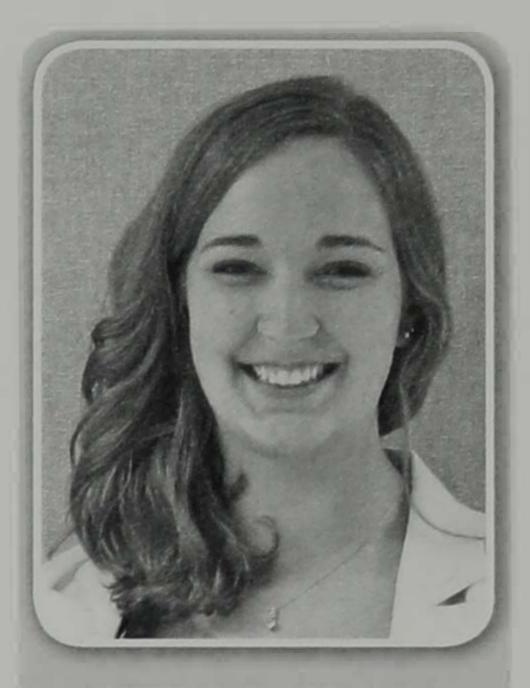
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John Weber is a senior Animal Science major. He is the son of Bruce and Alisa Weber from St. Paul, MN. John is on the SDSU Livestock Judging Team, and he is also involved in Alpha Gamma Rho, Block and Bridle, and Collegiate Farm Bureau.



ADAM KRAUSE ASSISTANT MANAGER

Adam Krause is the son of Laron and Jolene Krause of Clear Lake, SD. He is a junior Agricultural Business major. Adam is involved in Alpha Gamma Rho, Swine Club, and Alpha Zeta. He showed swine at Little I his freshman year, and his sophomore year he served as Swine Superintendent. Adam also enjoys helping at his family farm operation.



LORETTA BARTOSH SECRETARY

Loretta Bartosh is a senior Agricultural Education major from Dundee, MN. She is the daughter of Mark and Judy Bartosh. Loretta serves as an Ag-Bio Advocate and President of Alpha Zeta. She is also involved in the Honors College and is the Center Scholar with Geographic Sciences Center of Excellence.



KAYLEE WEGNER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Kaylee Wegner is the daughter of Ron and Diane Wegner of Faribault, MN. Kaylee is a junior Dairy Production and Animal Science double major. While growing up she was involved in 4-H, where she showed cattle and competed on the dairy cattle judging team. She continued her involvement in agriculture at SDSU as Dairy Superintendent on the 91st Little I staff. She also serves as an Ag-Bio Ambassador and is involved in Sigma Alpha.

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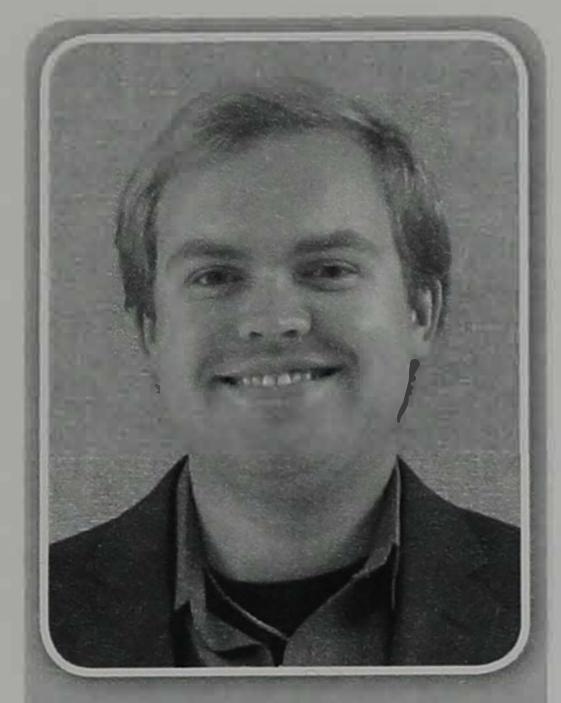
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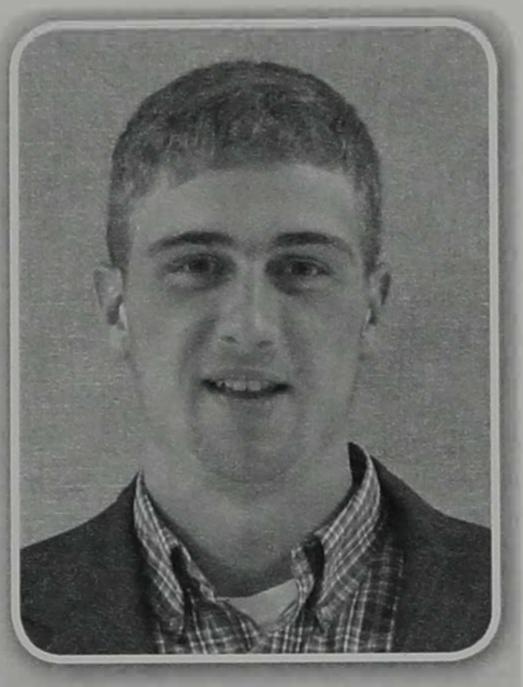
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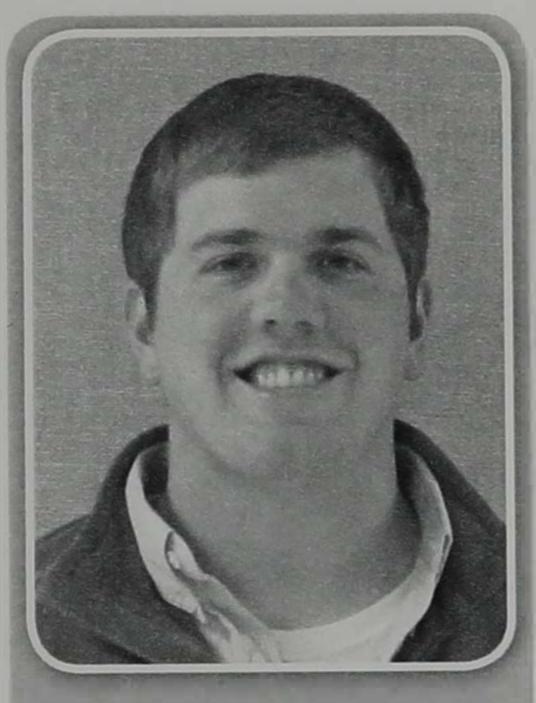
TRAVIS POPPE
TREASURER

Travis Poppe is a senior Agricultural Business major. He is the son of Alan and Donna Poppe from Crofton, NE. Travis is currently serving as National Agri-Marketing Association President, Prexy Council Vice President, and Block & Bridle Assistant Treasurer. Travis has served at Little I as Assistant Equipment Superintendent, Farm Business Management Supervisor, and Assistant Treasurer.



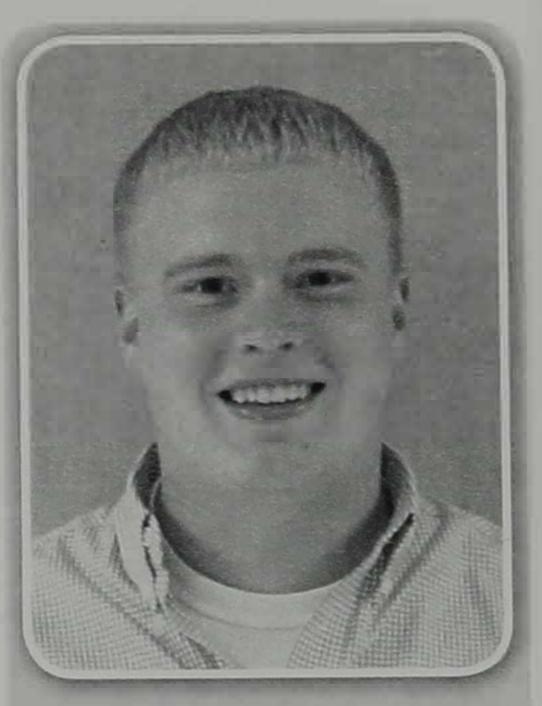
ANDY RAUSCH ASSISTANT TREASURER

Andy Rausch is a junior Animal Science major at SDSU. His parents are Shannon and Sue Rausch of Hoven, SD. Andy serves as an Ag-Bio Ambassador, and he is involved in Knight of Columbus, FOCUS, South Dakota FFA Foundation, and Range Club.



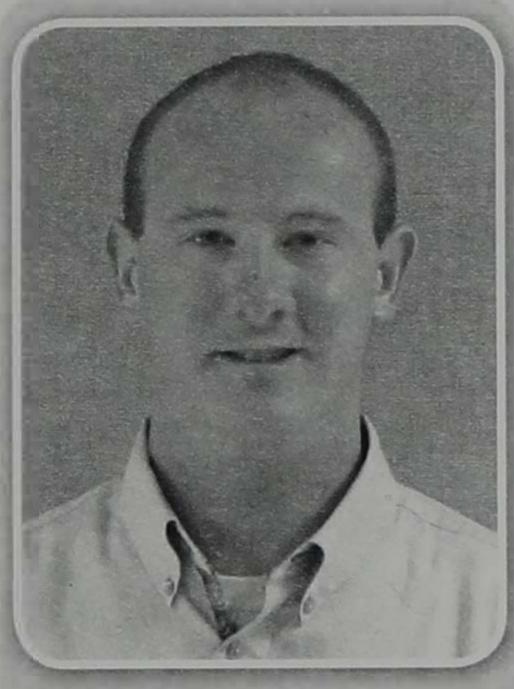
DUSTY COMPART EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dusty Compart is the son of Chris and Rochelle Compart of Nicollet, MN. He is a senior Animal Science major at SDSU. He is involved in the SDSU Livestock Judging Team, Block and Bridle, and Swine Club. At Little I, he won Champion Swine Showman and was awarded Hardest Worker in 2012; in 2013 he served as Swine Superintendent; and in 2014 he served on the Executive Committee. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and showing pigs.



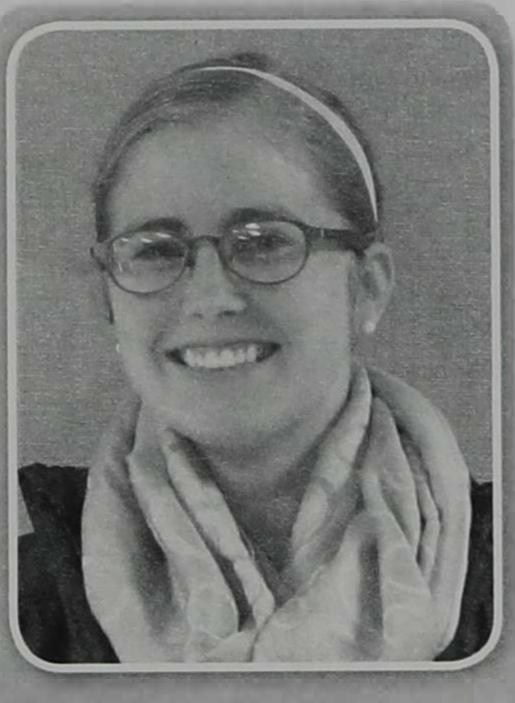
EVAN KOEP
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Evan Koep is a senior Microbiology and Biotechnology double major. His parents are Larry and Cindy Koep of Lakefield, MN. Evan is on the SDSU Livestock Judging Team, and he is active in Swine Club, Alpha Zeta, and Block and Bridle. He has served at Little I since his freshman year. In his free time, Evan likes to hunt and fish



JOE GATHJE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joe Gathje is the son of Scott and Denise Gathje of Richmond, MN. He is a senior General Agriculture major with minors in Animal Science and Agronomy. He is an active member and officer of SDSU Collegiate FFA/Ag Ed Club. Last year Joe was part of the equipment team at Little I. Some of Joe's hobbies include hunting, ice fishing, showing dairy cattle, and welding at his family farm.



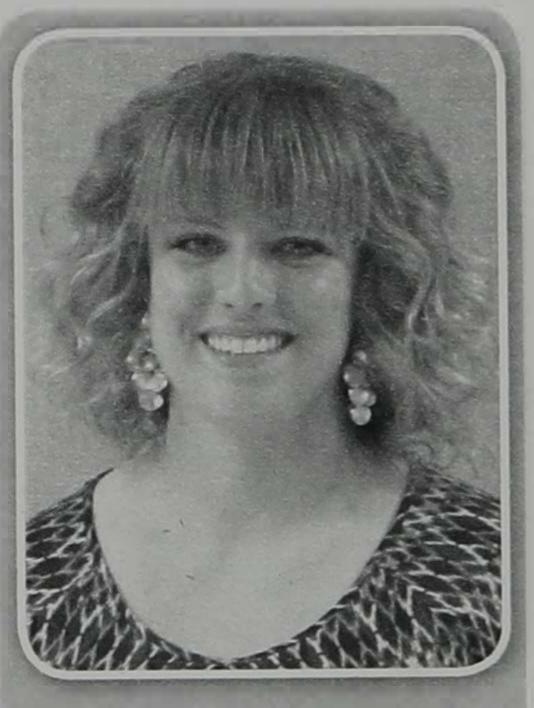
SAMANTHA BERG
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Samantha Berg is a senior Dairy Manufacturing major at SDSU. Her parents are Philip and Laurel Berg of Pipestone, MN. At past Little I's she has shown a ewe and participated in Lamb Lead. She has also served as Judging Superintendent and Assistant Meats Judging Superintendent. Samantha is involved in Block and Bridle, Prexy Council, Dairy Club, and Alpha Zeta.



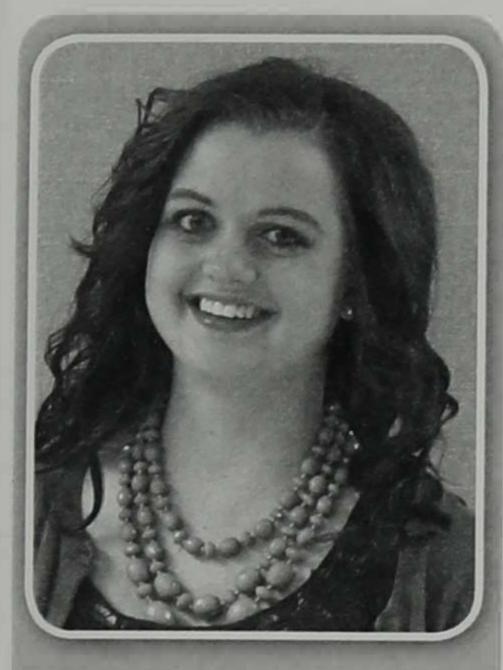
ADDIE ROJAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Addie Rojas is the daughter of Maria and Julian SanMiguel of Mountain Lake, MN. She is a junior Agricultural Leadership major. Addie serves as Programming/Recruitment Chair on the Panhellenic Council for Greek Life and Secretary for Ceres Women's Fraternity. She is also an Admissions Ambassador and Orientation Leader at SDSU. At past Little I's, Addie has served as Assistant Nursery/Landscape Superintendent and Floriculture Superintendent.



AMANDA KAMMERER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Amanda Kammerer is a senior Animal Science major at SDSU. Her parents are Matt and April Kammerer of Rapid City, SD. Amanda participates in Block and Bridle and was on the 2012 Wool Judging Team. In the past, Amanda has helped at Little I as Assistant Dance Superintendent, Assistant Mailings/Addresses Superintendent, and Wool Judging Superintendent. In her free time, Amanda likes showing cattle, horseback riding, and going to concerts.



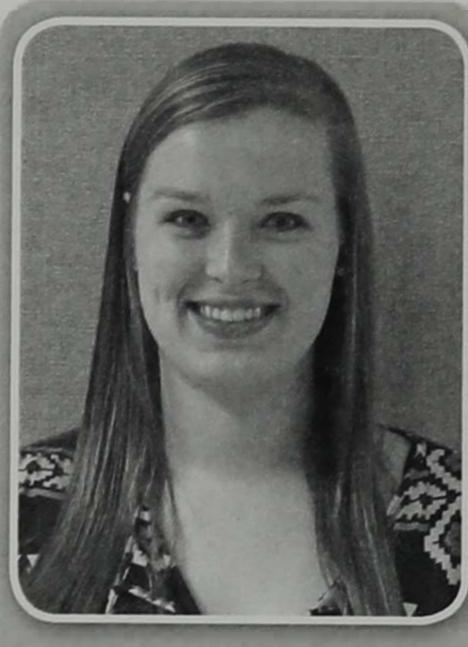
EMMA CHRISTENSEN
LIVESTOCK COORDINATOR
SUPERINTENDENT

Emma Christensen is a junior Animal Science major. She is the daughter of Roger and Sandy Christensen of Milbank, SD. Emma is involved in the SDSU Livestock Judging Team, AFA, and Block and Bridle. At past Little I's she won Top 5 Swine Showman, Champion Novice Sheep Fitting, and Top 5 Experienced Sheep Fitting. At Little I she has served as Assistant Photography Superintendent and Assistant Catalog Superintendent. Emma has also served as a Beef Ambassador and an Agricultural Advocate.



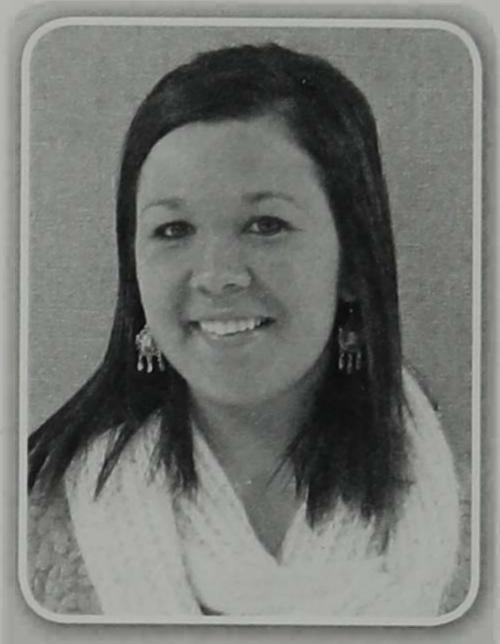
SARA KLEYER
LIVESTOCK COORDINATOR
SUPERINTENDENT

Sara Kleyer is the daughter of John and Lori Kleyer of Carmel, IA. She is a junior Animal Science major with a minor in Equine Science. Sara won Champion Novice Beef Showman at Little I her freshman year. Her sophomore year she served as Assistant Livestock Coordinator Superintendent. She is involved in Block and Bridle, Horse Club, and Pre-Vet Club.



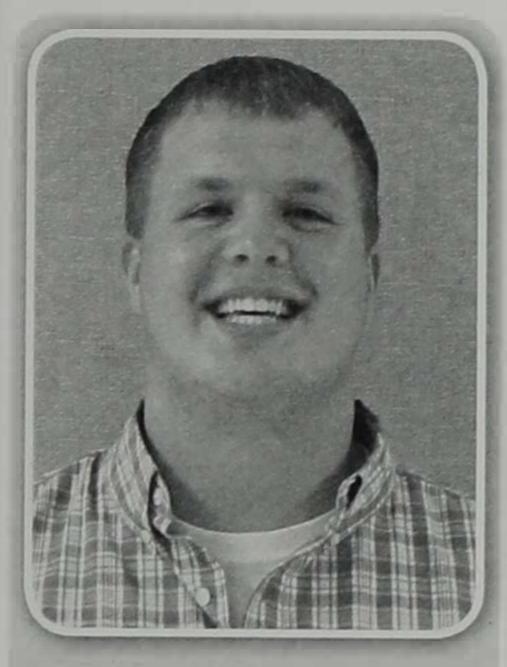
KELCY SCHAUNAMAN
ASSISTANT LIVESTOCK
COORDINATOR
SUPERINTENDENT

Kelcy Schaunaman is a junior Agricultural Business major at SDSU. Her parents are Kirk and Kim Schaunaman of Aberdeen, SD. She is the Assistant Committee Chair of Trips and Recreation for Block and Bridle and President of the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association. Kelcy showed swine at Little I in 2014 and has been showing cattle most of her life.



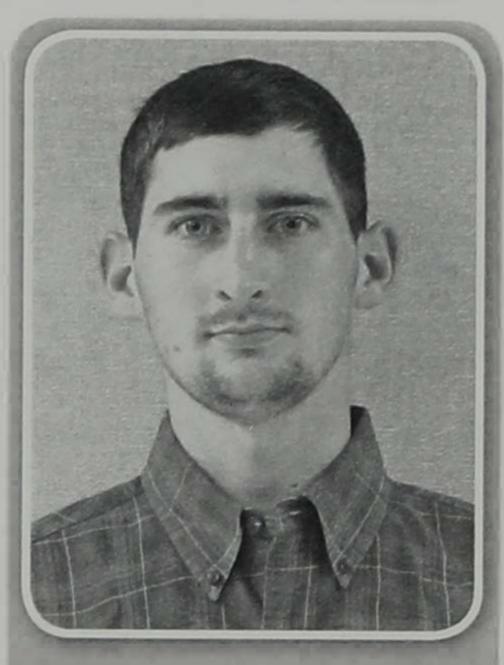
RACHEL GALLAGHER
ASSISTANT LIVESTOCK
COORDINATOR
SUPERINTENDENT

Rachel Gallagher is a freshman Animal Science major from Starbuck, MN. She is the daughter of Kevin and Bridget Gallagher. Besides Little I, Rachel is involved in Block and Bridle at SDSU. She was active in FFA and 4-H, where she showed beef, sheep, and horses. Rachel's hobbies include raising and showing registered Simmental and Hereford cattle and competing at rodeos.



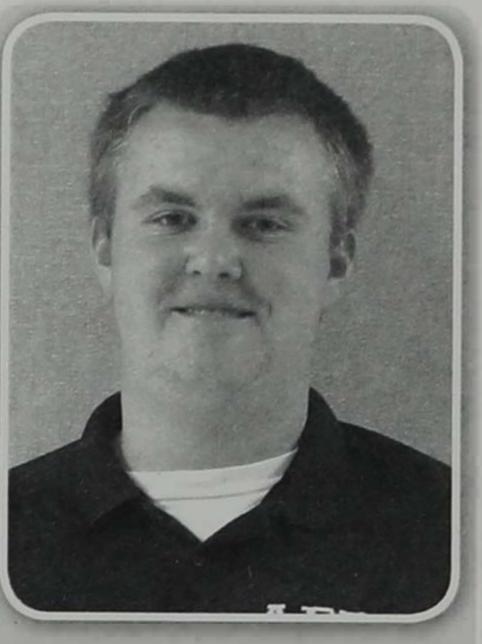
JERAD BROWN
BEEF SUPERINTENDENT

Jerad Brown is the son of Gary and Sarah Brown of Peterson, MN. He is a senior Agricultural Sciences major. Jerad has been showing Simmental and cross bred cattle for most of his life. His past Little I experience includes showing beef and serving as Beef Superintendent. At SDSU Jerad is involved in the Livestock Judging Team, Block and Bridle, and Alpha Zeta.



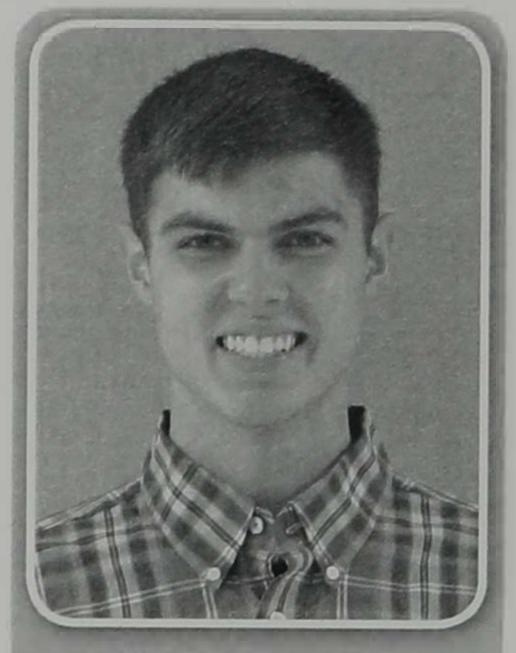
JASON MAY
BEEF SUPERINTENDENT

J-Bomb is a senior Animal Science major son to Mark and Ann May from Randolph, MN. When actually attending classes he stays busy catching up with homework and watching The Bold and the Beautiful. One of his greatest accomplishments would be receiving the Sullivan Supply scholarship.



TYLER PIERSON
ASSISTANT BEEF
SUPERINTENDENT

Tyler Pierson is a sophomore Animal Science major. His parents are Tom and Sherri Pierson of Watertown, MN. Tyler is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and Block and Bridle. He has shown Shorthorn cattle for the past nine years and is now a member of the American Junior Shorthorn Association National Board of Directors.



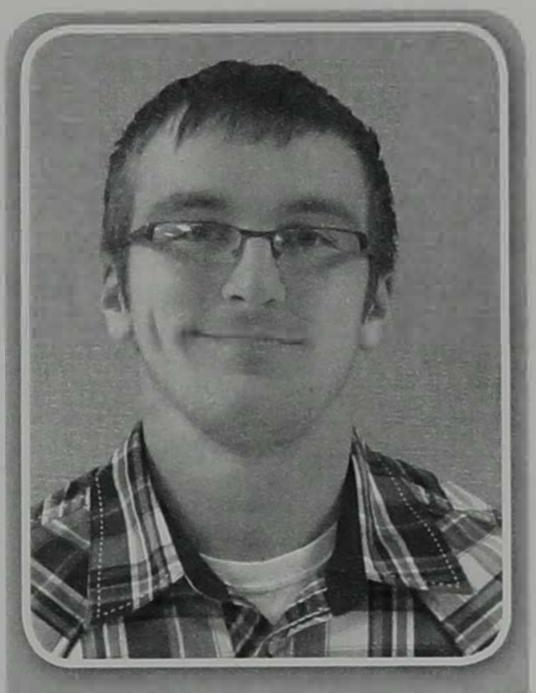
KADEN EISENBRAUN ASSISTANT BEEF SUPERINTENDENT

Kaden Eisenbraun is the son of Juston Eisenbraun and Lisa Alishouse. He is a freshman Agricultural Business and Agricultural Education double major from Quinn, SD. In high school he participated in FFA, and he is currently involved in SDSU Collegiate FFA.



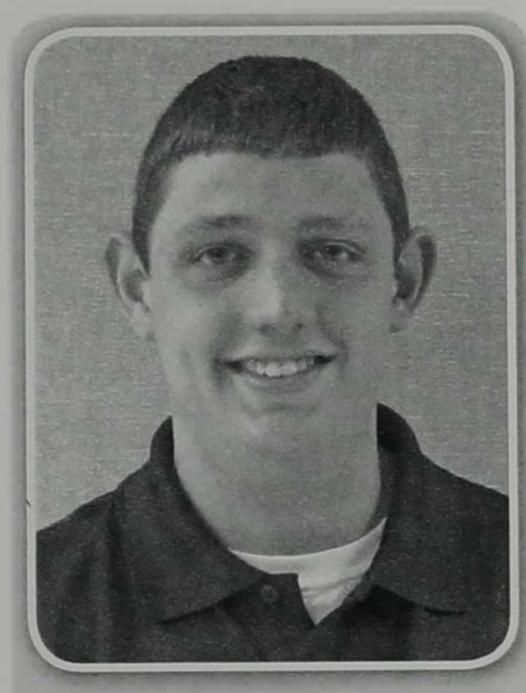
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SWINE
SUPERINTENDENT

Elen Skaar is a sophomore Animal Science major with a Pre-Vet focus. She is the daughter of Earl and Lori Skaar of Minneota, MN. Last year Elen competed for High Point Freshman at Little I. She has been part of the Wool Judging Team and is currently on the Meats Judging Team. Elen has experience showing swine and sheep.



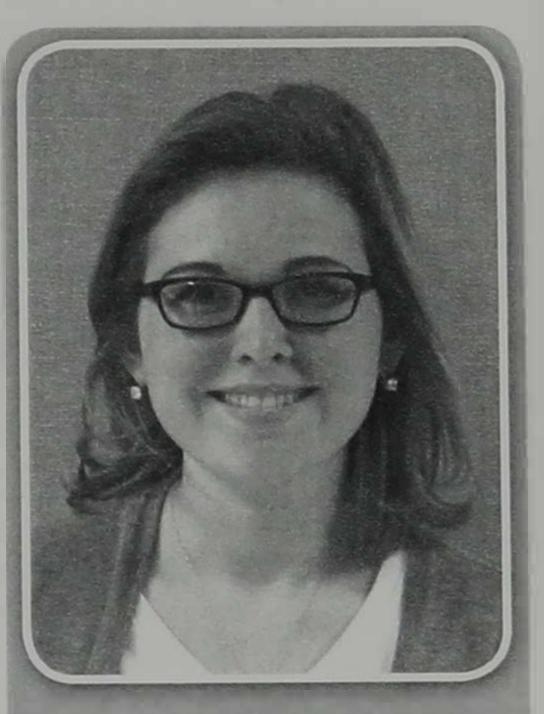
TUCKER ROEKER
ASSISTANT SWINE
SUPERINTENDENT

Tucker Roeker is the son of Kevin and Patty Roeker of Janesville, MN. He is a freshman Animal Science major. Tucker participates in Swine Club at SDSU. He has been involved in 4-H and has experience showing swine. In his free time, Tucker enjoys hunting.



ALEX SPINLER
ASSISTANT SWINE
SUPERINTENDENT

Alex Spinler is a sophomore Agricultural Sciences major at SDSU. His parents are Brad and Tracie Spinler of Medford, MN. Alex is involved in Alpha Gamma Rho. He also showed swine at Little I last year. In his free time, Alex likes to play sports and hang out with friends.



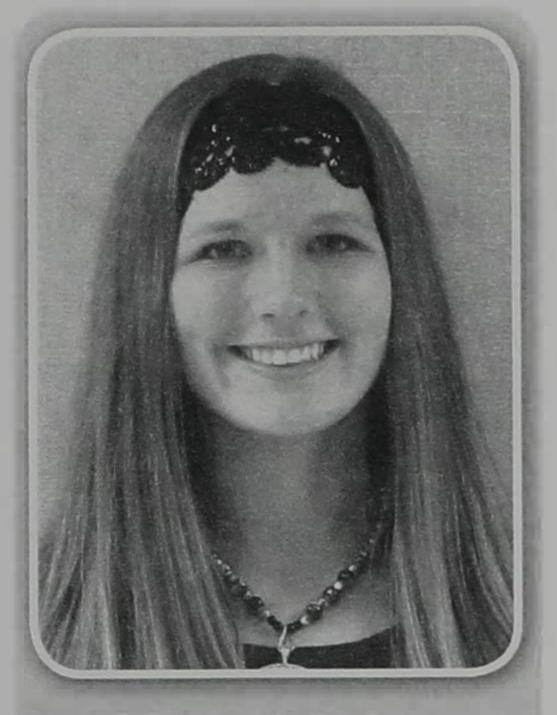
TAYLOR LEONHARDT SHEEP SUPERINTENDENT

Taylor Leonhardt is the daughter of Terry and Cindy Leonhardt of Groton, SD. She is a junior Agricultural Education and Agricultural Leadership double major. Last year Taylor showed sheep at Little I. She is an active member in Sigma Alpha, Ag-Bio Ambassadors, LeadState, and the growth group at her church. In her spare time she likes to work at her family sheep farm and compete in rodeos.



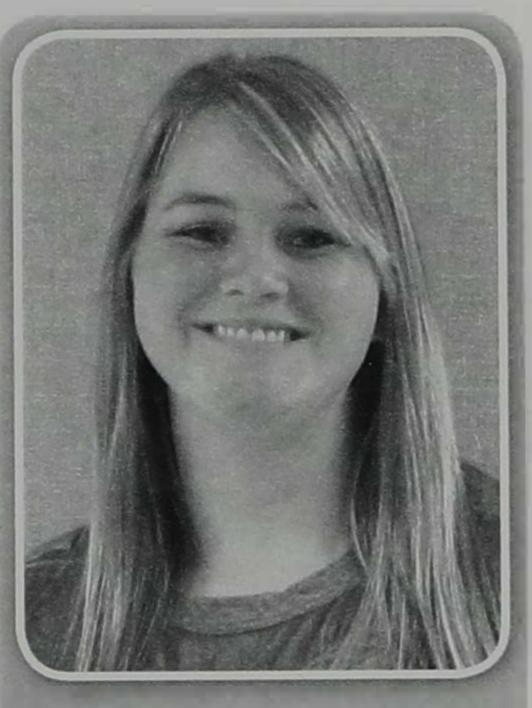
ALI HEINE ASSISTANT SHEEP SUPERINTENDENT

Ali Heine is a sophomore Agricultural Communications major from Vermillion, SD. She is the daughter of Todd and Kelly Heine. Ali is involved in Sigma Alpha, LeadState, and Collegiate 4-H. She is a sheep showman, swine showman, and student tech fellow.



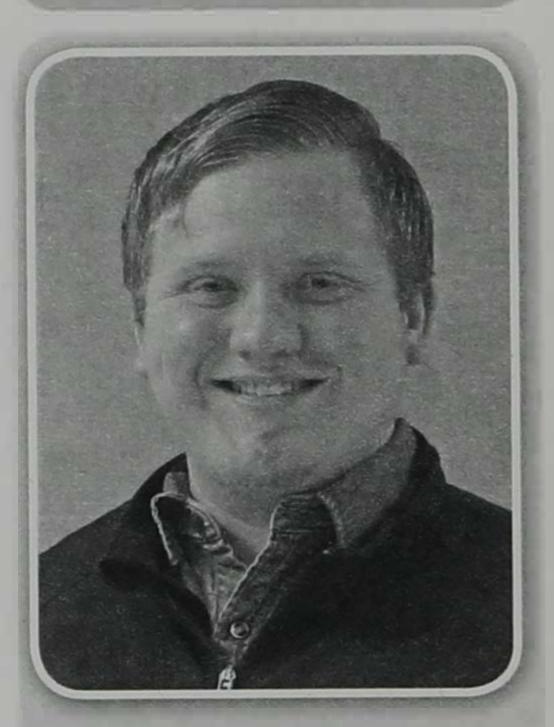
PAIGE ANDERSON ASSISTANT SHEEP SUPERINTENDENT

Paige is a freshman Animal Science major at SDSU. Her parents are Brad and Shirley Anderson of Jackson, MN. In addition to Little I, Paige is involved in Block and Bridle, Pre-Vet Club, and the SDSU Wool Judging Team.



DANI MARQUARDT HORSE SUPERINTENDENT

Dani Marquardt is the daughter of Steve and Diane Marquardt of Canistota, SD. Dani is a senior Biology/Pre-Veterinary major at SDSU. Dani has competed in the Horse Showmanship and Horse Fitting contests at Little I. She has also served at Little I as Assistant Horse Judging Coordinator and Horse Superintendent. Dani is also a member of the SDSU Horse Club. Dani enjoyed showing her horse in 4-H, and she still competes in many open horse shows.



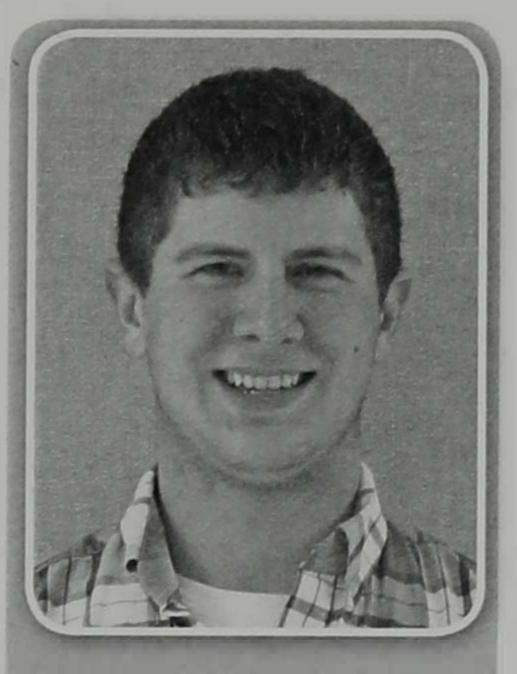
BRYAN GOETTSCH ASSISTANT HORSE SUPERINTENDENT

Bryan is the son of Sue Brandsrud and is from Everly, IA. He is currently a junior majoring in Animal Science. Bryan is involved with the Heartland Paint Horse Club, Iowa Paint Horse Circuit, Iowa Quarter Horse Circuit, Iowa Quarter Horse Circuit, AjPHA Circuit, and AQHYA Circuit. He also was a horse judging contestant in 2010 and has shown beef, sheep, swine, horses, goats and rabbits in 4-H and FFA.



BAILY RINGGENBERG ASSISTANT HORSE SUPERINTENDENT

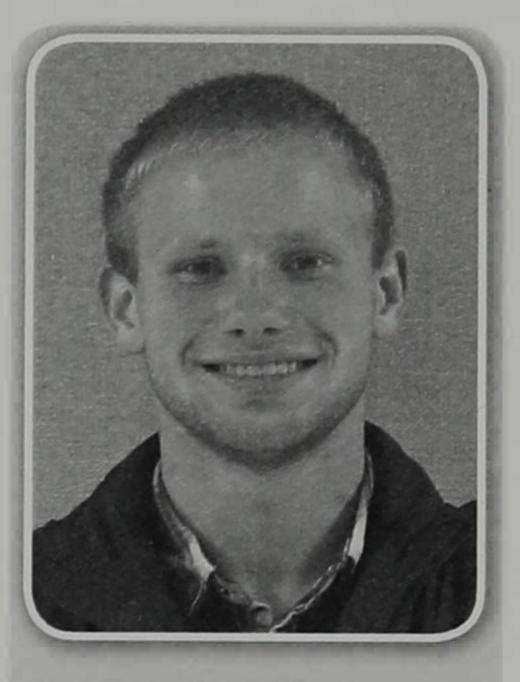
Baily Junior Animal Science major from Columbia, SD. Her parents are Mike and Molly Ringgenberg. At past little I's Baily had been involved in horse showing. In her free time she enjoys showing cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses. She also enjoys working and photography.



BEN CHOUDEK

DAIRY SUPERINTENDENT

Ben Choudek is a senior Dairy Production major with an Agronomy minor from Owatonna, MN. His parents are Scott Choudek and Rachel Dinse. Ben is involved in Alpha Gamma Rho, Agronomy Club, Ag-Bio Ambassadors, Prexy Council, and SDSU Dairy Cattle Judging. He is also President of the SDSU Dairy Club. Ben is a skilled showman of dairy cattle, beef, swine, and poultry. He has also shown dairy cattle in the past at Little I.



DALEN ZUIDEMA ASSISTANT DAIRY SUPERINTENDENT

Dalen Zuidema is the son of Jan and Jolene Zuidema of Blomkest, MN. He is a sophomore Animal Science major at SDSU. Dalen is Scholarship Chair of FarmHouse and Vice President of the IntraFraternal Council. He also serves as an Ag-Bio Ambassador. Last year Dalen served at Little I as Assistant Dairy Superintendent.



JOE YETZER
ASSISTANT DAIRY
SUPERINTENDENT

Joe Yetzer is a freshman Agricultural Systems Technology major at SDSU. He is the son of Steve and Rita Yetzer from Waconia, MN. Joe participated in 4-H and is an experienced dairy cattle showman. He also enjoys his current job at United Farmers Co-op.



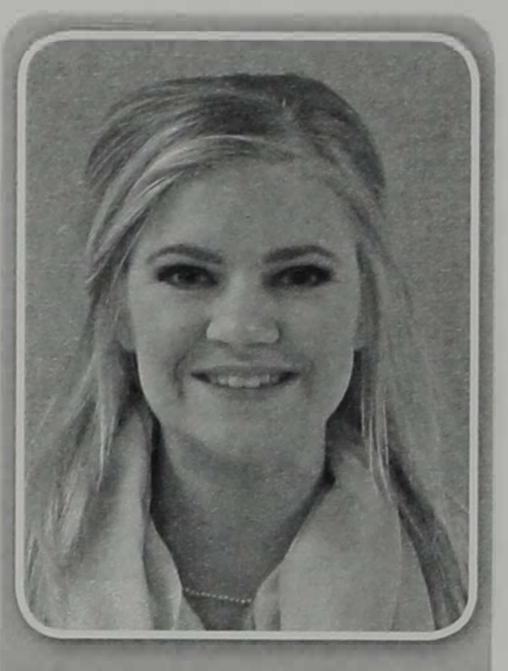
MOLLY BOMGAARS
GOAT SUPERINTENDENT

Molly Bomgaars is a junior Agricultural Education major from Sioux Center, IA. Her parents are Calvin and Marcia Bomgaars. Molly is active in Swine Club and has shown swine at Little I in the past. While in 4-H and FFA, Molly has become a skilled showman of beef, swine, goats, sheep, chickens, and rabbits.



ERIN WICKER
ASSISTANT GOAT
SUPERINTENDENT

Erin Wicker is the daughter of John and Mary Wicker of Kimball, SD. She is a sophomore Animal Science and Agricultural Communications double major at SDSU. Molly currently serves as Assistant Treasurer for Ceres Women's Fraternity. In the past Molly was also very active in FFA and 4-H, where she showed horses.



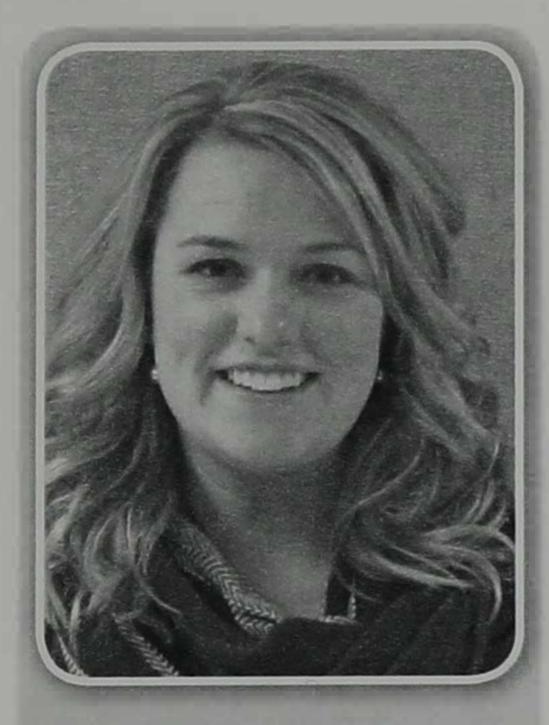
ALISON DURHEIM ASSISTANT GOAT SUPERINTENDENT

Alison Durheim is the daughter of Matt and Cindy Durheim of St. James, MN. She is a freshman Animal Science major. Alison is involved in SDSU Collegiate 4-H and Block and Bridle. While in 4-H, she has shown chickens, meat goats, beef, turkey, and rabbits.



MADELINE SCHULTZ
ASSISTANT GOAT
SUPERINTENDENT

Madeline Schultz is a freshman Animal Science and Agricultural Business double major at SDSU. She is the daughter of Jeff and Kathryn Schultz of Faribault, MN. Madeline was involved in FFA and 4-H, where she showed beef and market goats.



AMANDA PHILIPP LAMB LEAD SUPERINTENDENT

Amanda is a junior from Fairmont, MN majoring in Ag Leadership and Communications. The daughter of Darla and Paul Philipp, Amanda has been involved in Sigma Alpha while at SDSU and enjoyed showing market lambs and breeding Suffolk's through 4-H.



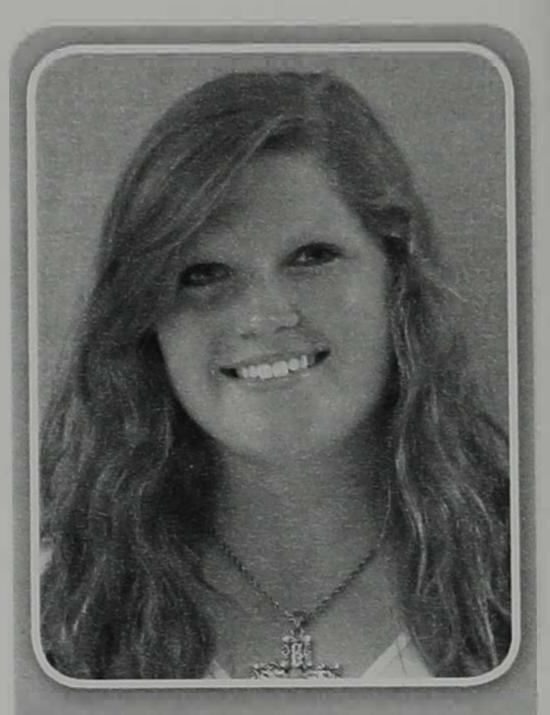
JACKLYN OELKE ASSISTANT LAMB LEAD SUPERINTENDENT

Jackie Oelke is the daughter of Bret and Lorie Oelke and is originally from Barrett, MN. In her first year of attending SDSU, Jackie is studying both Animal Science and Ag Communications while also serving as secretary of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association, a Minnesota Suffolk Sheep Ambassador, and Minnesota lamb and wool Lambassador.



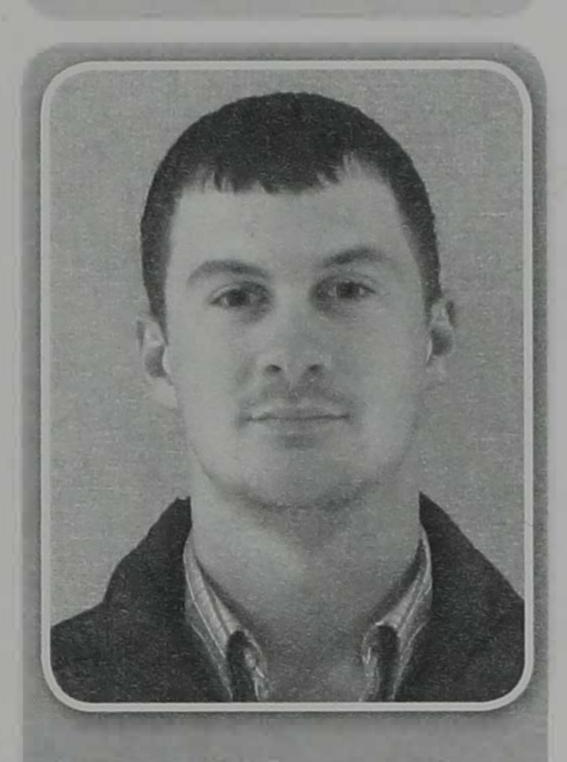
DELLA STAGE
JUDGING COORDINATOR

As a senior majoring in Dairy Manufacturing, Della Stage has stayed busy on campus through her involvement with both Dairy Club and Little I. The daughter of Greg and Laura Stage, Della is originally from Vesta, MN.



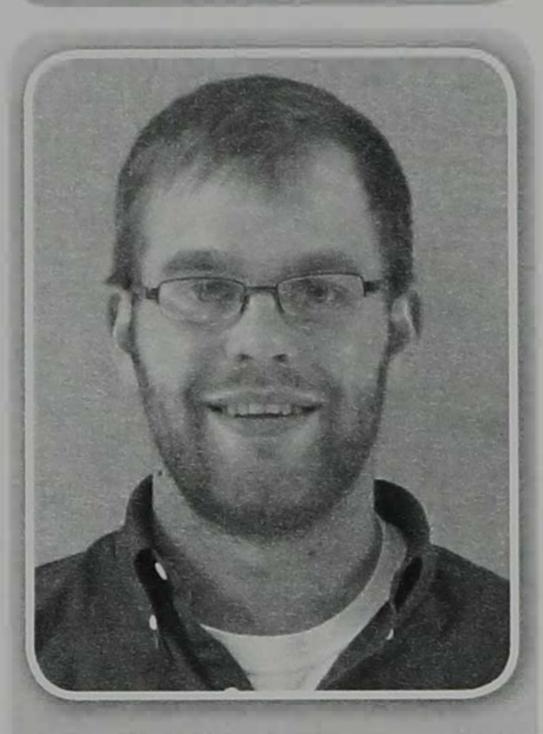
PAIGE BOURNE ASSISTANT JUDGING COORDINATOR

From being an active member of Ceres Women's Fraternity, Alpha Zeta, Block and Bridle, and Little I for the last three year, Paige Bourne continues her junior year at SDSU while studying to receive a degree in Animal Science. Originally from Maynard, MN, Paige is the daughter of Randy and Jan Bourne.



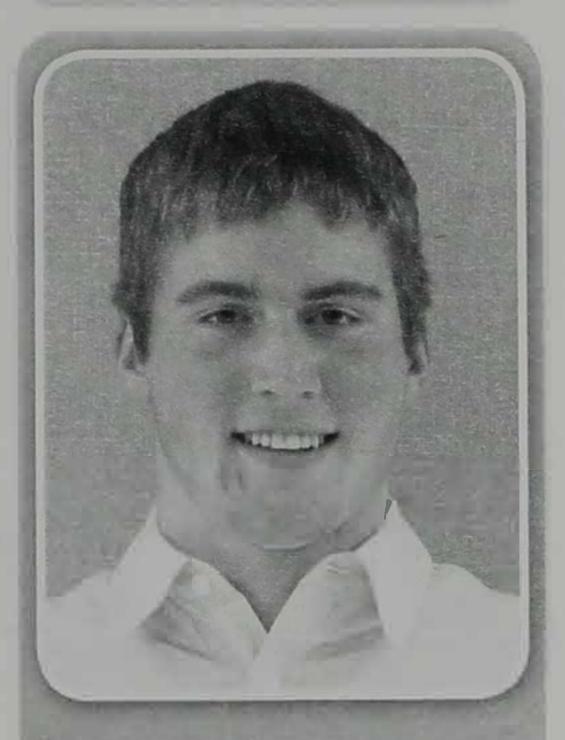
ZACH POST LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST COORDINATOR

From involvement in Block and Bridle as a chair of their annual steer show and participating in the SDSU Livestock Judging Team, Zach Post, a senior majoring in Animal Science, has nurtured a passion for raising and showing cattle and hogs. From Lakefield, MN, Post is the son of Brian and Melanie Post.



GRADY RUBLE
ASSISTANT LIVESTOCK
JUDGING COORDINATOR

The son of Doug and Pam Ruble, Grady Ruble is originally from Albert Lea, MN, and is a junior at SDSU majoring in Animal Science. Since beginning his time at State, Grady has been involved in Little I, Block & Bridle, Steer Show, and judging as part of the Wool Judging Team. Before college, Grady was involved in 4-H and FFA.



BRADY WULF
ASSISTANT LIVESTOCK
JUDGING COORDINATOR

As a freshman Ag Science major, Brady Wulf came to SDSU with a strong background in showing cattle and FFA. Serving as a Minnesota State FFA Officer and participating in Block & Bridle this year in addition to Little I has kept the Starbuck, MN native busy. Brady is the son of Jim and Twyla Wulf.



FELICIA NIEBUHR HORSE JUDGING SUPERINTENDENT

With involvement in Dairy Club, the Horse Judging Team, and Little I Staff supplementing her studies with a major in Animal Science, senior Felicia Niebuhr has linked education and personal passions. The daughter of Ed and Rita Niebuhr, Felicia is originally from Wells, MN.

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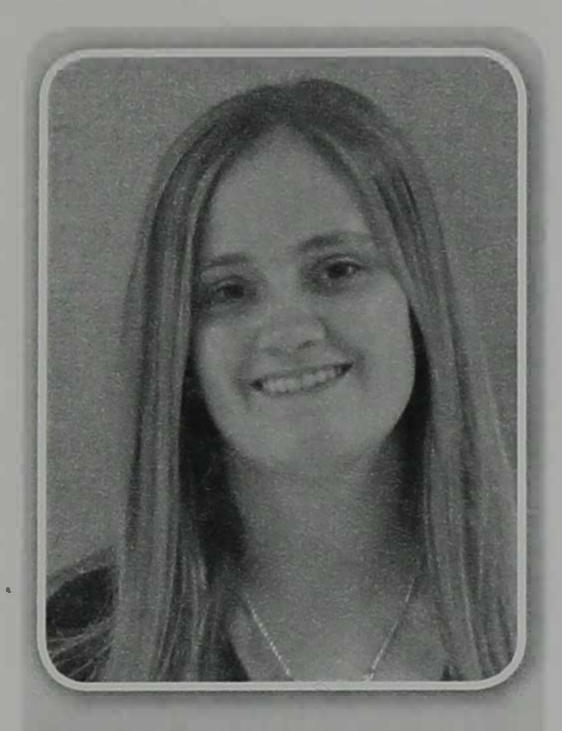
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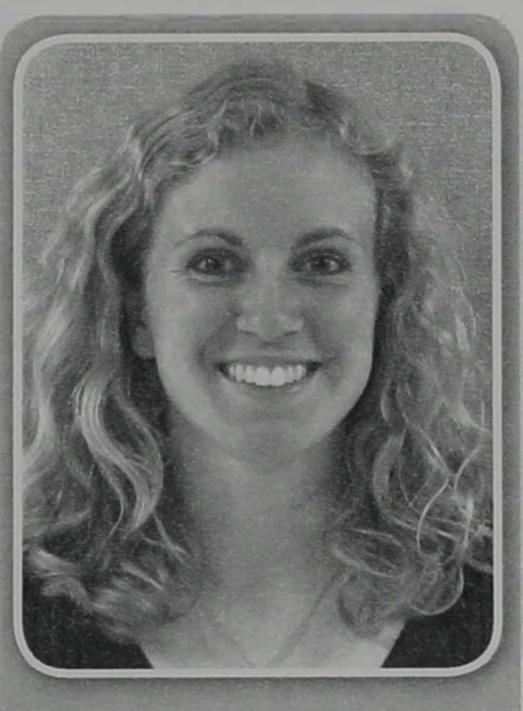
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ASHLEY SWANSON
ASSISTANT
HORSE JUDGING
SUPERINTENDENT

A participant in Little I since sophomore year in high school, Ashley maintains a long history of involvement with showing and leadership. With a history of devotion to the 4-H and FFA organizations, Ashley has shown every offered species and judged on a variety of livestock teams including dairy cattle and horses. Currently a junior studying Animal Science, Ashley is from New London, MN and is the daughter of Sue Ziemer–Swanson.



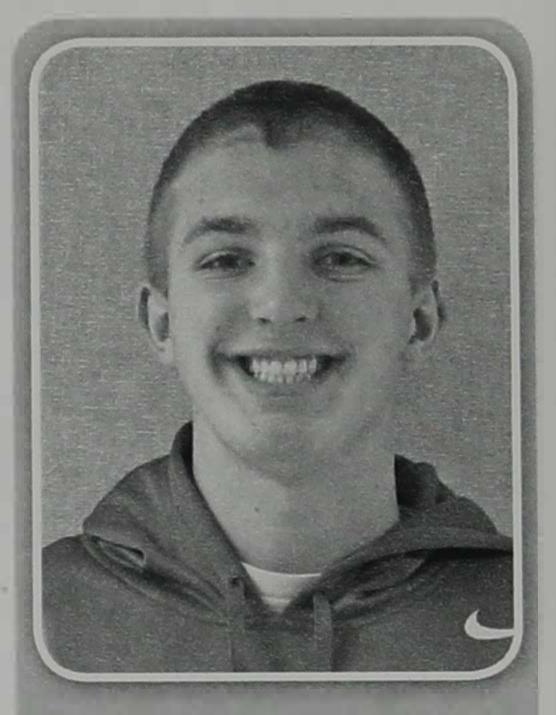
MIKAYLA PILLER
DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING
SUPERINTENDENT

Majoring in Ag Business, Mikayla Piller is a junior from Kenyon, MN and is the daughter of Greg and Wendi Piller. Throughout her time at SDSU, Mikayla has been active in Little I as well as a member of both Dairy Club and the Dairy Judging Team. Before college, she was an avid showman in 4-H in both dairy cattle and poultry.



ANDREA PFAFFENBACH
ASSISTANT
DAIRY JUDGING
SUPERINTENDENT

Hailing from Roanna, Indiana, Andrea Pfaffenbach is the daughter of Andy and Renelle Pfaffenbach. With a major in Dairy Production, Andrea supports a passion for the dairy industry with work at the South Dakota and Minnesota state FFA level in coordinating Dairy Judging events for students, in addition to being a member of both Dairy Club and the Dairy Judging Team. Andrea also enjoys jitterbugging and piano playing.



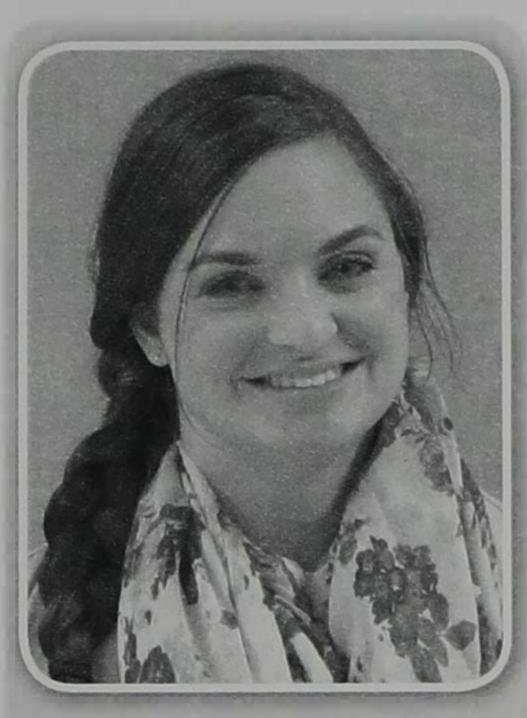
JACOB WEG
ASSISTANT
DAIRY JUDGING
SUPERINTENDENT

From the basketball courts to FFA events to Dairy Club and Dairy Challenge, Jacob Weg has a variety of interests. Currently in his first year at SDSU, Jacob is pursuing a degree in Dairy Production. His parents are Gene and Jenni Weg, and they are from Worthington, MN.



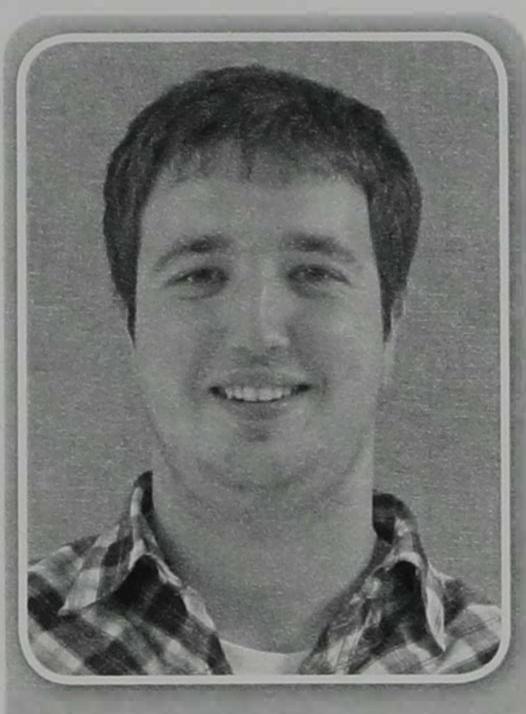
SAMANTHA SCHAEFER
DAIRY FOODS
SUPERINTENDENT

The daughter of Bill and Deb Schaefer, Samantha Schaefer is a senior studying Dairy Manufacturing & Production from Lake Bento, MN. With a 4-H background in showing dairy goats and a history of competing in Little I since freshmen year in high school, Samantha came to SDSU and continued participating in Little I in addition to Dairy Club.



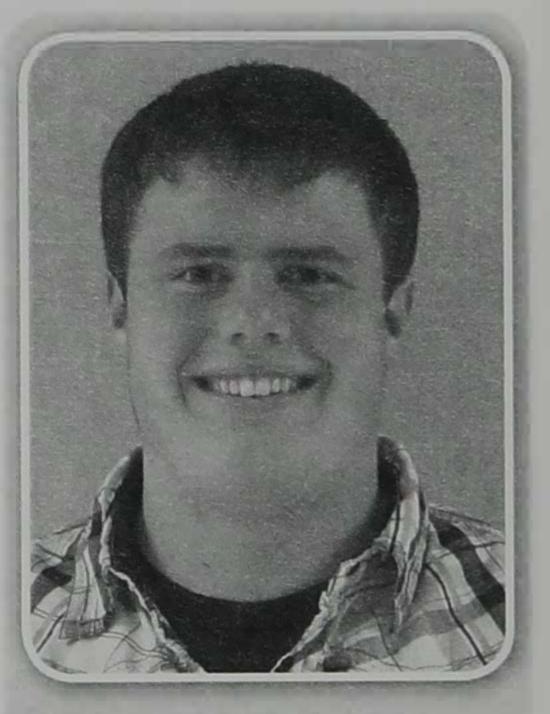
RACHEL JOHNSON DAIRY FOODS JUDGING SUPERINTENDENT

As an active Dairy Club member, Collegiate Dairy Products
Judging Team member, and a
co-chair for the South Dakota
FFA Dairy Products CDE, Rachel Johnson, a senior, has
supplemented her quest for a
degree in Dairy Manufacturing. From Russell, MN, Rachel
is the daughter of Brad and Dianne Johnson.



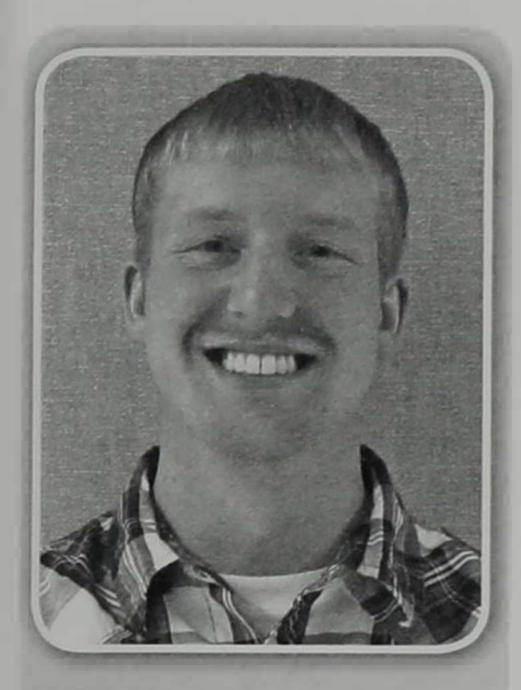
KYLE LEARY
EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

From Mapleton, MN, Kyle Leary is the son of George and Jan Leary and is studying Ag Business. As a senior, Kyle is enjoys hunting, fishing, and showing pigs: he was the 2013 Champion Navies Swine Showman and the 2013 Reserve Champion Swine Showman.



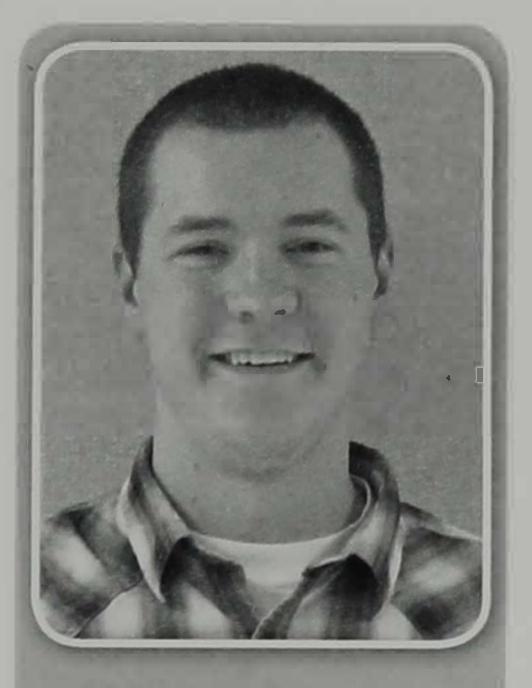
BRANDON WHITE EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT

With interests in hunting, fishing, and trapping, Brandon White is pursing a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Studies. Along with his studies, Brandon is a co-founder of the Dakota Gunners. Having a history in both showing and being on staff within Little I, Brandon is returning for his fourth year. From Peterson, IA, he is the son of Kevin and Diane White.



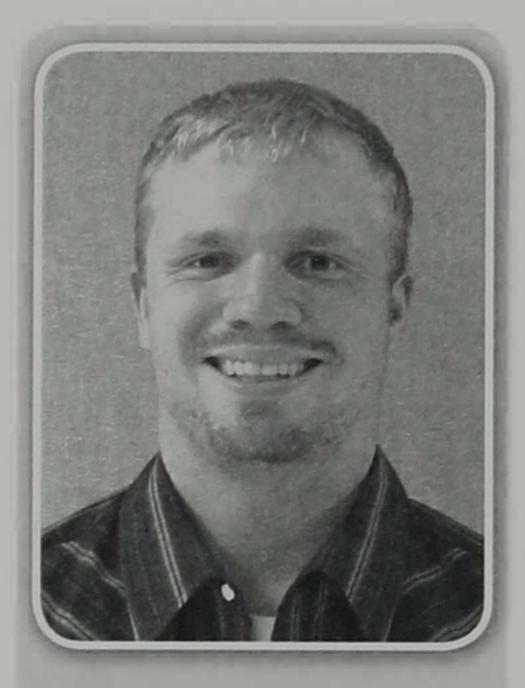
BENJAMIN WAGNER
EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

Benjamin Wagner is the son of Jim and Mimi Wagner and is from Gaza, IA. Ben is a Senior Agronomy major and this is his third year participating at Little I. While at SDSU, Ben has been involved in the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity where he has held a few offices. He also has been a part of Block and Bridle, Agronomy Club, and was on the Soils Judging Team.



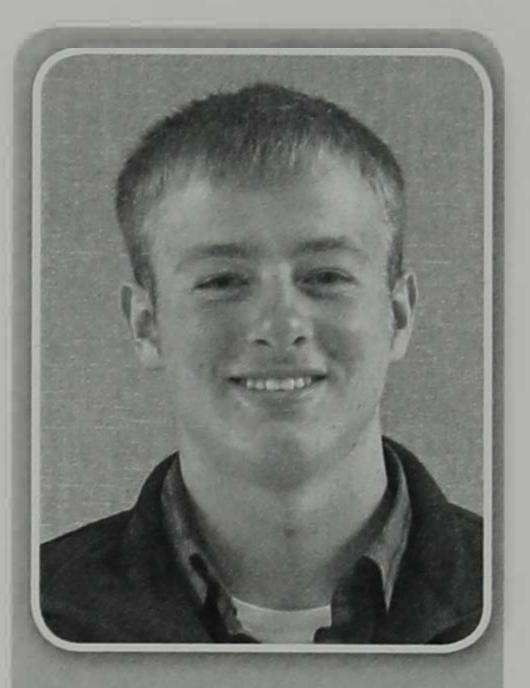
ANDY BECKER
EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

Andy is a senior AST major from Bridgewater, SD. He is the son of Dale and Janet Becker. The past two years, Andy has served on Little I's equipment staff. Andy enjoys farming and doing anything outdoors.



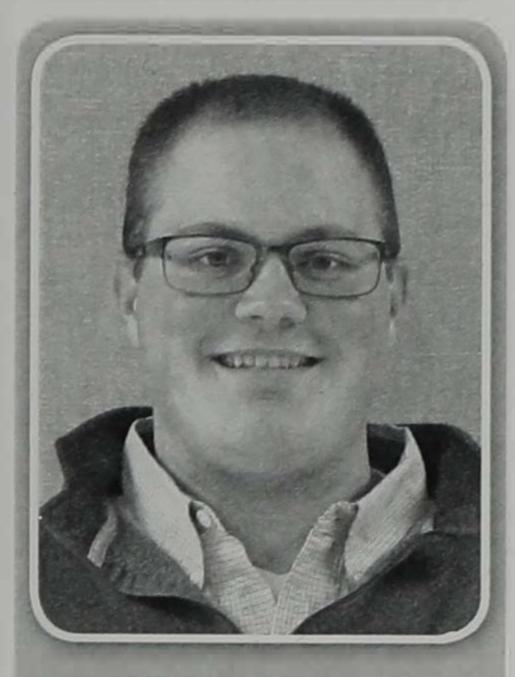
NICK HAIWICK ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT

From Ankeny, IA, Nick Haiwick enjoys showing sheep, raising livestock and is involved with the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at SDSU. Currently a junior, Nick is majoring in Animal Science. He is the son Greg and Leanne Haiwick.



JONATHAN TAUER
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

The son of Jeff and Kris Tauer, Jonathon Tauer is currently a junior with a major in Animal Science. Hailing originally from Morgan, MN, he is a member of FarmHouse Fraternity and a past participant in Little I. Jonathon enjoys hunting, fishing, working with horses, and is both a 4-H and FFA alumni.



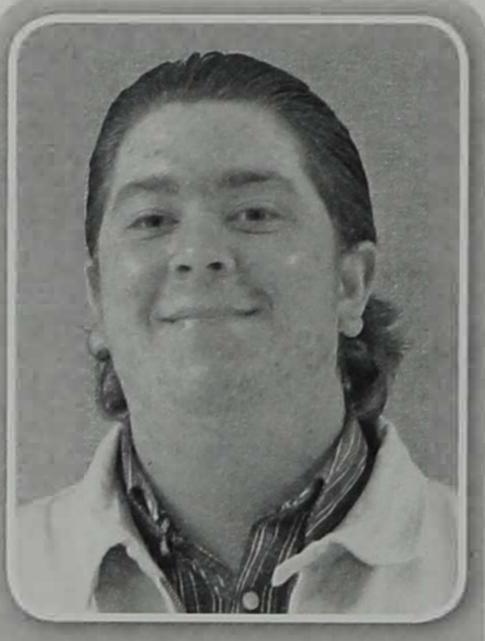
MITCH DONKERS
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

An active member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and past Little I's, Mitch Donkers is currently also pursing a degree in Agricultural Business. The son of Jim and Gail Donkers is originally from Faribault, MN and is a junior.



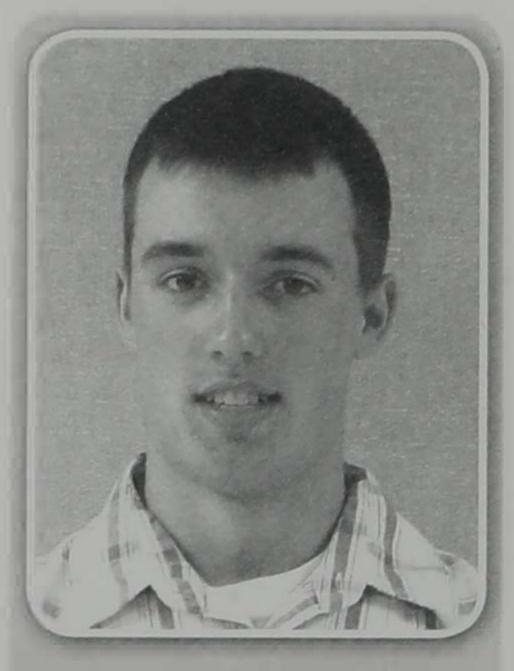
FERN ENGEN
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

Fern Engen, the daughter of Keith and Sandy Engen, is a sophomore majoring in Agricultural Business. From Lamberton, MN., Fern is a member of Sigma Alpha where she serves as a co-rush chair. In high school, she judged livestock several times at Little I and is now joining the event staff.



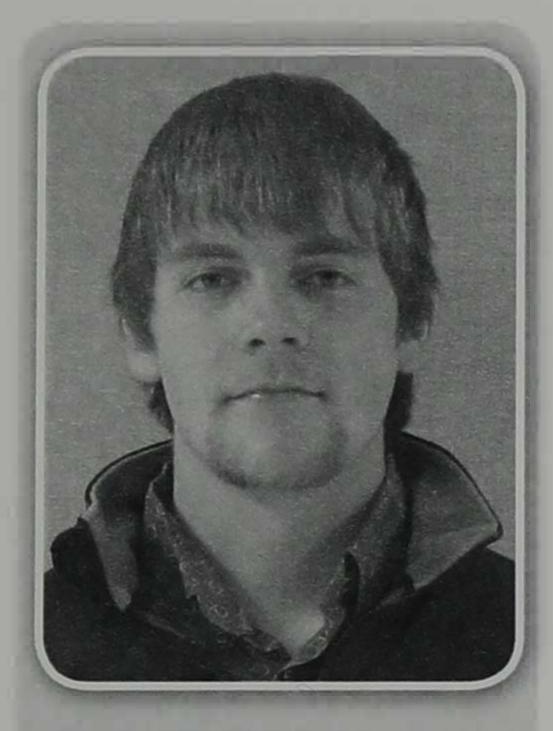
JACOB REED
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

Jacob aka. JR, is the son of Kyle and Jodie Reed from Hartland, MN. He has dedicated is time to the betterment of Little I and perfecting his sick flow. JR enjoys many activities but his favorites would be romantic movies, Pintrest, and bird watching.



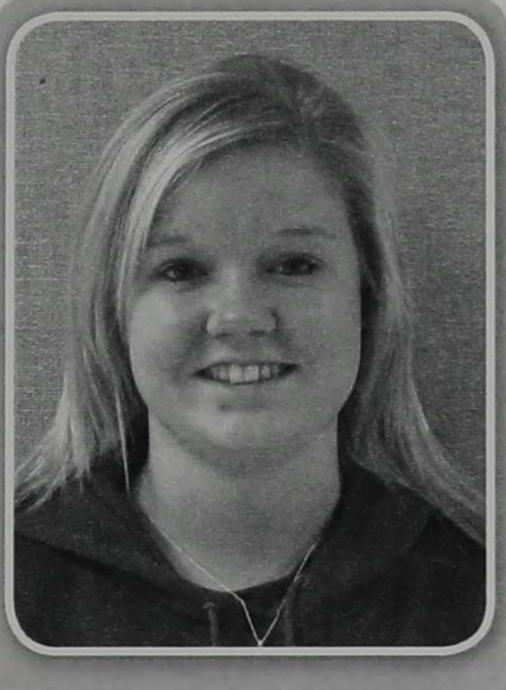
TONY MUNSTERTEIGER
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

Participating in Swine Club, Block and Bridle, and being a member of the fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho are a few of the things Tony Munsterteiger supplements his major of Animal Science with. Currently a sophomore, Tony is the son of Duane and Sheila Munsterteiger and is from Ogilvie, MN.



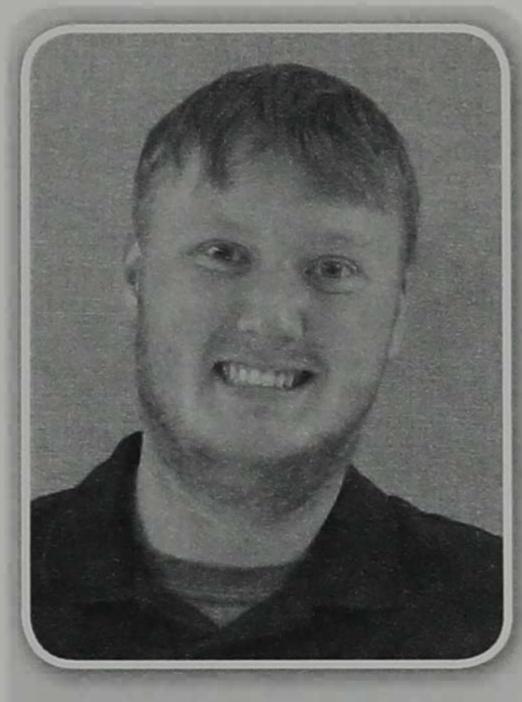
RILEY RUBLE
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

From Albert Lea, MN., Riley Ruble is a freshmen Animal Science major. He is a past member of both FFA and 4-H, where he showed beef cattle and was involved in general livestock judging. The son of Doug and Pam Ruble also enjoys hunting and outdoor activities.



PAIGE GRAVENHOF ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT

While in high school, Paige Gravenhof participated in the Livestock Judging contest at Little I. Now a freshman at SDSU, Paige is pursuing a degree in Animal Science. In addition to her studies she is a member of Block and Bridle and Collegiate FFA. From Worthington, MN, Paige is the daughter of Stacey and Michelle Gravenhof.



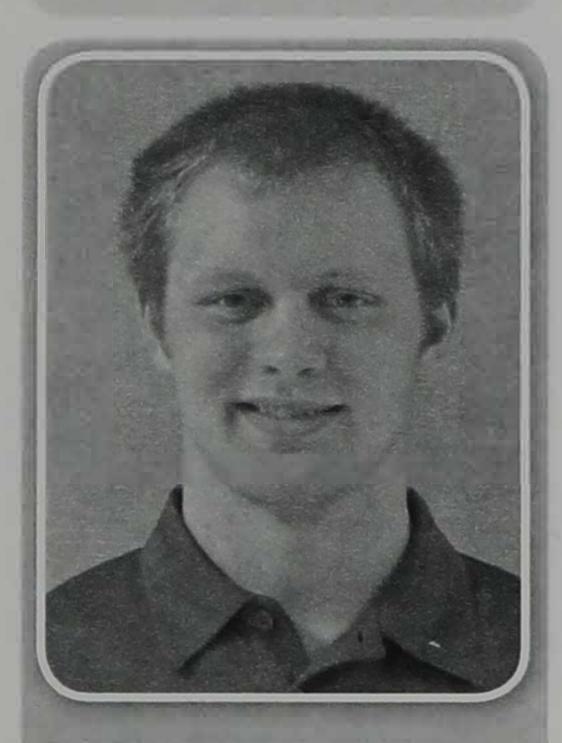
COLLIN KING
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

From Chanhassen, MN, Collin King is a freshman Agricultural Business major. The son of Jeff and Mary King, Collin is a past member of his high school Trap Shooting Team and an Eagle Scout. At SDSU, he is involved with the SDSU Quarter Tractor Pulling Team.



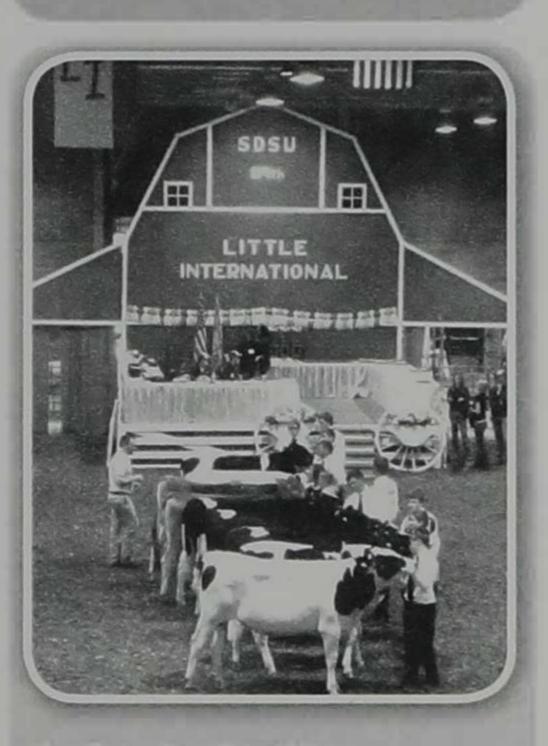
KATIE BECKFELD
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

Having spent most of her life participating in 4-H and FFA, Katie Beckfeld has a strong love for service to others. The Farmington, MN. native is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Education and is still active in both 4-H and FFA on the collegiate level. The daughter of Bill and Tracy Beckfeld, Katie enjoys spending time with her dogs and horses.



CODY JAKOBSON
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

Being outdoors, participating in FFA events, and working on small personal projects like duck calls are just a few of Cody Jakobson's hobbies. Cody, a junior, is majoring in Agricultural Education. Originally from New London, MN, his parents are Todd and Missy Jakobson.



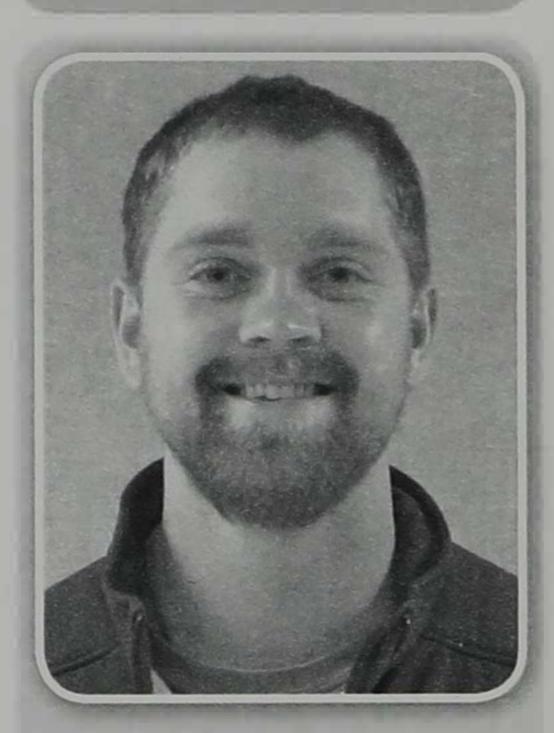
TARA PARMELY
AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCT SALES
SUPERINTENDENT

From Miller, SD, Tara Parmely is the daughter of Jeff and Margie Pannely. A junior studying for a degree in Agronomy, Tara is an active member in Agronomy Club, FFA, and Agriculture Futures of America. Her hobbies include hunting, playing basketball and volleyball, and attending antique tractor shows.



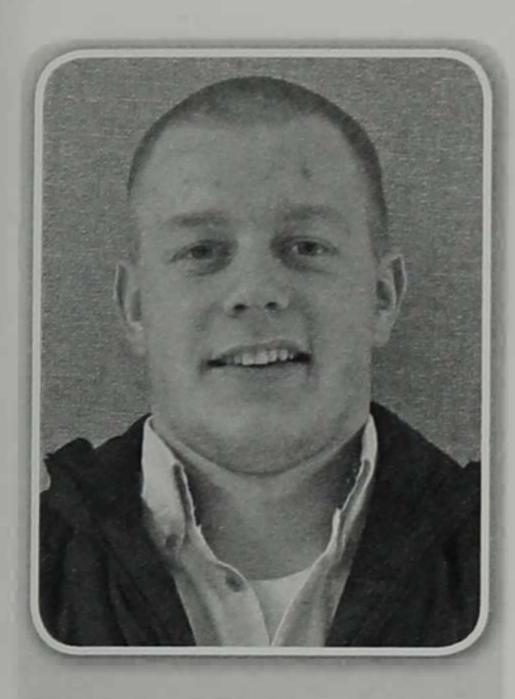
BREANNE GOBER
ASSISTANT
AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCT SALES
SUPERINTENDENT

A lover of all things nature, Breanne Gober has channeled her enjoyment of playing in the soil into her major of Agronomy. The daughter of Eric and Julie Gober is a freshman. An Orange City, IA native, Breanne is a member of the SDSU Agronomy Club and is excited to continue her participation with the Little I organization.



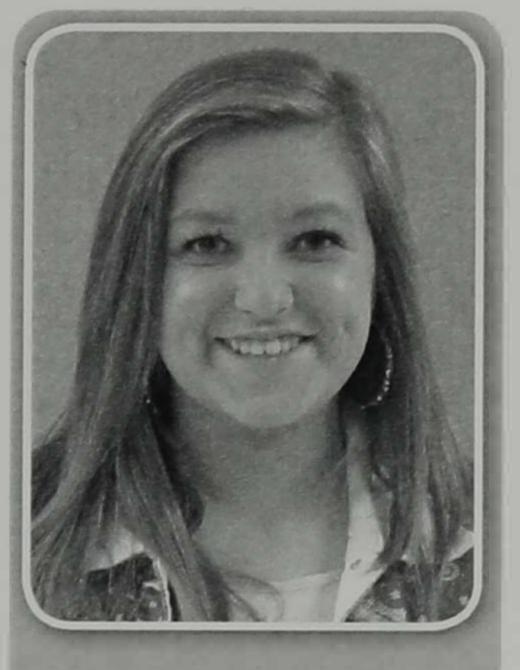
DANNY ZENK AGRONOMY SUPERINTENDENT

From Webster, SD, Danny Zenk is a senior majoring in Agricultural Sciences. During his time at SDSU, Danny has participated in Block and Bridle, Agronomy Club, Lead-State, and is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Danny is the son of Fred and Cindy Zenk.



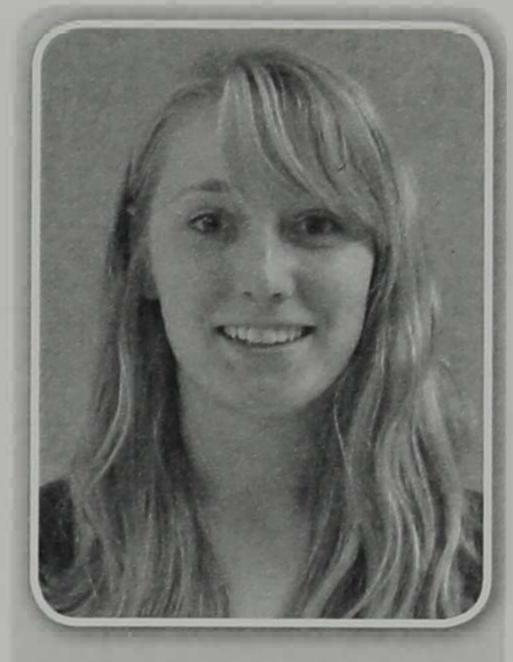
DAN LARSON
ASSISTANT AGRONOMY
SUPERINTENDENT

Dan Larson is a junior Agronomy major from Medford, MN. He is the son of Tim and Joanne Larson. In the past, Dan participated in little I in 2013 and served as the meat products assistant in 2014. Dan enjoys hunting, fishing, playing sports, and showing sheep.



MELISSA NELSON ASSISTANT AGRONOMY SUPERINTENDENT

A member of Collegiate FFA and Agronomy Club, Melissa Nelson is a sophomore from Salem, SD. The daughter of Brian and Laura Nelson is a double major in Agronomy and Animal Science. With a past of competing in Little I during high school, Melissa is serving her second year as the Agronomy Assistant Superintendent.



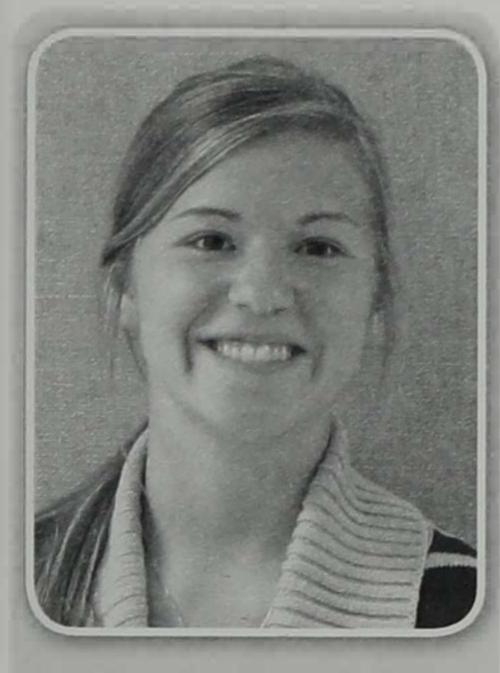
JESSI RIEDIGER
FARM BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

From previous involvement in Little I, to being the 2nd vice president of NAMA, to being a member of the Economics Club, Jessi Riediger is an extremely involved student. A junior studying Agricultural Business, Jessi is the daughter of Diane and Kendall Riedger and is originally from Lawton, IA.



MANDY HOISTAD
ASSISTANT FARM
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

Majoring in Animal Science
Business and Production with
minors in Agronomy and Agricultural Business, Mandy Hoistad is a junior at SDSU. With involvement in ASFMRA, F.I.R.E
(Finance, Insurance, and Real
Estate) and having participated in the Argentina/Uruguay
Study Abroad Class, Mandy has
stayed active since beginning in
Brookings. She is the daughter
of Darren and Susan Hoistad
and is from Forman, ND.



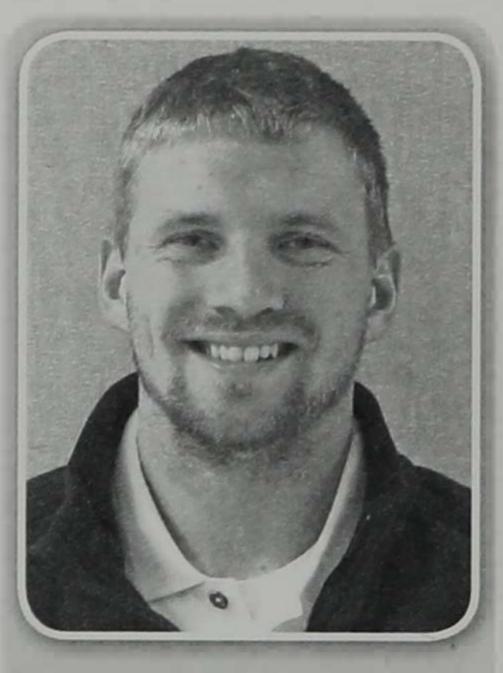
SHANNON DUXBURY
ASSISTANT FARM
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

An avid Simmental showman, a member of Block and Bridle, and a past participant in Little I, Shannon Duxbury enjoys supplementing her studies as a Animal Science and Biotechnology major. A sophomore, Shannon is originally from Wessington, SD. and is the daughter of Dale and Sandy Duxbury.



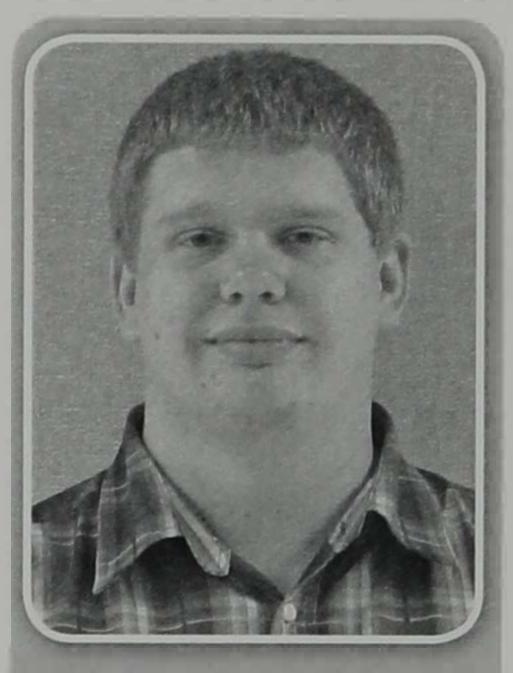
ANDREA MULLER FLORICULTURE SUPERINTENDENT

Andrea Muller is a Senior Agronomy major from Windom, MN. Her parents are Wayne and Monica Muller. While at SDSU Andrea has participated in Agronomy club and is a member of Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority.



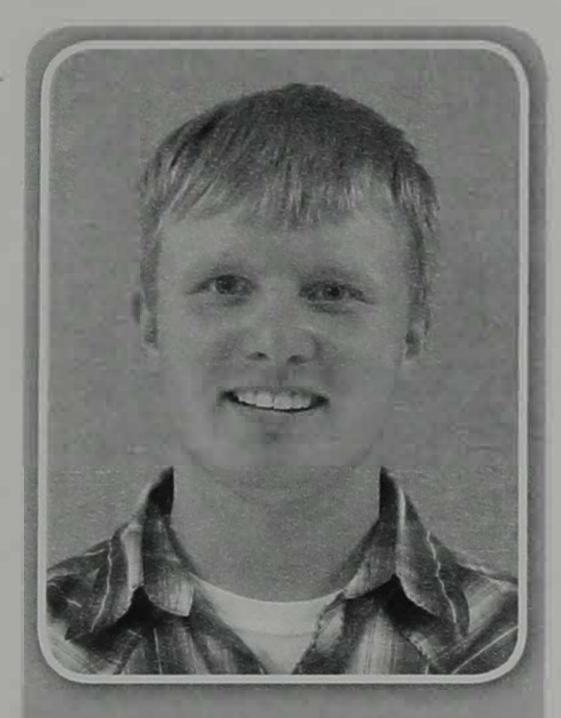
NATHAN MC MULLEN ASSISTANT FLORICULTURE SUPERINTENDENT

Nathan is from Sleepy Eye, MN and is the son of James and Pam McMullen. Nathan is currently a junior majoring in Agricultural Education. He enjoys working with muscle cars, welding, teaching, landscaping, and hanging out with his brothers.



BRIAN VAN DE STROET MACHINERY SALES SUPERINTENDENT

Brian is the son of John and Melanie Van De Stroet from Canton, SD. Brian is a senior agronomy student and was the 2014 president of the Agronomy club. He has been active in Little I, being the superintendent for both machinery sales and crops judging.



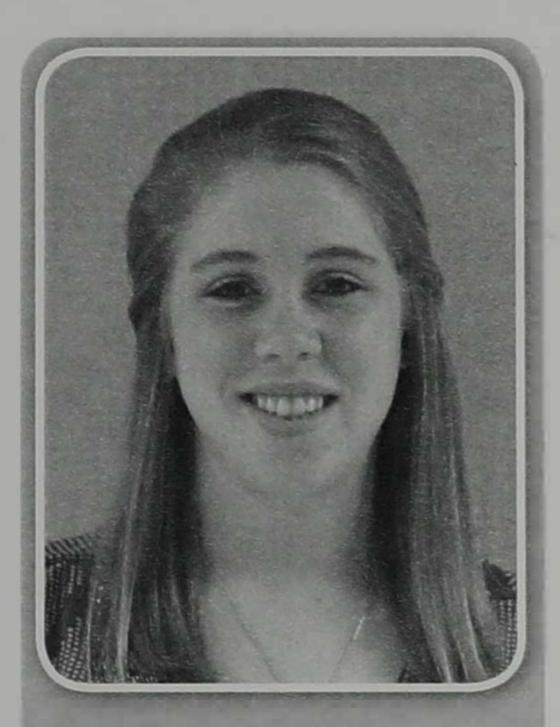
JACK THOMPSON
ASSISTANT
MACHINERY SALES
SUPERINTENDENT

Jack is a junior agronomy student from Albert Lea, MN. He is the son of Kellie Thompson. He was active in FFA and 4-H, and showed cattle and hogs while growing up. He was also involved in the Machinery Sales competition.



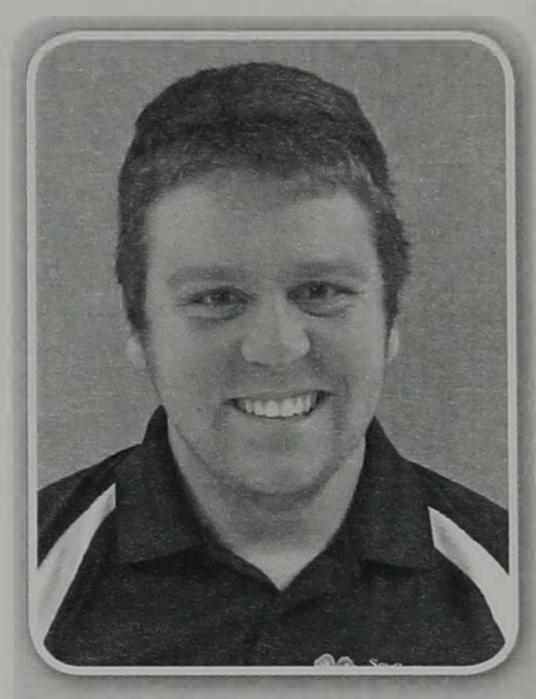
JUSTIN VIKTORA
ASSISTANT
MACHINERY SALES
SUPERINTENDENT

Justin is the son of Kenneth and Alisa Viktora and is from Albert Lea, MN. Justin is a freshman Animal Science major. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and showing cattle. He also participated in 4-H and FFA.



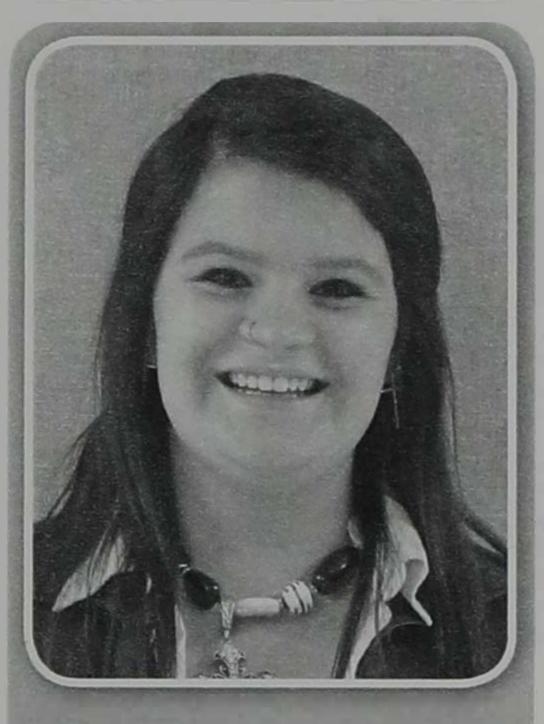
DANIELLE EVERS
MEATS JUDGING
SUPERINTENDENT

As the daughter of Bryon and Jennifer Evers, Daniele is a junior Animal Science and Spanish major from Sioux Center, IA. At SDSU she was a member of the 2014 Meat Judging Team and has been the dairy judging coordinator for the past two years.



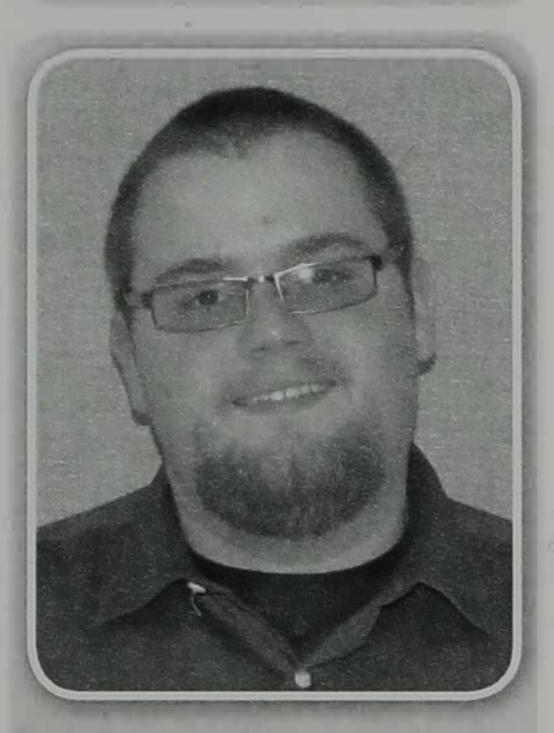
JOSH KIRCHENBAUER
MEATS JUDGING
SUPERINTENDENT

Josh is the son of James Kirchenbauer and Eileen Mattison and is from Clear Lake, MN. Josh is a junior Animal Science major and has a passion for showing cattle and sheep. He was also a member of the 2014 Meat Judging Team.



LIZ LEE
ASSISTANT
MEATS JUDGING
SUPERINTENDENT

Liz is a sophomore from Lake City, MN. Daughter of Dale Lee and Tammy Moyer-Lee, Liz is majoring in Agricultural Education. Besides showing cattle she enjoys helping on the farm and playing sports.



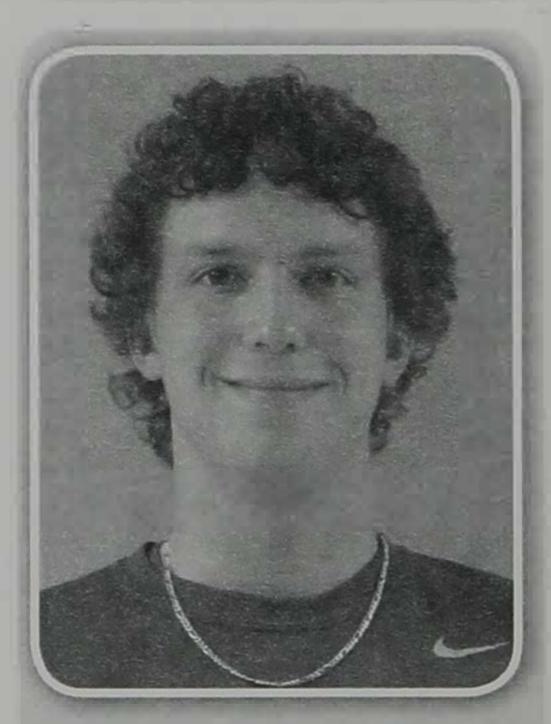
ERIC FRITZ
MEATS PRODUCTS
SUPERINTENDENT

Eric Fritz from Reading MN, is a senior Agriculture Education major. Eric is the son of Tony Fritz and Kathy Seivers. On campus he is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. In his free time Eric enjoys hunting and fishing.



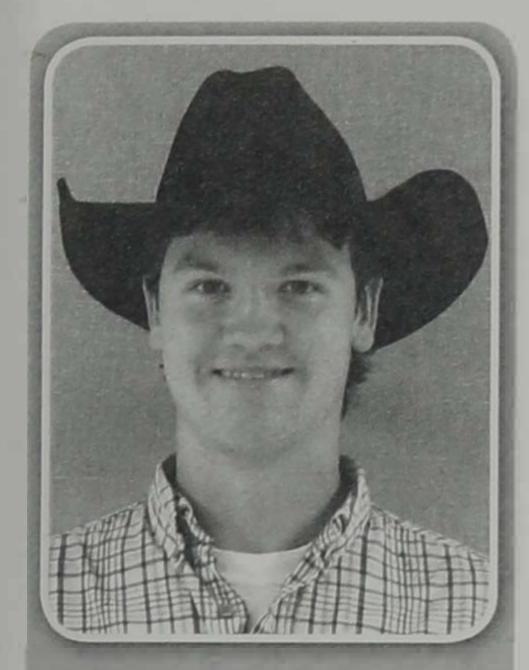
BRIDGETT HOFFMAN
ASSISTANT
MEATS PRODUCTS
SUPERINTENDENT

Bridgett is the daughter of Steve and Crystal Hoffmann and is from Whitewater, WI. She is a freshman Animal Science major specializing in business and production. Bridgett is currently serving on the American Lowline Junior Association as a director, and as the American Lowline Queen, representing the breed. In the past, Bridgett spent her time showing beef, sheep, and poultry across Wisconsin.



JEREMIAH FLATGARD ASSISTANT MEATS PRODUCT SUPERINTENDENT

Jeremiah is a freshman that is majoring in Agricultural Education. He is the son of Dan and Vicki and is from Jackson, MN. In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing and is a member of the SDSU baseball club.



WYATT JOHNSON RANGE JUDGING SUPERINTENDENT

Wyatt is the son of Jon and Connie Johnson from Midland, SD. Wyatt is a junior Agricultural Leadership major with minors in Range Science and Animal Science. At SDSU he is active in Range club and the student association. Growing up he enjoyed showing cattle and poultry.



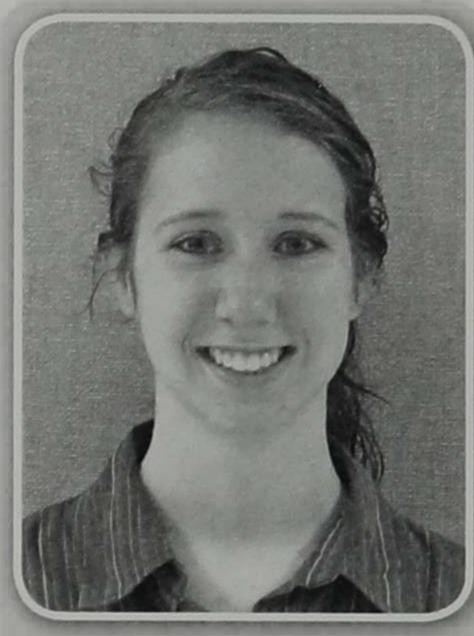
MEGAN LARSEN ASSISTANT RANGE SUPERINTENDENT

Megan is the daughter of Bill and Carol Larsen and is from Wolsey, SD. She is a freshman computer science major. This is her first experience on little I staff, but participated at Little I in high school. In her free time, Megan enjoys music, spending time with her dad on the farm, and being with family and friends.



JOSIE ELI NATURAL RESOURCES SUPERINTENDENT

Josie is a sophomore Animal Science major from Lennox, SD. She is the daughter of Scott and Chari Eli. While at SDSU, Josie served at Little I as the natural resources assistant and enjoys horseback riding and softball.



KASEY SCHMIDT ASSISTANT NATURAL RESOURCES SUPERINTENDENT

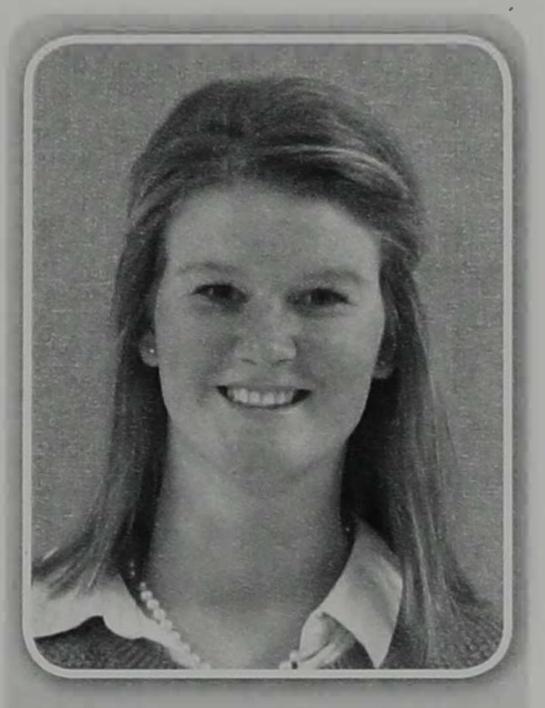
Kasey is a freshman pursuing majors in both Ecology & Environmental Science and Ag & Bio engineering. She is the daughter of Chris and Stacy Schmidt from Milbank, SD. In her free time she is active in FFA, CFFA, and HCSO.





ELIZABETH
BERTOLOTTO
ASSISTANT
NATURAL RESOURCES
SUPERINTENDENT

Elizabeth is the daughter of Jerry and Ann Bertolotto from Sturgis, SD. Elizabeth is currently a sophomore studying Animal Science. In her free time she enjoys hunting, fishing and collegiate 4-H.



MEGHAN DOMONOSKE NURSERY LANDSCAPE SUPERINTENDENT

Meghan is a sophomore majoring in Agronomy. She is the daughter of David and Amy Domonoske and is from Waterville, MN. At SDSU she is involved in agronomy club, CFFA, and Little I. In her free time she shows cattle and pigs while helping out on the family farm.



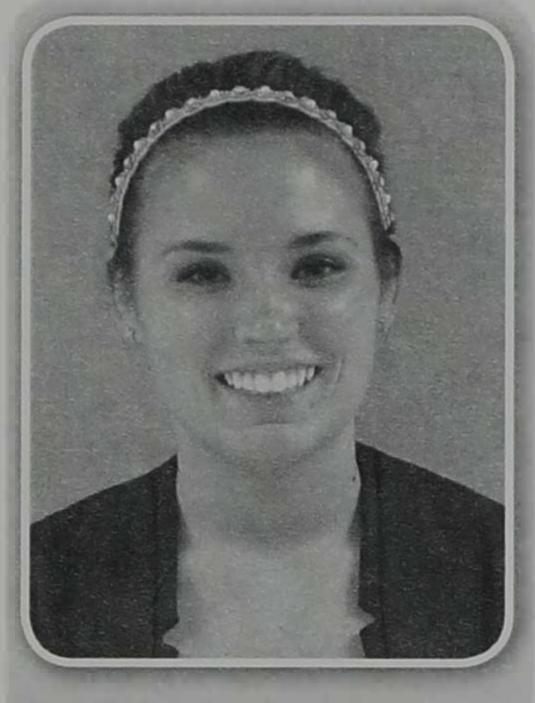
MEAGAN JENSEN
ASSISTANT
NURSERY/LANDSCAPE
SUPERINTENDENT

Meagan is the daughter of Cyndi from Viborg, SD. She is a freshman majoring in Agricultural Education and is a member of Collegiate FFA and Women's choir.



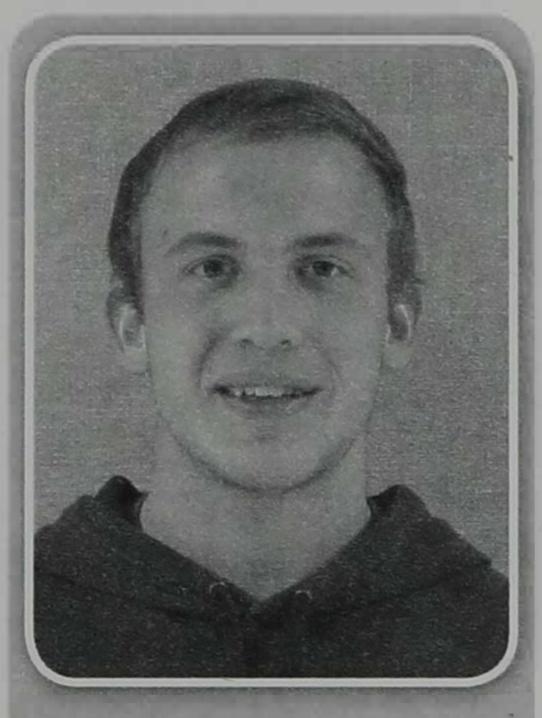
AIMEE ELLINGER WOOL JUDGING SUPERINTENDENT

Aimee is a junior Ag leader-ship major from Middleville, MI. She is the daughter of Tom and Deb Ellinger. At SDSU she is active in Sigma alpha and was a member of the 2013 Wool Judging team.



MAGGIE KRINGEN ASSISTANT WOOL JUDGING SUPERINTENDENT

Maggie is the daughter of Todd and Kim Kringen from Madison, SD. Maggie is a sophomore studying Animal Science. She is involved with the Sigma Alpha Sorority and was a member of the Wool Judging and Meats Judging teams.



HENRY GOEDEN ADVOCACY SUPERINTENDENT

Henry is a sophomore Agricultural Education major from Crofton, NE. Henry is the son of Rob and Ruth Goeden. Other organizations that he participates in are: AFA, CFFA, Leadstate, Honors College Deans student Advisory Council, and Ag-Bio Ambassadors.



KASSANDRA NISKA ASSISTANT ADVOCACY SUPERINTENDENT

Kassandra Niska is the daughter of Jeremy and Jenny Niska. She is a freshman majoring in Agricultural Education and Leadership. In her free time she is involved with FFA, Ag sales, and parliamentary procedure.



BECKY CRONK
ASSISTANT ADVOCACY
SUPERINTENDENT

Becky is a sophomore Agricultural Education major from Armstrong, IA. She is the daughter of Brian and Jackie Cronk, and is involved in CFFA, CRU, Oasis, and Hall Government at SDSU.



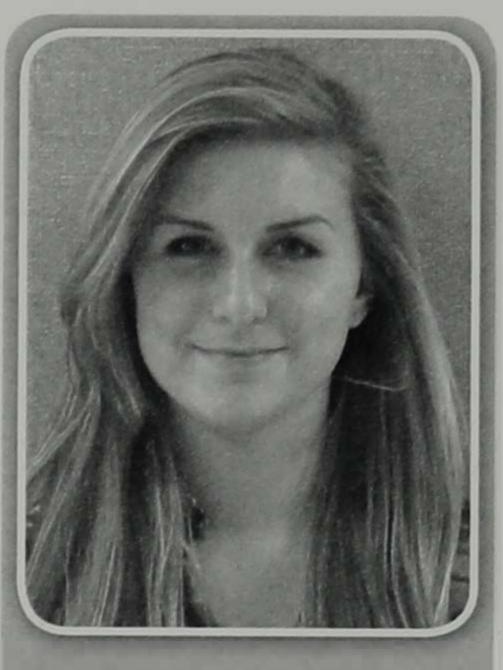
KATELYN STARK AWARDS SUPERINTENDENT

Katelyn is the daughter of Bradley and Elen Stark from Sanborn, MN. She is majoring in Animal Science, Pre-Vet. She grew up on a dairy farm where she enjoys riding horses and working cattle. At SDSU she is in Dairy Club, Pre-Vet Club, and Block and Bridal.



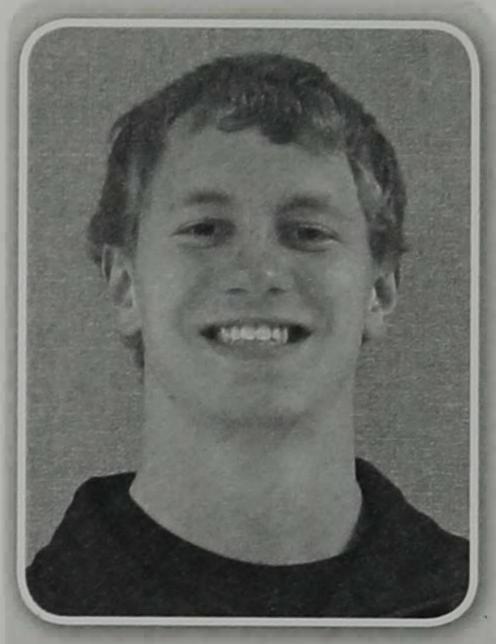
BRANDI MURLEY
AWARDS
SUPERINTENDENT

Brandi is a senior Agricultural Leadership major from Rockwell City, IA. She is the daughter of Duane and Darcy Murley. In her free time she enjoys reading, gardening, and political events.



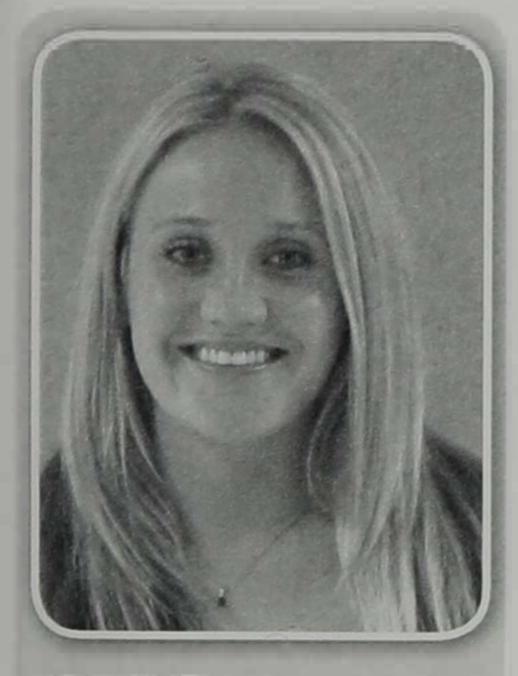
SELENA YAKABE ASSISTANT AWARDS SUPERINTENDENT

Selena is the daughter of Chis Yakabe and Andrea Wagner from Castle Rock, CO. She is a sophomore Animal Science major involved in CFFA, Agronomy Club, Pre-Vet club, and Dairy Club.



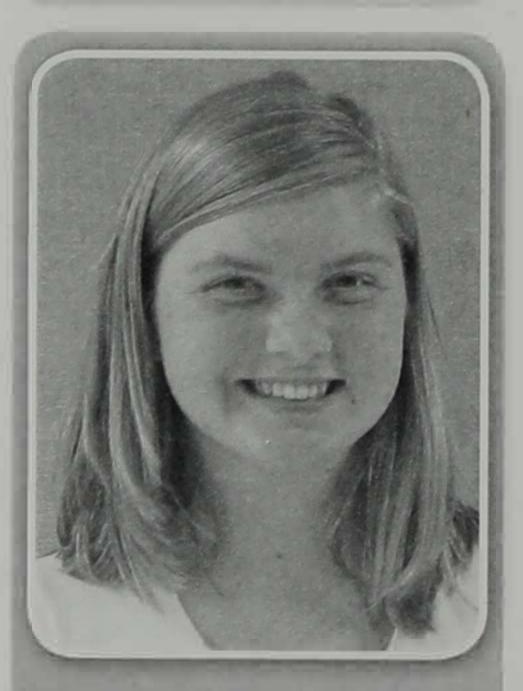
HAYDEN KERKAERT ASSISTANT AWARDS SUPERINTENDENT

Hayden is a freshman Animal Science major from Pipestone, MN. He is the son of Barry and Karen Kerkaert and enjoys hunting and showing livestock. At SDSU he was on the 2014-2015 wool judging team and is a member of the Swine Club.



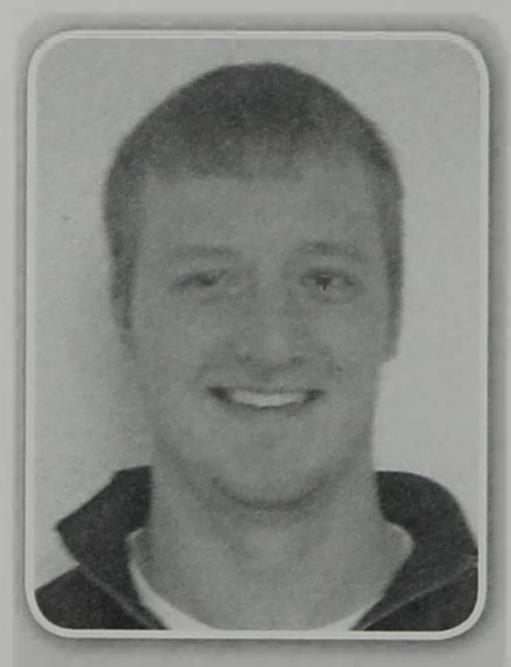
BRITTNEY
SCHLAIKJER
BOOTH AND BANQUET
SUPERINTENDENT

Brittney is a junior Animal Science major. She is the daughter of Alan and Sheba Schlaikjer from Dell Rapids, SD. She enjoys riding horses and is the Prexy council representative for the Pre-Vet Medicine club.



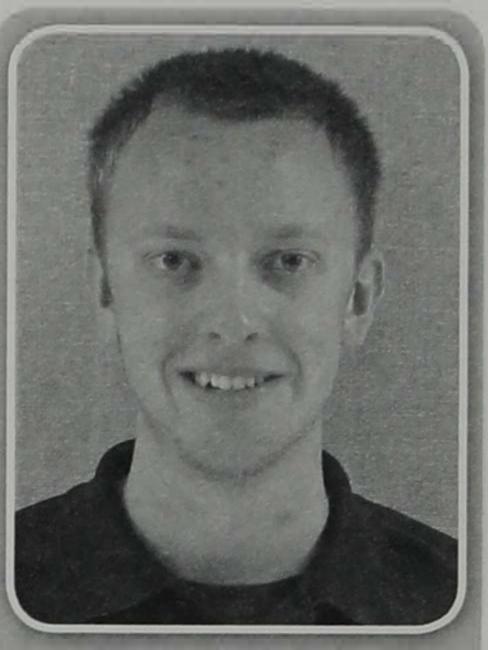
KATELYN JOHNSON BOOTH AND BANQUET SUPERINTENDENT

Katelyn is a sophomore double major in both Dairy Production and Dairy Manufacturing. She is from Sleepy Eye, MN and is the daughter of Lee and Judy Johnson. At past Little I's Katelyn has serves as the Scoring and Tabulations Assistant, and has shown dairy. Katelyn currently is the historian for the Dairy Club, and is involved in Sigma Alpha and Block and Bridle.



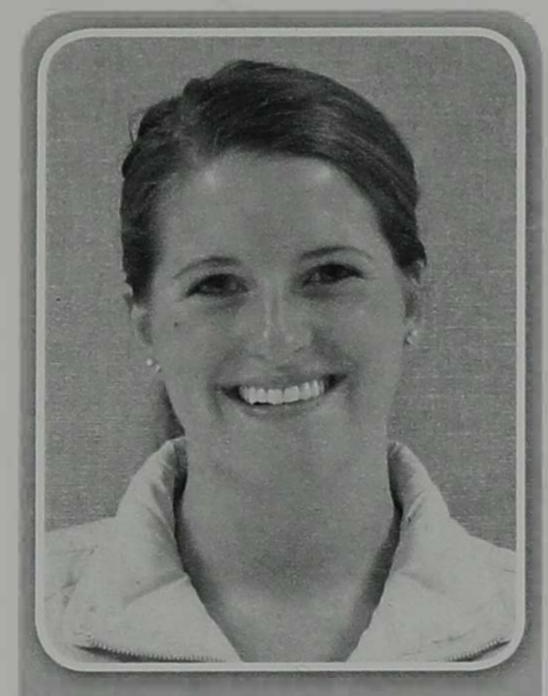
JACOB BIERSTEDT BOOTH AND BANQUET SUPERINTENDENT

Jacob is the son of Al Bierstedt and Laurie Fruechte from Pipestone, MN. Jacob is a sophomore Dairy Production major. At SDSU he is involved with Alpha Gamma Rho, Dairy club and has exhibited livestock in Little I.



BRANDON JOHNSTON ASSISTANT BOOTH AND BANQUET SUPERINTENDENT

Brandon is the son of Debbie and Boyd Johnston of Medford, MN. Brandon is a freshman Wildlife and Fisheries major. He is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing hockey.



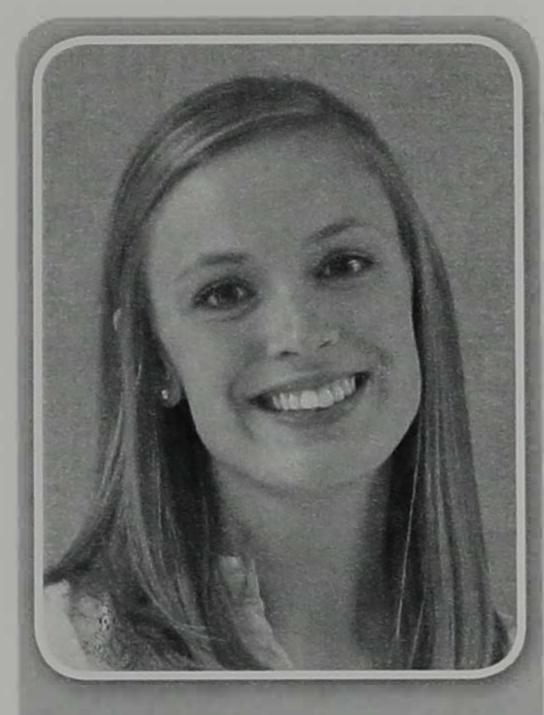
LAURA WENTZEL
ASSISTANT
BOOTH AND BANQUET
SUPERINTENDENT

Laura is the daughter of Todd and Shari Wentzel, and is a junior Agricultural Business major from Murdock, MN. At SDSU she is involved with the Economics club, and Little I. She also enjoys the outdoors and baking.



TAYLER KEYSER
ASSISTANT
BOOTH AND BANQUET
SUPERINTENDENT

Tayler is a freshman majoring in both Animal Science and Range Science. She is the daughter of Justin and Cheryl Keyser of Burke, SD. She grew up in 4-H and FFA and enjoyed showing dairy, beef, swine, and goats.



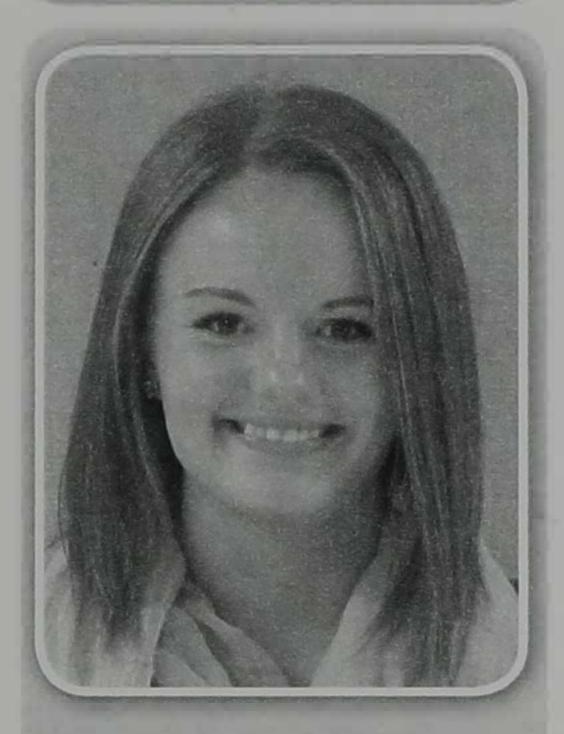
AMANDA BUUS CATALOG SUPERINTENDENT

Amanda Buus is a Senior Agricultural Education major from Lennox, SD. She is the daughter of Charles and Elaine Buus. Here at SDSU, Amanda serves as an Admissions Ambassador, and has been involved with CFFA/AgEd Club and Oasis. In her free time, Amanda enjoys showing Simmental cattle, watching movies, and baking.



JAMIE FLINT
CATALOG
SUPERINTENDENT

Jamie Flint is the daughter of Tim and Kim Flint from Viborg, South Dakota. She is a Senior Animal Science Major. In the past at Little I, Jamie served as assistant scoring and tabulations superintendent and field trip superintendent. In her free time she enjoys showing sheep, dancing, reading, photography, and attending Oasis.



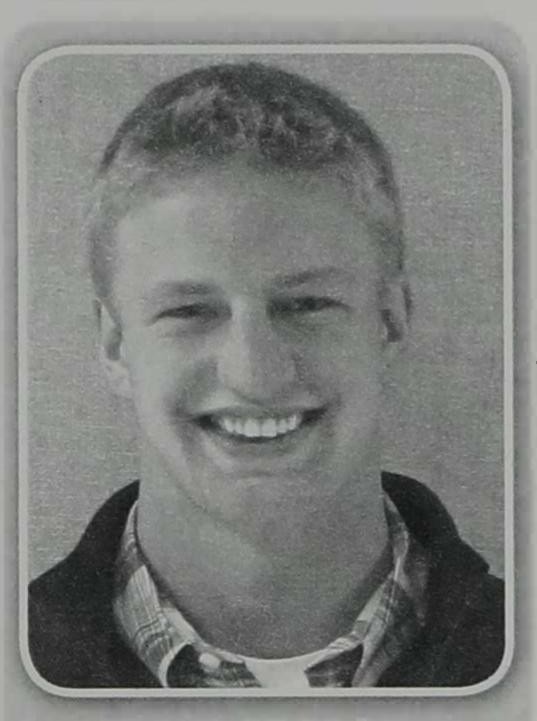
HANNAH KIDD ASSISTANT CATALOG SUPERINTENDENT

Hannah Kidd is the daughter of Joe Kidd and Dena Geiken of Lennox, SD. She is a sophomore Pre-Nursing major at SDSU. Hannah was active in FFA, where she competed in dairy cattle judging and livestock judging. She likes spending time outdoors and watching baseball.



ELIZABETH MAYROSE ASSISTANT CATALOG SUPERINTENDENT

From Salem, SD. Elizabeth Mayrose is a junior studying Agricultural Leadership with a minor in Agricultural Law. A member of Sigma Alpha, Agricultural Futures of America, Newman Center Ambassadors, and an avid volunteer with the South Dakota FFA Association, Elizabeth has a passion for agriculture, Holsteins, and traveling. She is the daughter of Jerry Mayrose and Pattie Mayrose.



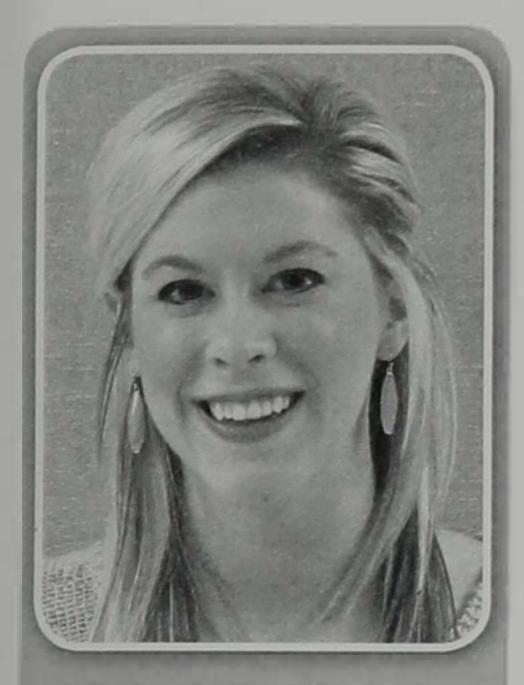
MATT PURFEERST ASSISTANT CATALOG SUPERINTENDENT

Matt is a senior Agriculture Business major with minors in both Agronomy and Agricultural Marketing. He is the son of James and Debra Purfeerst from Faribault, MN. He has been involved with Block and Bridal, AFA, and was a member of the 2014 General Livestock Judging team.



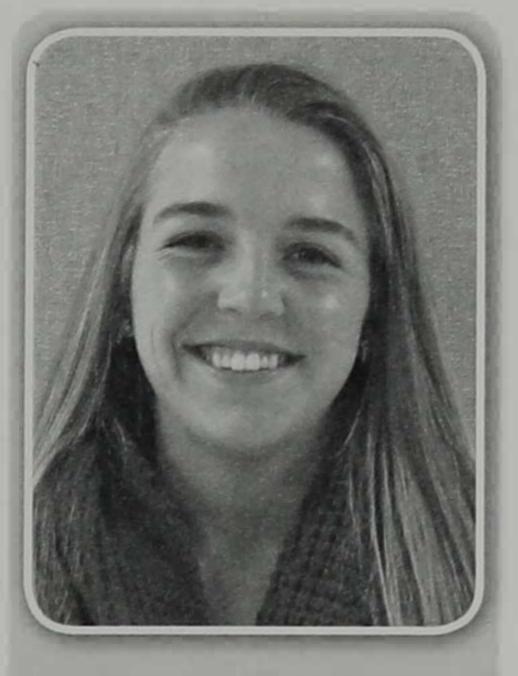
SHELBY HOCHSTEIN
ASSISTANT CATALOG
SUPERINTENDENT

Shelby Hochstein, daughter of Neal and Shar Hochstein of Wynot, Nebraska, is a sophomore Agricultural Business major. At SDSU, she has been involved in MEET State, intramural sports, and is also a Newman Center Ambassador. Shelby enjoys being outdoors, working on her family dairy farm, riding horses with friends, working at Grossenburg Implement, and playing pickup basketball and volleyball games.



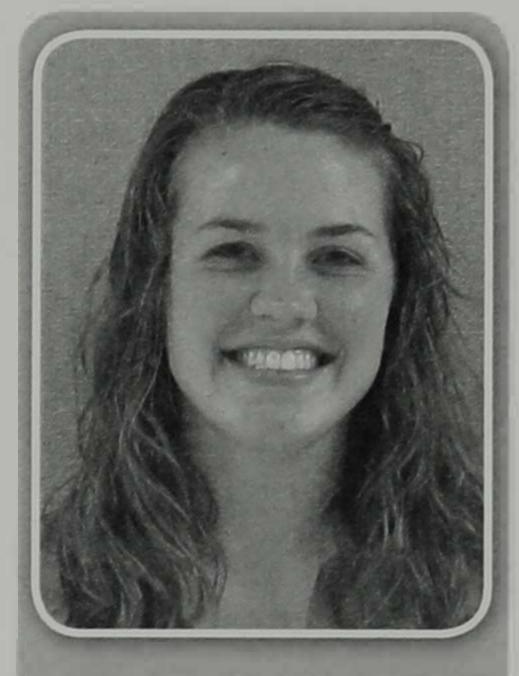
LORNA RIEMER
DANCE
SUPERINTENDENT

Loma Riemer is the daughter of Darrell and Deb Riemer from Alden, MN. Lorna is a Junior Agriculture Communications major. She has been involved in showing cattle and swine for 11 years in 4-H, SDSU Block and Bridle, 2013-2014 Block and Bridle Queen, SDSU Ag & Bio Prexy Council, SDSU Collegiate Farm Bureau, and has shown swine in the 91st Little I event.



KENDRAH SCHAFER ASSISTANT DANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Kendrah, from Goodhue, Minnesota, is a freshman with a major in Animal Science and a minor in Agricultural Business. Kendrah is the daughter of Brandon and Monica Schafer. She enjoys showing beef cattle and market lambs. Kendrah is also a member of collegiate 4-H, Block and Bridle, American Gelbvieh Junior Association, and General Livestock Judging.



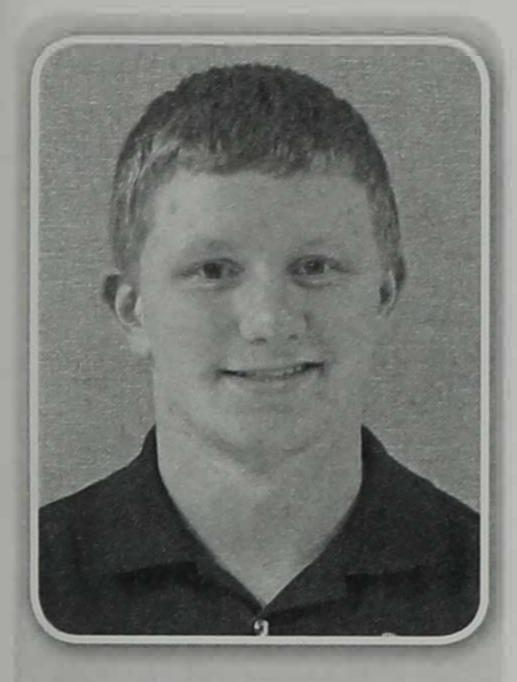
JESSICA ALBRECHT FUNDRAISING SUPERINTENDENT

Jessica Albrecht is a senior, Early Childhood Education major. She is the daughter of Kirby and Ann Albrecht from Fairfax, MN. She has been involved in Little I for three years, showing for two years, and as superintendent for two years. She is also the secretary for AEYC (Association for the Education for Young Children) at SDSU. She enjoys helping and working with her dad on her family dairy/crop farm back home.



BRIANNA BUSEMAN ASSISTANT FUNDRAISING SUPERINTENDENT

Brianna from Canistota, SD is a freshman with a major in Agricultural Business and a minor in Accounting. She is the daughter of Joe and Kim Buseman. In the past, Brianna has showed and judged livestock through 4-H and continues to show Angus Cattle. At SDSU, she involved in CRU and Oasis and enjoys playing the guitar.



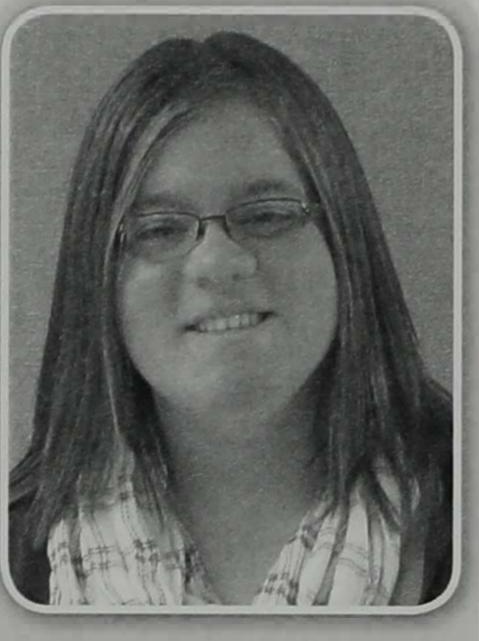
ADAM WILBUR
ASSISTANT
FUNDRAISING
SUPERINTENDENT

Adam is the son of Russ and Pam Wilbur from Cold Spring, MN. Adam is a junior Economics major and is involved in the Farm House Fraternity.



MEGAN BLANCHARD HISTORIAN SUPERINTENDENT

Megan Blanchard, a Pre-vet Animal Science major, is a sophomore from Worthington, MN. She is the daughter of David and Mary Blanchard. Megan enjoys showing dogs, hiking camping, and being involved in CRU campus ministry and pre-vet club.



RACHEL MOE
ASSISTANT HISTORIAN
SUPERINTENDENT

Rachel is the daughter of Rodney and Colleen Moe from Hayfield, MN. She is a sophomore Agricultural Education Major. Rachel is involved in CFFA/Ag-Education Club on campus. She also really enjoys showing animals—showing llamas, sheep, dogs and rabbits.



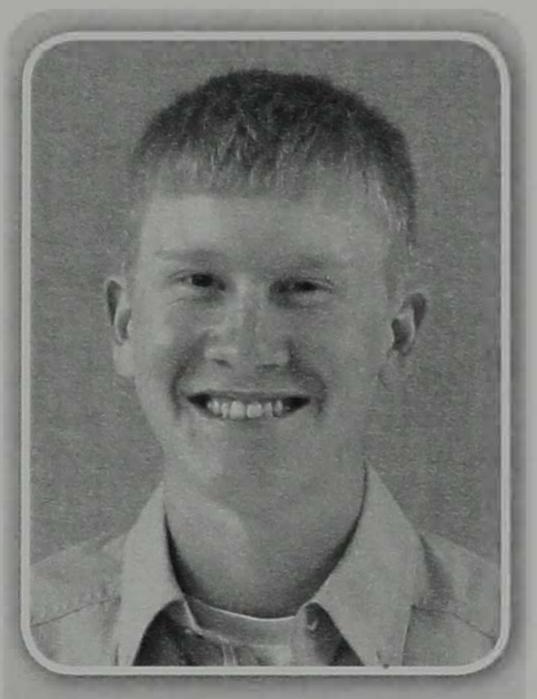
LACEY HANSON
ASSISTANT HISTORIAN
SUPERINTENDENT

Lacey is a sophomore, majoring in Animal Science. She is the daughter of Carmen Van Osdale from Owatonna, MN. While growing up, she was involved with FFA, 4-H, dance, and lacrosse. She developed her love for agriculture from her grandparents and very understanding mother. She raised show and meat rabbits and she is raising West Highland White Terriers. She is a member of Sigma Alpha and she is excited to become more involved with Little International.



LISA SMITH MAILINGS/ADDRESSES SUPERINTENDENT

Lisa is majoring in Agricultural Business. She is a freshman from Kimball, SD and is the daughter of Joseph and Brenda Smith. Lisa very much enjoyed FFA in High School and it has helped shape her life through competing in Parliamentary Procedure, Ag Issues, Marketing Plan, Job Interview, Nursery Landscape, Meats Judging, and Farm Business Management, as well as many service projects. She is currently a member of Collegiate FFA/Ag Education Club, ECON club, FIRE club, and is a member of the Pride Marching Band.



COLIN GEPPERT
MAILINGS/ADDRESSES
SUPERINTENDENT

Colin is a freshman from Kimball, SD and is majoring in Agricultural Science. He is the son of Kent and Pam Geppert. Colin is involved in Block and Bridle, CFFA, and the Wool Judging Team. He enjoys showing cattle, working on the farm, and hunting. In the past, he has enjoyed watching Little International shows.



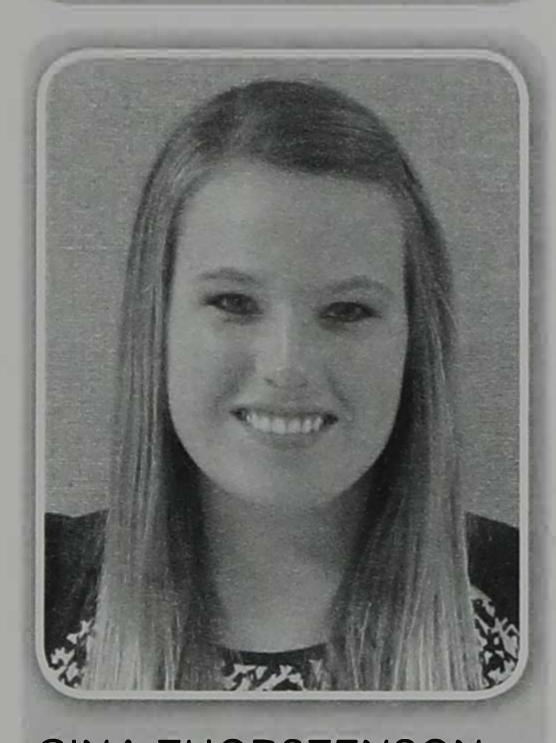
KRISTA SMIT
ASSISTANT
MAILINGS/ADDRESSES
SUPERINTENDENT

Krista Smit is a sophomore Animal Science-Ag Business and Production from Lennox, SD. She is the daughter of Randy and Diana Smit. Krista has been involved in Little International Floriculture Assistant as a freshman, showed sheep in 4-H and FFA, Collegiate FFA, Navigators Bible Study, the Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band, Concert Band, Jackrabbit Invite, and enjoys fishing and playing piano.



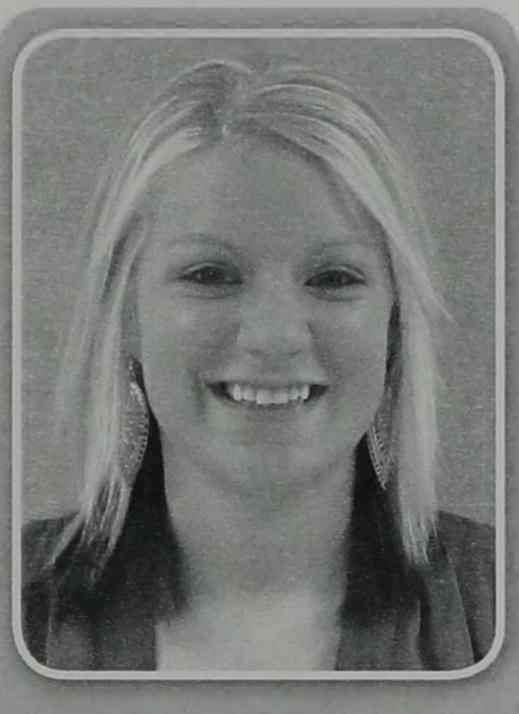
MOLLIE MARESH ASSISTANT MAILING/ADDRESSES SUPERINTENDENT

Mollie is the daughter of Gary and Lisa Maresh, and is from Central City, NE. She is majoring in Agricultural Education with a minor in Animal Science. Mollie is involved in CFFA/AGED Club, Swine Club, Block & Bridle, and she has shown swine for 13 years, goats for 2 years, and sheep and cattle.



GINA THORSTENSON PHOTOGRAPHY SUPERINTENDENT

Gina is a Senior Agricultural Business major. She is the daughter of Vaughn and Wendy Thorstenson from Selby, SD. Gina is involved in National Agri-Marketing Association, Alpha Zeta, and Oasis.



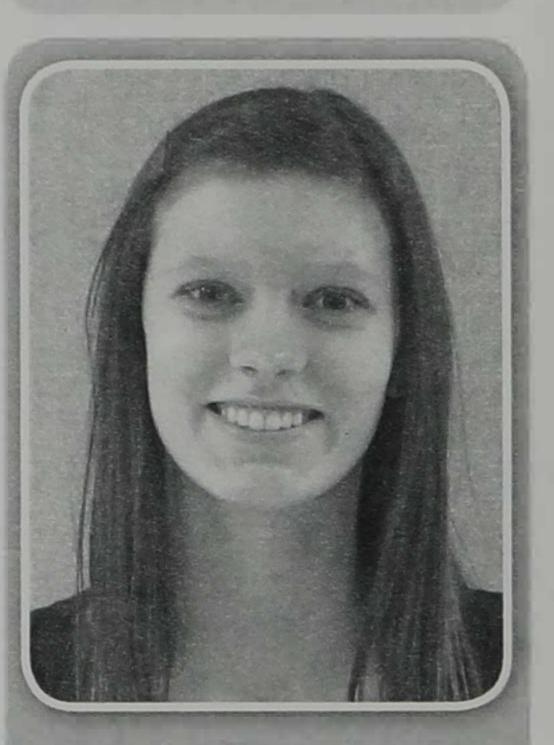
ANDREA TOMSCHIN PHOTOGRAPHY SUPERINTENDENT

Andrea is an Early Childhood Education Coop NSU major, and is a junior from Alden, MN. She is the daughter of Randy and Sandy Tomschin. Andrea grew up on a small beef cattle and crop farm, and has been highly active in showing cattle, sheep, and pigs. At SDSU, she is involved in Sigma Alpha, and has held the offices of Leadership Chair and Sergeant of Arms. For Little I, she represented Sigma Alpha in the Lamb Lead competition in 2013, and showed a pig in 2014.



DAKOTA THOMAS
PHOTOGRAPHY
SUPERINTENDENT

Dakota is a Senior Ag Communication major minoring in Advertising, Animal Science, and Marketing. She is from Dodgeville, WI and is the daughter of David Thomas and Cynthia Halma. Dakota grew up on a cow/calf operation and has shown cattle nationwide. At SDSU, Dakota serves as the president for Block and Bridle Club, is the Executive Chair for the SDSU B&B/AGR Jackrabbit Memorial Show, and is a member of the Livestock Judging Team. In her free time, she enjoys growing her photography and graphic design business, d.rae designs, along with working on cattle and attending shows



MACKENZIE STREICH ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY SUPERINTENDENT

MacKenzie Streich is the daughter of Paul and Janice Streich from Marietta, MN. She is a freshman Animal Science Major. At SDSU, MacKenzie is involved in Block and Bridle Club and Collegiate 4-H.



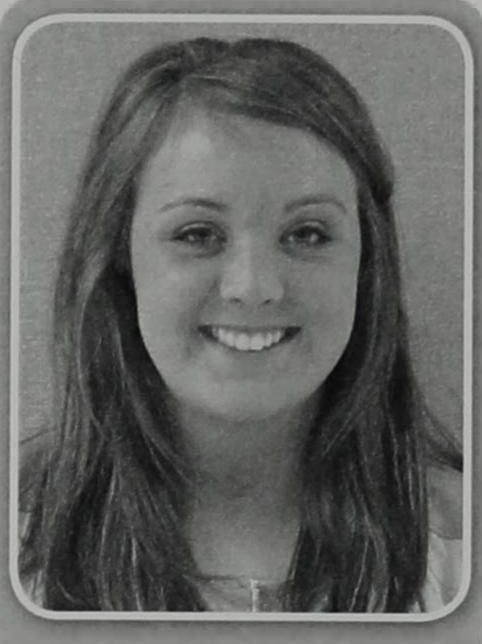
MARIA WEBER ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY SUPERINTENDENT

Maria is a freshman Agriculture Communications major from Lake Benton, MN. She is the daughter of JT and LuAnn Weber. Maria enjoys showing cattle, livestock judging, and promoting agriculture in any way possible.



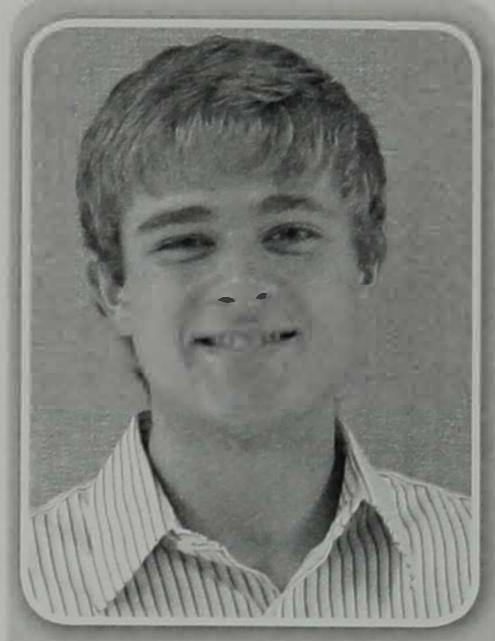
KATIE LUTTER
SCORING AND
TABULATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT

Early Childhood Education major with Business minor. She is the daughter of Jim and Cindy Lutter from Gann Valley, SD. When she was in high school, she judged in Little International through her FFA chapter. She was also involved in 4-H and enjoys being outdoors, flying, and spending time with family and friends.



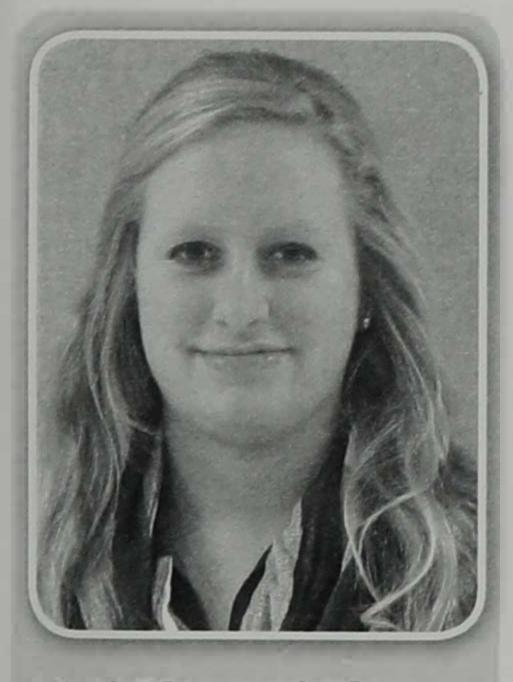
KELSEY REPENNING SCORING AND TABULATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

Kelsey, from Mitchell, SD, is an Agricultural Communications and Animal Science major. She is the daughter of Steve and Lori Repenning. Kelsey has been involved in Little International Cattle Showmanship and Fitting, Little I Swine Showmanship, Block and Bridle, Livestock Judging, SD Junior Hereford Association, SD Junior Angus Association, and National Junior Hereford Association.



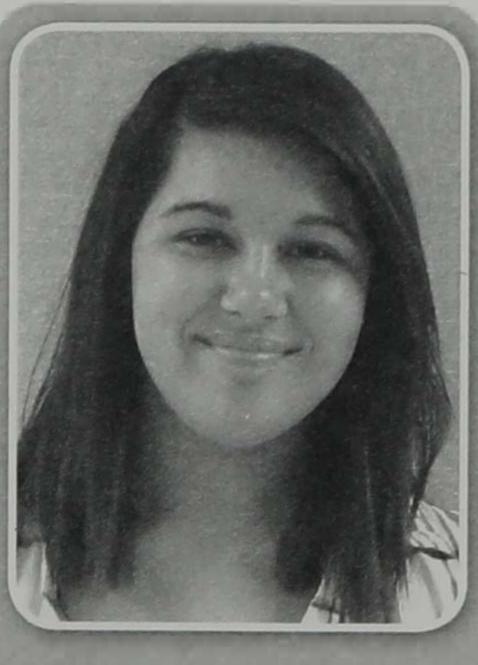
LUKE EIDE
ASSISTANT SCORING
AND TABULATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT

Luke Eide, son of Stacy and Jacque Eide from Clear Lake, SD, is majoring in Agricultural Education. At SDSU, Luke is involved in the Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band, Concert Band, Golden Key National and Honor Society.



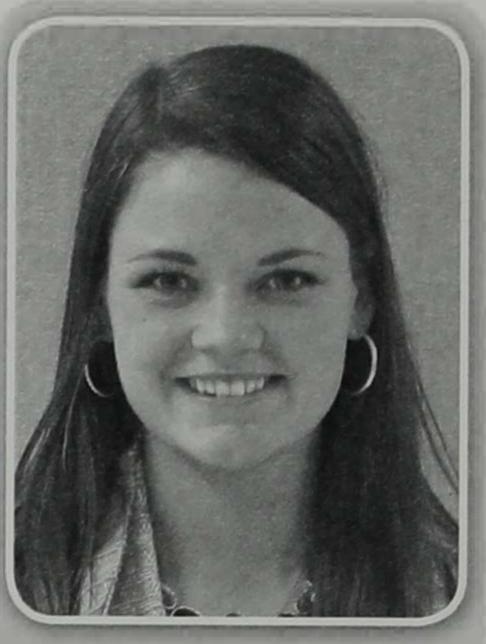
KIMBERLY LEBER
ASSISTANT SCORING
AND TABULATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT

Kimberly Leber, from Parker, SD, is the daughter of Richard and Dawn Leber. She is majoring in Agricultural Business. Kimberley is involved in State-A-Thon Facilities Staff, Co-ed Intramural Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and Dodgeball. She also is a Brookings Country Youth Mentor and has shown sheep in the past.



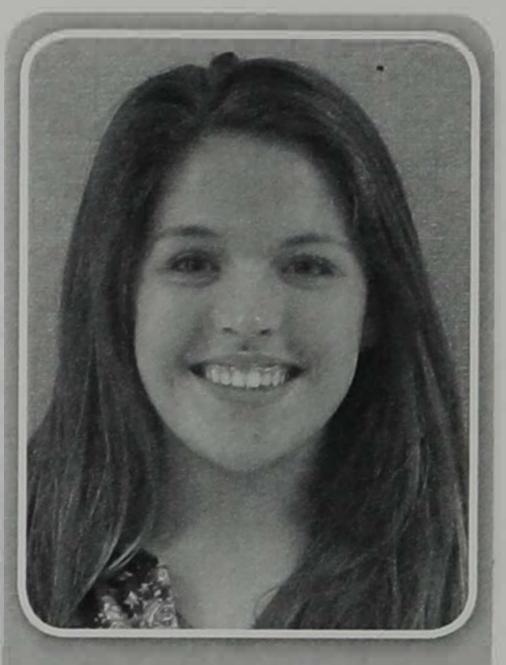
SARAH SCHOON
ASSISTANT SCORING
AND TABULATIONS
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Sarah Schoon is a freshman Agricultural Business major from Salem, South Dakota. She is the daughter of Jason and Peggy Schoon. Sarah is involved in intramural volleyball, Collegiate FFA, Horse Club, State-a-Thon, and is also a marketing judge for the Jackrabbit Invite.



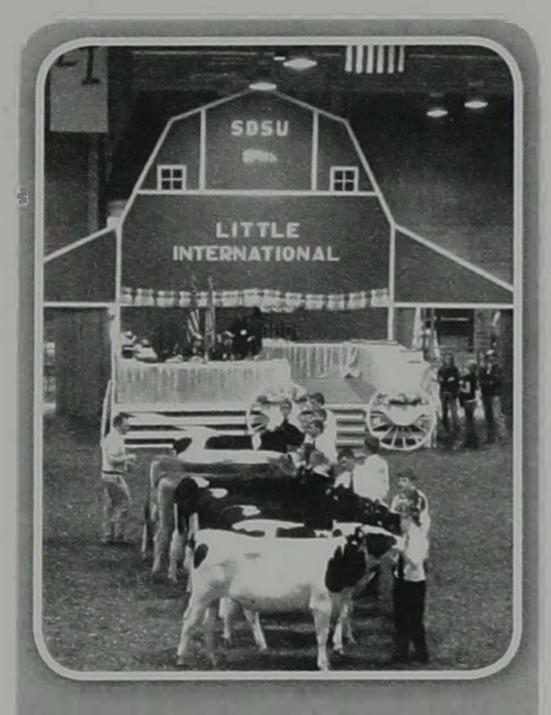
KELLY MORRISON
SILENT AUCTION
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Kelly Morrison, from Belle Plaine, MN is the daughter of Terry and Michelle Morrison. She is a sophomore majoring in Animal Science and Agriculture Communications. In the past Kelly exhibited in the 2014 Little I, a novice sheep and an experienced bull. She was reserve in showmanship for the experienced bull and heifer category. Kelly exhibited shorthorn cattle through Minnesota's 4H and FFA programs, as well as through the American Junior Shorthorn Association. She is also member of SDSU's Sigma Alpha Sorority.



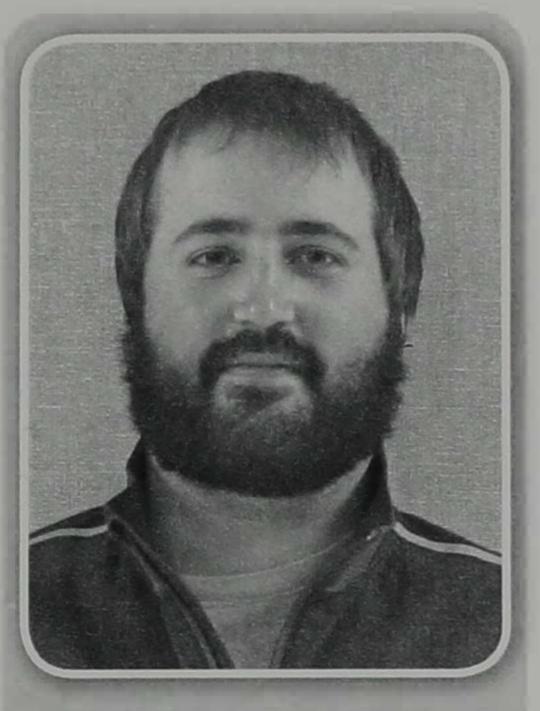
DIANA PERKINS
SILENT AUCTION
SUPERINTENDENT

Diana Perkins, a Graphic Design major, is a sophomore from Atlantic, IA. She is the daughter of Tracy and Becky Perkins. Diana is involved in CRU campus ministry and is also involved in Ceres Women's Fraternity.



BAILEY HILL
ASSISTANT
SILENT AUCTION
SUPERINTENDENT

Bailey Hill is a freshman from Westby, WI and is the daughter of Bruce Hill. She is majoring in Agricultural Communications. Bailey is actively involved with the Horse Club and the Chi Omega Sorority. On the side, she enjoys competing at rodeos, racing snowmobiles, flying planes, or playing the fiddle.



LOGAN DERUNGS WEBSITE SUPERINTENDENT

Logan DeRungs is a Senior Agricultural Business major from Ramona, SD. He is the son of John and Claudia DeRungs. Logan is the SDSU Football Assistant Offensive Line Coach, and ORR Head Boys Basketball Coach.



DANIELLE RANG ASSISTANT WEBSITE SUPERINTENDENT

Danielle Rang, daughter of Don and Janeen Rang from Parker, SD, is a freshman Agricultural Communications/ Pre-Law major. She enjoys being involved in FFA, CFFA, 4-H, Snowmobiling, Band, and Choir.



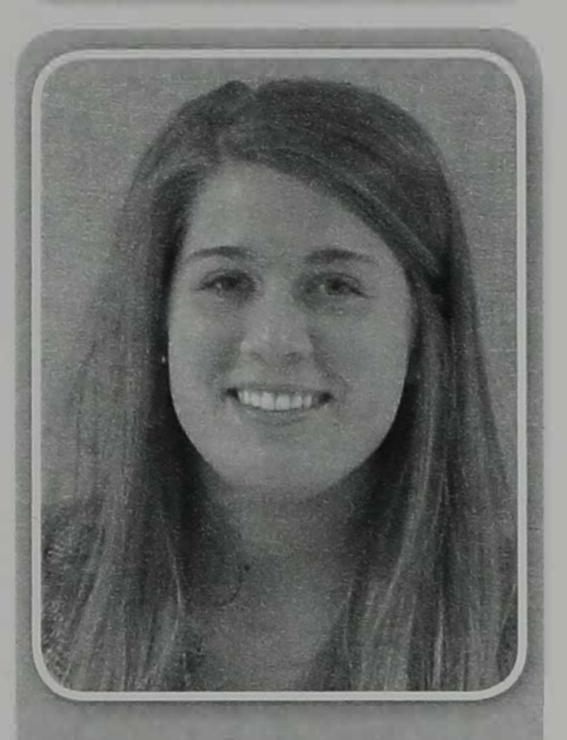
DEVIN JACOBS
ALUMNI RELATIONS
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Devin Jacobs, from Newcastle, NE is a sophomore majoring in Animal Science. She is the daughter of Dennis and Jeri Jacobs. At SDSU, Devin is involved in Women's Rugby Club, Sigma Alpha- Omega, SDSU Pre-Vet Club, and is an Admissions Ambassador. In high school she participated in 4-H and FFA.



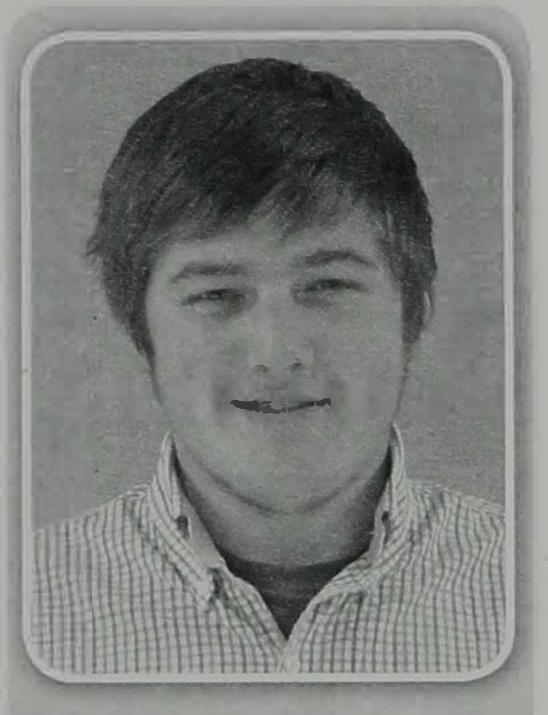
KENDRA DAVIS
ALUMNI RELATIONS
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Kendra Davis is a sophomore from Glenville, MN majoring in Animal Science. She is the daughter of Lance and Sharon Davis. Kendra is involved in Sigma Alpha, Block and Bridle Club, shows cattle, and was High Point freshman last year in Little International.



CAITLYN BRANDT ASSISTANT ALUMNI RELATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

Caitlyn Brandt, daughter of Paul and Lisa Brandt is an Ag Leadership and Ag Business major senior from Clear Lake, SD. Currently she is the SDSU Swine Club President and this is her first year on Little International. Caitlyn also enjoys running, four wheeling, DIY projects and working on the farm.



GAVIN ALLISON
ASSISTANT
ALUMNI RELATIONS
SUPERINTENDENT

Gavin Allison is a freshman majoring in Agricultural Business. He is the son of Mike and Rhonda Allison from Glenville, MN. In the past, Gavin has shown swine in 4-H, judged crops in Little International for high school FFA, and also likes to hunt and fish.



CHEYENNE
EDMUNDSON
ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY
SUPERINTENDENT

Cheyenne is a junior majoring in Agronomy. She is from Garretson, SD and is the daughter of Kelvin and Melissa Edmundson. In the past, Cheyenne has shown beef cattle in 4-H, a bull in the 90th Little I competition and was on the Little I Advertising Committee staff last year. She is also a member of Collegiate FFA, Agronomy club, and Alpha Zeta. In addition, she enjoys showing cattle, riding horses, DIY projects and crafts, baking, and spending time with family and friends.



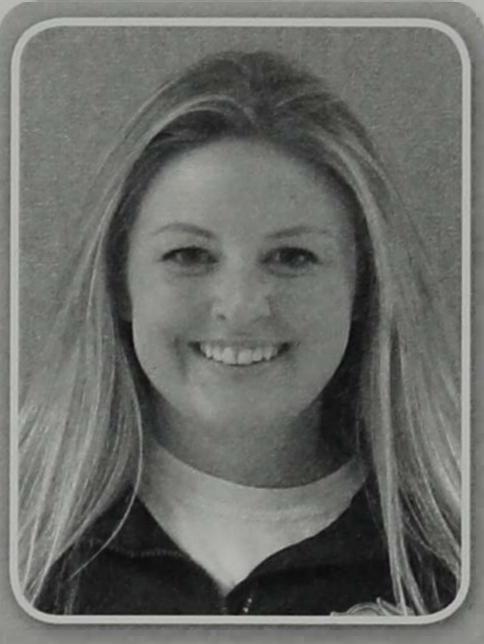
KATE ANDERSON ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT

Kate Anderson, daughter of Bradley and Shirley Anderson of Jackson, MN, is a senior majoring in Agricultural Education. In the past she served as the wool judging superintendent for little I, and has been involved in the Block and Bridle Club and judged livestock.



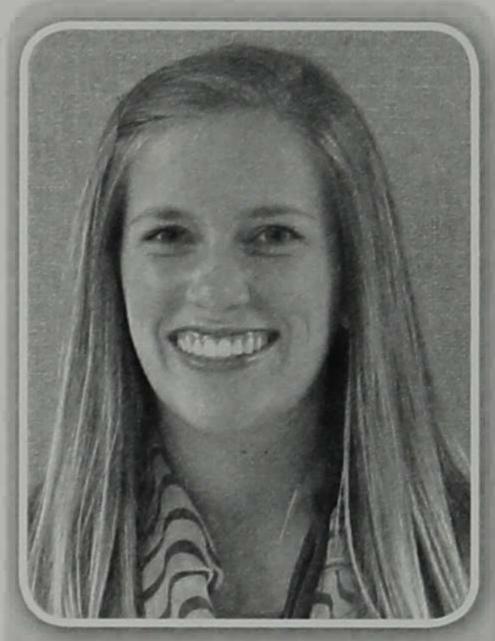
KELLI GARRY ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT

Kelli Garry is a junior majoring in Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Leadership. She is the daughter of Steve and Patty Garry from Lake Preston, SD. Kelli is involved in volunteering for the South Dakota FFA Association, is a member of Collegiate FFA, and is involved in Agricultural Future of America. She really enjoys design and communication and is employed with Schuneman Equipment Company.



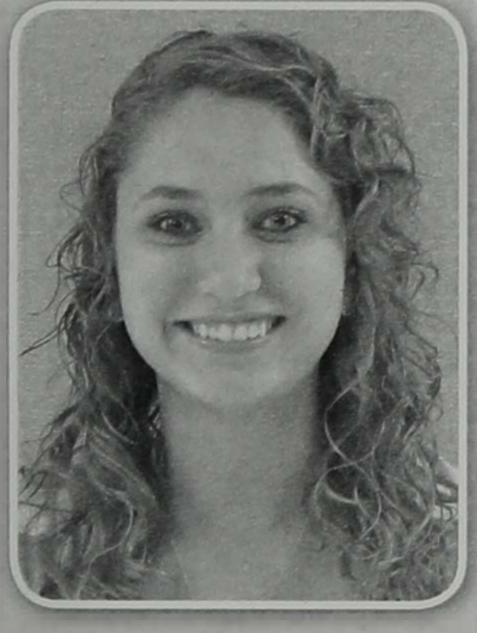
OLIVIA SIGLIN
ASSISTANT
ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY
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Olivia Siglin, majoring in Animal Science is a senior from Webster, SD. She is the daughter of Kevin Siglin and Patty Siglin. Olivia is involved in the Students' Association as a College of Ag and Bio Senator and Agriculture Future of America. She also enjoys playing intramural sports. She has been involved with Little International since 7th grade, dairy and livestock judging as an FFA member and becoming a staff member in college engaging in showing dairy and Lamb Lead.



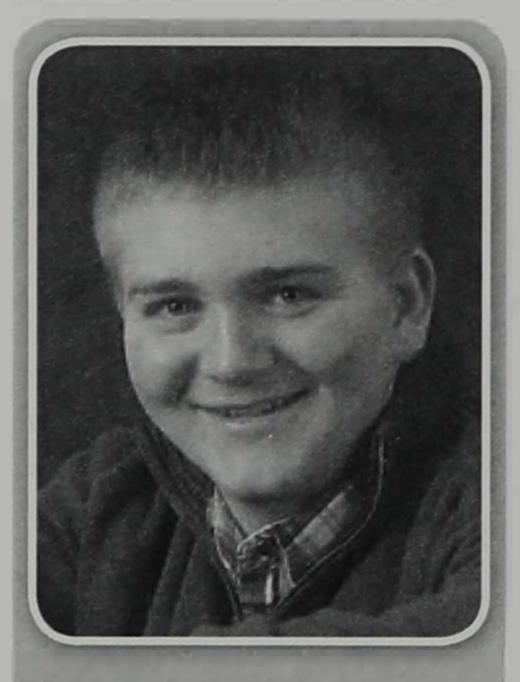
KELSEY HOKANSON
ASSISTANT
ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY
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Kelsey Hokanson, daughter of Brian and Diane Hokanson is a junior majoring in Animal Science. She is from Cannon Falls, MN. In the past, Kelsey has shown both dairy and swine in Little International. It was a great experience for her and she really enjoyed it. One of her favorite hobbies is showing and fitting dairy cattle, helping on her family crop farm, and being involved in the SDSU Dairy Club.



KELLY HOLT
ASSISTANT
ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY
SUPERINTENDENT

Kelly Holt is a sophomore majoring in Agricultural Business. She is the daughter of Dennis and Lori Holt of Sunburg, MN. In high school, Kelly attended Little International participating in the crops contest through her FFA chapter. She showed beef heifers and steers for 4-H and FFA as well. At SDSU, she enjoys jitterbugging with friends, and attending sporting events. Kelly also enjoys working on her family farm.



TRAVIS HOFER ENTERTAINMENT

Reigning from the floodwaters of Bridgewater, SD. He is the luckiest son of Phil and Kathy Hofer. He is a junior Agricultural scientist specializing in equine science. Horses have always been dear to Travis, but it was his purchase of Russell that inspired him to start his Billy goat breeding station which is set to start upon graduation.



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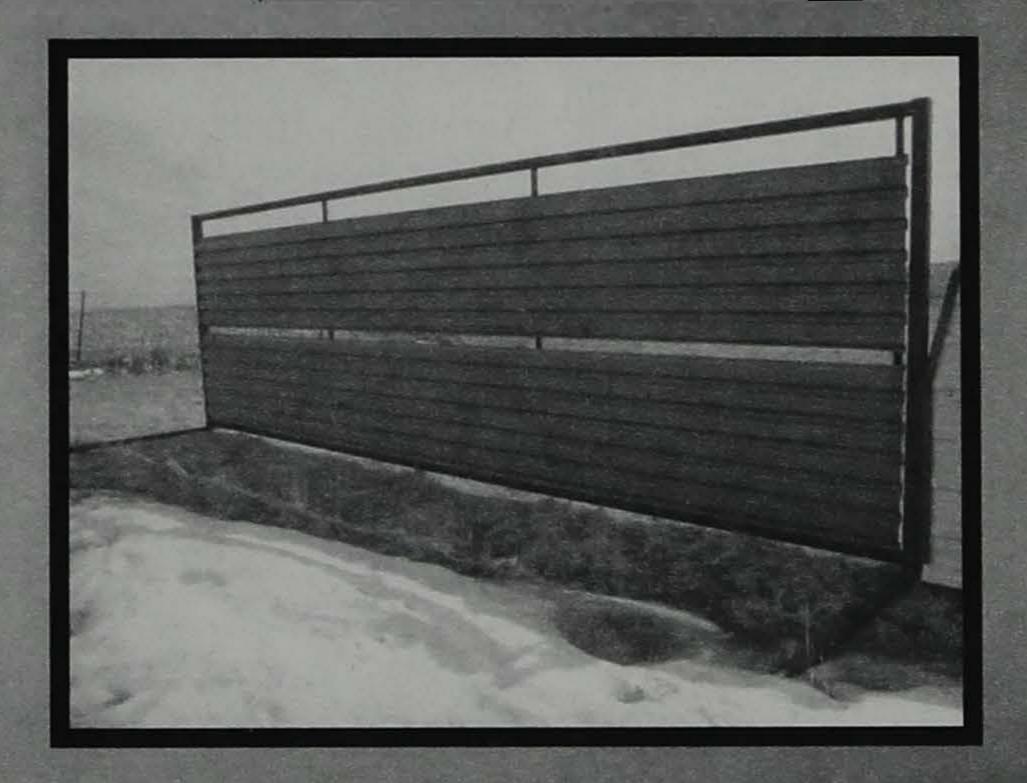
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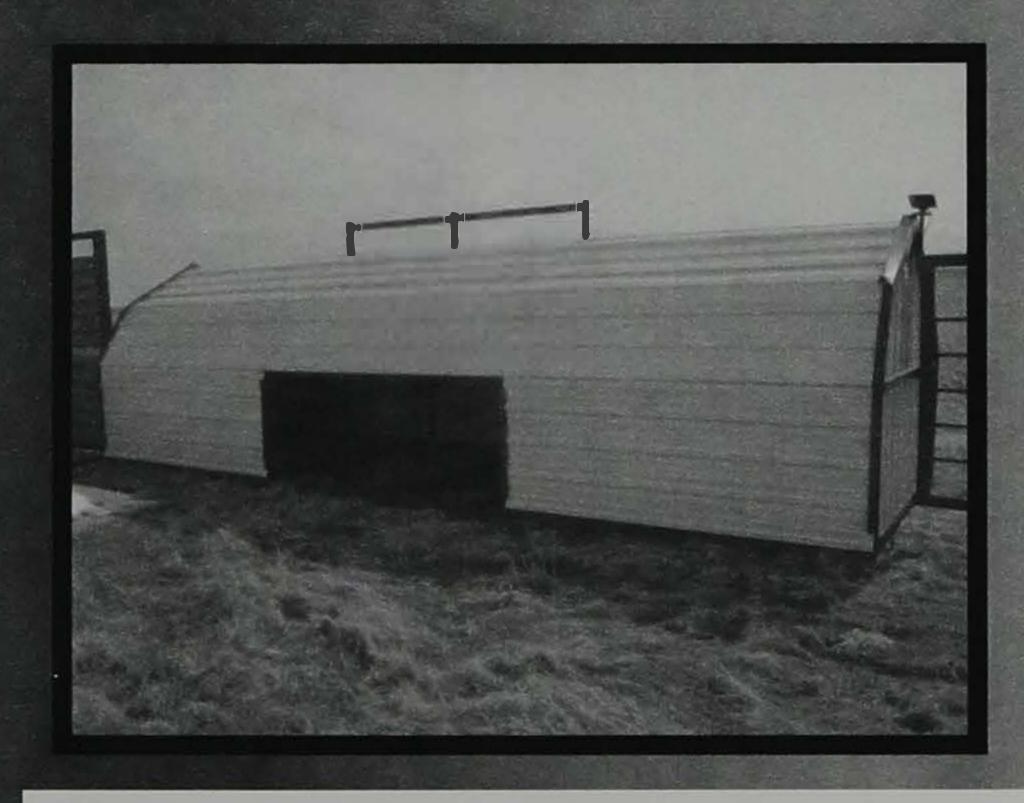
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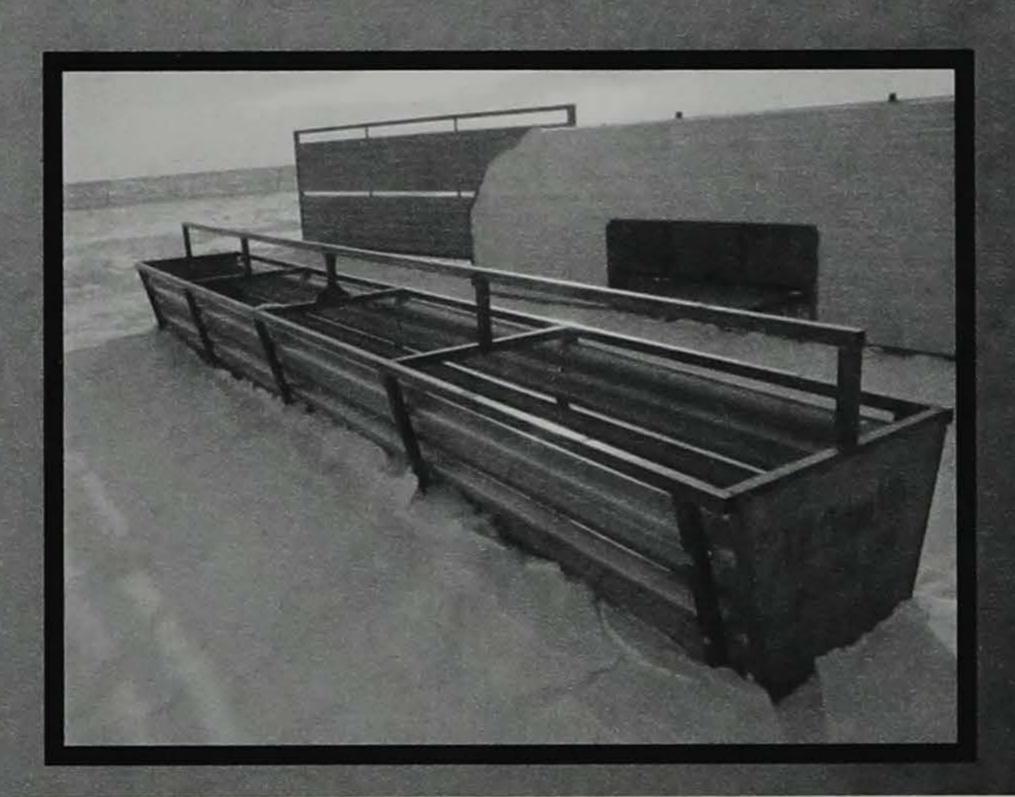
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