FHSU Block & Bridle Club Scrapbook: 1996-1997

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Making Our Mark -
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The Block & Bridle Emblem is significant to club members. It represents the principles on which the club is built. Character, sincerity and a moral life are asked of all members when they join and are depicted by the perpendicular lines of the “B”. The distinct curves of the “B” are symbolic of the social pleasure, mental energy and determination of members.

The meat block represents the material aspects of our lives. The bridle stands for the behavior of Block & Bridle members; the control over ourselves that we try to maintain, the respect and mannerisms we show toward others, and the way we treat our animals.
Welcome to Fort Hays State University located in Hays, Kansas. The University is home to about 6,000 students. Our Block and Bridle Club membership of 101 students makes us one of the largest student organizations on campus.

Our members made their mark this year by incorporating several new activities that were huge successes. They also continued participating with old activities as well. Whether the members made their mark by producing the first annual Club Calf Sale or by giving the future generations a chance to make their mark through Agricultural Awareness Days, they all came away with a feeling of triumph and confidence that they were able to contribute to the organization. The following pages describe how our members were able to make their mark.
OFFICERS

Tish Busby, Secretary; Tammy Gerlits, Vice-president; Jennifer Watkins, Treasurer; Brian Schafer, President

Brian Schafer
Office: President
Classification: Senior
Major: Animal Science
Hometown: Culbertson, Nebraska

Tammy Gerlits
Office: Vice-president
Classification: Senior
Major: Ag Business
Hometown: Lenora, Kansas

Jennifer Watkins
Office: Treasurer
Classification: Senior
Major: Finance
Hometown: Meade, Kansas

Tish Busby
Office: Secretary
Classification: Senior
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: St. Francis, Kansas
Dr. Sandra K. Johnson  
Assistant Professor of Agriculture  
B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1982  
M.S., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1984  
Ph.D., West Virginia University, 1991  

Dr. John R. Greathouse  
Associate Professor of Agriculture  
Chair, Department of Agriculture  
B.S., Kansas State University, 1980  
M.S., ibid, 1982  
Ph.D., Colorado State University, 1985
1996-97 MEMBERS

Sky Baumann
Leland Baxa
Kristin Bemis
Mike Bowman
Kerry Bowman
Mandy Brandenburg
Jared Breinig
Becki Brooks
Billie Brown
Sara Burghart
Tish Busby
Tina Bussen
Ryan Bussman
Philip Butler
Tenille Caprez
Cheryl Clarke
Rhiannon Corn
Kolleen Leiker
Nels Lindsberg
Randy Lix
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Tanya Lucore
Greg May
Steve McFall
Terry Miller
Todd Miller
Jamie Mountain
Tiffany O’Neill
Brad Painter
Ryan Parker
C.J. Pfannenstiel
Becky Poore
Russell Pope
Corey Powell
Tammy Dechant
Todd Dickerson
Gabe Doll
Matt Dreiling
Shawna Eberle
Shane Edwards
Tammy Elsen
Chirs Eubank
Pete Feyerabend
Bryon Foose
Tammy Gerlits
Brian Gertsberger
Jason Gerstberger
Becky Goracke
Sarah Gower
Melissa Graham
Jason Hageman
Todd Ragsdale
Rebecca Rahe
Jana Ramononda
Craig Rees
Kevin Rippe
Brandon Roy
Darren Rubottom
Sharla Rubottom
Brian Schafer
Beth Schaller
Windy Scheck
Scott Schmeidler
Dale Seeman
Brandon Seifried
Amanda Shaver
Elodie Sheesley
Bryan Shoemaker
Jared Haggard
Jeff Hammons
Michelle Hattrup
Grant Havel
Summer Hemphill
Sara Hibbard
Cody Hill
Jim Hoffman
Kim Holub
Donnetta Hoss
David Huff
Heather Johnson
Ed Johnson
Kelly Kasey
Sarah Kindt
Sayre Klaus
Troy Laughlin
Jerrod Smith
Mark Sorensen
Shelia Stannard
Shelley Strong
Kristi Strong
Kate Sunderland
Martha Tatro
Lukes Thielenhaus
Shannon Tinkel
Marcella Warner
Jennifer Watkins
Ryan Wiesner
Roy Winklepleck
Tammy Wittman
Mike Zach
Darin Zimmer
Block and Bridle

April 16, 1997

The April 16th Meeting of Block and Bridle was called to order by President Schafer. Secretary Busby read the minutes and Treasurer Watkins gave the on-campus balance of $3,411.74 and an off-campus balance of $2,997.29.

Sara Hibbard discussed Ag Awareness Days to be held May 1st and 2nd. She said that approximately 500 students would be attending. She also asked for volunteers and said to talk to her after the meeting was adjourned, if you are interested in helping.

Grant Havel and Dale Seeman discussed the upcoming Little "I". They informed all contestants that they should be working with their animal as the contest is on Saturday. They also said that a chairman will be at the Pavillion all night Friday so that you can work with your animals and get them ready at any time.

Additional nominations were accepted for 1997-98 officers and elections were held. The 1997-98 officers are Mark Sorensen, President; Jason Gerstberger, Vice-President; Becky Brooks, Secretary; Sara Hibbard, Treasurer; Kerry Bowman and Donetta Hoss, Historian; Todd Miller and Summer Hemphill, Publicity; Brian Gerstberger, Little "I" Chair; Jared Breinig, Little "I" Assistant; Brandon Selfried, JUCO Chair; Matt Dreiling, Dairy Chair; Randy Lix, Livestock Chair; and Sara Burghart and Amanda Shaver, Ag Awareness.

Matt Dreiling moved that the meeting be adjourned and Shelia Stannard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Tish Busby
FHSU Block and Bridle Secretary
# TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Mail Service | $0 | $223 | $0 | $300 | $0 | $300 |
| Film Processing | $0 | $252 | $0 | $200 | $0 | $250 |
| Office Supplies | $0 | $71 | $0 | $300 | $0 | $250 |
| Scrapbook | $0 | $105 | $0 | $45 | $0 | $150 |

**FUND RAISERS**

| Hats | $158 | $0 | $434 | $476 | $150 | $0 |
| Shirts | $162 | $153 | $0 | $0 | $190 | $180 |
| Donations | $1,185 | $520 | $1,000 | $0 | $1,500 | $500 |
| Southwest Dairy Judging | $40 | $0 | $684 | $27 | $50 | $0 |
| Homecoming/Oktoberfest | $230 | $34 | $122 | $23 | $250 | $50 |

**AG AWARENESS DAY**

| Allocation | $800 | $800 | $800 |
| JUDGING TEAM | $0 | $4,500 | $0 | $4,500 | $0 | $4,500 |

**CLUB Calf Sale**

| Advertising | $0 | $0 | $0 | $1,450 | $0 | $1,500 |
| Auctioner | $0 | $0 | $0 | $600 | $0 | $600 |
| Commissions | $0 | $0 | $2,429 | $0 | $2,900 | $0 |
| Concessions | $0 | $0 | $199 | $319 | $350 | $250 |
| Equipment/Supplies | $0 | $0 | $412 | $0 | $250 | $0 |

**NATIONAL MEETINGS**

| Transportation | $0 | $1,146 | $0 | $2,073 | $0 | $1,094 |
| Meals | $0 | $1,140 | $0 | $840 | $0 | $450 |
| Motel | $0 | $1,091 | $0 | $1,331 | $0 | $1,422 |
| Registration | $0 | $3,432 | $0 | $1,540 | $0 | $3,750 |

| Allocation | $2,500 | $2700 | $4,200 |

**REGIONAL MEETINGS**

| Milage | $0 | $0 | $0 | $52 | $0 | $190 |
| Meals | $0 | $0 | $0 | $81 | $0 | $960 |
| Motel | $0 | $0 | $0 | $85 | $0 | $585 |
| Registration | $0 | $0 | $0 | $120 | $0 | $360 |
| Allocation | $0 | $250 | $1,500 |

**LITTLE INTERNATIONAL**

<p>| Judges | $0 | $500 | $0 | $500 | $0 | $500 |
| Awards | $2,038 | $2,038 | $2,200 | $2,200 | $2,200 | $2,250 |
| Banquet | $1,477 | $1,477 | $2,100 | $2,100 | $2,200 | $2,200 |
| Dance | $500 | $300 | $500 | $400 | $500 | $450 |
| Equipment | $0 | $1,292 | $0 | $1,000 | $0 | $1,000 |
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** = SGA allocations used for or planned usage

President: Brian Schafer
Treasurer: Jennifer Watkins
Advisor: Dr. Sandy Johnson (628-4015)
Advisor: Dr. John Greathouse (628-4196)
MEETINGS
1996-1997 ACTIVITIES

Welcome Back to School Picnic
Initiate Dance
Endowment Association Telethon
FHSU Promotion Booth, Kansas State Fair
Judging Contests
  Northwest District FFA Dairy
  Junior College Livestock
  Southwest District FFA Dairy
  Northwest District FFA Livestock

* Homecoming Booth
* Ag Olympics
* Club Calf Sale
* Christmas Caroling
Christmas Dance
Special Olympics
National Meeting--January 24-27, 1997
  12 members attended meetings in Orlando, Florida
Ag Awareness Day
End of Year Picnic
Speakers:
  Lee Leachman, Billings, Montana
    “Do you have a Future in the Business of Agriculture?”
  Temple Grandin, Colorado State University
    “Livestock Handling”

* Indicates new activities.
JUDGING CONTESTS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT FFA DAIRY

JUNIOR COLLEGE LIVESTOCK

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FFA DAIRY

NORTHWEST DISTRICT FFA LIVESTOCK
NORTHWEST DISTRICT FFA DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST
JUNIOR COLLEGE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FFA DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST
NORTHWEST DISTRICT FFA
LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
PUBLICITY

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC

STATE FAIR

HOMECOMING BOOTH
Each year the Block & Bridle Club helps serve the Back-to-School Picnic, which is open to the entire student body. This gives students, both new and old, the chance to know the club is available for them to join.

The club received extra publicity when a local radio station interviewed President Brian and Vice-president Tammy regarding what Block & Bridle is, and what it does.
At the Kansas State Fair each fall, Block & Bridle members and advisors sit at the Fort Hays State promotion booth to bring in prospective members and students.
As a new activity, Block & Bridle sponsored a cow-milking booth at Hays' annual Oktoberfest celebration. People could milk a cow for a dollar. This attracted both young and old, because some of the youth had never seen a dairy cow, and it brought back memories for the elders. By the end of the day, many bragged, "I milked a cow!"
CLUB ACTIVITIES

WELCOME BACK BBQ

AG OLYMPICS

SPEAKER

CLUB CALF SALE

NATIONAL CONVENTION

LITTLE INTERNATIONAL
WELCOME BACK BBQ

A welcome back BBQ is held for the returning Block & Bridle members and potential initiates. At the meeting everyone is introduced so that new members have the opportunity to get acquainted with everyone. After the meeting, everyone heads straight for a delicious meal.
AG OLYMPICS
LEE LEACHMAN of Billings, Montana

“Do you have a Future in the Business of Agriculture?”
The newest and possibly biggest event of the year was the Prospect Show Steer and Heifer Sale. This event took a lot of time and effort from not only the committee, shown below, but also the entire club. Consignors and buyers came from all across Kansas, and from Colorado and Nebraska. The first sale was successful, and the club hopes to make this an annual event.
In January, twelve members and one advisor traveled to Orlando, Florida, to attend the 1997 Block & Bridle National Convention. While in Florida, they attended meetings, listened to speakers, learned about Florida’s agriculture, and still had time to sight-see. The group enjoyed themselves as they met with people from all over the United States and learned about the wide variety offered in the field of agriculture.
On April 19, 1997, the Block & Bridle Club hosted the 24th Annual Little International Fitting and Showing Contest. The event is open to all students enrolled in the university full time. This year the chair for the event was Grant Havel, who was assisted by Dale Seeman. A lot of hard work was put into the preparation for the show by all members, participants, officers and sponsors.
LITTLE INTERNATIONAL BANQUET
APRIL 19, 1997
6:00 p.m.

WELCOME ................................................................. Brian Schafer
INVOCATION ................................................................. Brian Schafer
DINNER ................................................................. Ham & Roast Beef Buffet
RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS ........................................ Dr. John Greathouse
RECOGNITION OF 1996-1997 OFFICERS ..................................... Brian Schafer
INTRODUCTION OF 1997-1998 OFFICERS ..................................... Brian Schafer
SLIDE PRESENTATION .......................................................... Donnetta Hoss, Kerry Bowman

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Graduate of Distinction Award ........................................ Dr. John Greathouse
Club Awards ................................................................. Dr. John Greathouse, Dr. Sandy Johnson
Little “T” Awards ............................................................. Grant Havel

Everyone is welcome to attend the dance immediately following the banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Schoenchen, KS.

AWARD WINNERS

Swine
Grand Champion ...........................................................
Reserve Champion ...........................................................
Champion Novice ...........................................................

Dairy
Grand Champion ...........................................................
Reserve Champion ...........................................................
Champion Novice ...........................................................

Sheep
Grand Champion ...........................................................
Reserve Champion ...........................................................
Champion Novice ...........................................................

Horse
Grand Champion ...........................................................
Reserve Champion ...........................................................
Champion Novice ...........................................................

Beef
Grand Champion ...........................................................
Reserve Champion ...........................................................
Champion Novice ...........................................................
Outstanding Herdsman Award ____________________________
1997 Little “I” Showmen

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**1997 Little “I” Awards**

**Donors**

**GOLD (over $150)**
- Bar-B Tack, Etc.
- Ellis County Dairy Supply
- Fitzsimmons Farms
- Al Graf
- Murphy Family Farms
- Ochs, Inc.
- TL Cattle, Co.

**BRONZE (under $50)**
- Ellis County Feeders
- Emprise Bank
- Robin Graver
- Offerle National Bank
- Andy Riegel
- Jack Schmitt
- Gary Shapland
- United Ag Services, Inc.
- Denise Youtsey
NATIONAL BLOCK & BRIDLE CLUB

OUR BEGINNING

December 2, 1919, student representatives from four animal husbandry clubs met in Chicago and formed the National Block & Bridle Club. The local clubs became chapters in the new national organization. These charter chapters were Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. The roster of Block & Bridle clubs has since grown throughout the United States to ninety-three members. The objectives of the organization are:

1. To promote higher scholastic standing among animal science students.
2. To promote animal science, especially all phases of animal science work in colleges & universities.
3. To bring about a closer relationship among students pursing some phase of animal science as a profession.

THE EMBLEM

The perpendicular of the B represents straight moral characteristics, sincerity, and honor. The two curves required to complete the letter B represent the fundamentals upon which we base our social pleasure, mental energy, and moral force. The meat block represents the material aspects of our life. The bridle stands for the behavior of B&B members, the control over ourselves that we try to maintain, the mannerisms and respect we show toward others, and the way which we treat animals.

BLOCK & BRIDLE CLUB OFFICERS

1996-1997

President  Brian Schafer
Vice President  Tammy Gerlits
Secretary  Tish Busby
Treasurer  Jennifer Watkins
Historian  Donnetta Hoss
Publicity  Tanya Lucore
JUCO Chair  Brandon Seifried
Little “I” Chair  Grant Havel
Assistant  Dale Seeman
Club Calf Sale Chair  Tammy Gerlits
Dairy Chair  Bryon Foose
Ag. Awareness Chair  Sara Hibbard
FFA Livestock  Sheila Stannard

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Dairy Chair  Jared Breinig
Ag. Awareness Chairs  Brian Schafer
FFA Livestock  Matt Dreiling
Rhiannon Corn
Randy Lix
1996-1997 BLOCK & BRIDLE CLUB FACTS

Number of initiates: 60
Total club membership: 103
% of non-Agriculture majors: 42%

1996-1997 ACTIVITIES

Welcome Back to School Picnic
Initiate Dance
Endowment Association Telethon
FHSU Promotion Booth, Kansas State Fair
Judging Contests
  Northwest District FFA Dairy
  Junior College Livestock
  Southwest District FFA Dairy
Christmas Dance
Special Olympics
Little International Fitting & Showing Contest
National Meeting - January 24-27, 1997
  12 members attended meetings in Orlando, Florida

Speaker
  Lee Leachman - Billings, Montana
  "Do you have a Future in the Business of Agriculture?"

COMING ACTIVITIES

April 24 - Northwest District FFA Livestock Judging Contest
May 1 & 2 - Ag Awareness Day
May 7 - End of year picnic
June 10 - Speaker - Temple Grandin - "Livestock Handling"

NEW ACTIVITIES

Ag Olympics
Christmas Caroling
Club Calf Sale
Homecoming Booth

CLUB AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

5th Place Scrapbook
  National B&B meetings, Orlando, FL

4th Place Chapter Activities
  National B&B meetings, Orlando, FL
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Congratulations to our graduating seniors!
Thanks for many hours of dedicated work.

Tammy Elsen - Bangor, WI
Bryon Foose - Stratton, CO
Jared Haggard - Burden, KS
David Huff - Norcatur, KS
Heather Johnson - Glasco, KS
Becky Poore - Stockton, KS

Darren Rubottom - Ransom, KS
Sharla Rubottom - Liebenthal, KS
Laurie Shaver - Dodge City, KS
Shelley Strong - Spearville, KS
Marcella Warner - Spearville, KS
Mike Zach - Wayne, NE

HISTORY OF LITTLE I

Chair Round Robin Winner
1971 - 1984 - Neal Beetch Les Shoemaker
1973 - Vernon Wenger 1986 - Jack Schmitt
1974 - Bill Jones 1987 - Mark Hammke
1975 - Duane Kelly 1988 - Jay Brack
1976 - Joe Comwell 1989 - James Sechrist
1977 - 1990 - Tim Zenger
1978 - 1991 - Rob Rahe
1979 - 1992 - Brendon Osborn
1980 - 1993 - Anita Sakala
1981 - 1994 - Eric Dexter
1982 - 1995 - Aaron Lewis
1983 - 1996 - Amy DuBois

We are trying to compile some club history. If you can
make corrections or additions to the above information
please let us know.
Judging Team

This year we have a new coach, Scott "Bronc" Barrows. He is from Ness City, Kansas and has judged on the Colby Community College National Champion Livestock Team in 1981 and was high Individual at the National Western Stock Show in Denver Colorado. At Kansas State University, he was a member of the 1983 National Champion Livestock Team and was High Individual at the National Horse Judging Contest in 1984. Bronc has great livestock judging experience and is looking forward to coaching the team in national competition.

1997 Junior Livestock Judging Team

Jared Breining - Arapahoe, NE
Jason Dvorak - Lecomte, MO
Adrien Hertel - Bird City, KS
Quint Huncovskey - Cuba, KS
Randy Lix - Wright, KS
C.J. Pfannenstiel - Ellis, KS

1997 Contests

The judging team competed at the Kansas Beef Expo' at Wichita on March 12. The Beef Expo is a tune-up for the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture national competition April 26 at Panhandle State University. Next year, members will be competing at several fall and spring contests.

Agriculture Department

Faculty

Dr. John Greathouse, Chair
Dr. Garry Brower
Dr. Jean Gleichsner
Dr. Sandy Johnson
Dr. Neil Patrick
Dr. Brent Spaulding
Dr. Robert Stephenson
Scott Barrows

Student Government Association Senator

Melissa Graham

Staff

Beef and Horse Unit Gary Rolland
Crop Unit Steve Engelhardt
           Harland Werth
Dairy Unit Stephanie Eckroat
           Mike Hammerschmidt
Sheep and Swine Unit Kevin Huser

Secretary Janet Knipp
The National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) is an organization of Fort Hays State University students and established business professionals involved in agriculture marketing, sales, journalism, and other related areas. The FHSU NAMA chapter was formed in the fall of 1993 by interested students and professors.

Throughout this past year, members have worked on several fund raisers including participation in Ellis County Landfill "Litter Lotto" and selling T-shirts during Octoberfest. Funds were also raised by helping Dr. Patrick in a construction project. The members have used the funds for the National meeting. Members attended a Great Plains NAMA chapter meeting in Wichita where the market presentation was given as a practice session. Convention in Nashville, TN where the market presentation was made in competition.

NAMA has proven to be very beneficial to students who are looking for employment; the organization has given them opportunities to speak with professionals one-on-one, thus enabling them to network with potential employers in the agriculture field.

President - Tom Wapp, Frankfort, KS
Vice President - Tammy Gerlits, Lenora, KS
Secretary - Marcella Warner, Spearville, KS
Treasurer - Shawn Lindenman, Morland, KS
Advisors - Dr. Brent Spaulding
Dr. Neil Patrick

The honor society of Delta Tau Alpha recently returned from attending the 38th National Convention at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA. Chapter President, Travis Crites and John Minet represented FHSU at the convention. The FHSU DTA Chapter won first place in the Corbus Book Competition, which is a yearbook of the chapter’s activities (the chapter received a plaque and $150). Chapter members participated in the Ag Quiz Bowl (15 teams competed), business meetings, an area tour of CAMECO (manufacturer of sugarcane equipment, tree harvesting equipment, and John Deere field sprayers) and social activities (crayfish feed and dance). Dr. Robert Stephenson continues to serve as National Treasurer (this will start his sixth year in that position).

Delta Tau Alpha

President - Travis Crites, Idalia, CO
Vice President - Melvin Rodarmel, St. John, KS (Fall)
Marcella Warner, Spearville, KS (Spring)
Secretary - Kate Shepard, Yates Center (Fall)
Kurt Wilson, Hays, KS (Spring)
Treasurer - Stephanie Helms, Linn, KS
Advisor - Dr. Jean Gleichner
National Treasurer - Dr. Robert Stephenson

Over the past year, DTA has been active both on- and off-campus. The chapter participated in keeping 2-miles of adopted highway near Hays clean, the Homecoming Banner Contest, the Wellness Fair, the Endowment Phonathon, the Christmas Tree Angel Program and sponsored two pitch card tournaments. This spring the 4th Annual Ag Quiz Bowl was held with six teams testing their knowledge in the areas of plant science, soil science, animal science, and agribusiness. The team of Tammy Gerlits, Ty Gerlits, and Brian Gerstberger was victorious. The chapter has a web site at http://www.fhsu.edu/agriculture/dta.html to allow members and alumni access to current information about the chapter. In the upcoming year, the FHSU DTA Chapter will continue to serve the department, university, and community.
Grand Champion Swine Showman: Bryon Foose

Reserve Champion Swine Showman: Brian Schafer

Champion Novice Swine Showman: Brian Schafer
Grand Champion Dairy Showman: Brian Schafer

Champion Novice Showman: Brian Schafer

Not Pictured:

Reserve Champion Dairy Showman: Patricia Duffey
Grand Champion Beef Showman: Tanya Lucore

Reserve Champion Beef Showman: Brandon Seifried

Champion Novice Showman: Sara Hibbard
Grand Champion Horse Showman: Jana Romanda

Reserve Champion Horse Showman: Brian Gerstberger

Not Pictured:

Champion Novice Horse Showman: Patricia Duffey
Grand Champion Sheep Showman: Tiffany O'Neill

Reserve Champion Sheep Showman: Brandon Seifried

Champion Novice Sheep Showman: Brandon Seifried
CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion Overall: Tiffany O'Neill

Grand Champion Team: Brian Schafer
Brandon Seifried
Tiffany O'Neill
AWARDS

Outstanding Senior: Brian Schafer

Outstanding Soph/Jr.: Sara Hibbard

Not Pictured:

Workhorse Award: Grant Havel
Honorary Member: Gerry Forsythe

Outstanding Initiate: Brian Gerstberger
A Block & Bridle event would not be complete without a DANCE!!! After everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner of the Little International Awards Banquet, they drove 12 miles to Schoenchen, Kansas, to finish off the evening by relaxing and dancing the night away.
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION TELETHON

AGRICULTURE AWARENESS DAY

OTHER
Each year the Fort Hays State University Endowment Association works to raise money for scholarships for FHSU students by sponsoring a telethon. Block & Bridle helps with this annual event every year.
Ag Awareness Day is a time for elementary school children to become aware of the agriculture scene. As shown, many students enjoyed petting the animals and asking questions about the animals. This day is prosperous for many of the kids, as they have fun and learn at the same time.
For the first time in Several Years, Block & Bridle went Christmas Caroling. The Nursing Club invited the club to join them as they spread holiday cheers to several nursing homes in Hays.

Another event Block & Bridle volunteers to help with is the Special Olympics. Hays is the site for this event each year, and this gives club members a chance to help those who are less fortunate.
LEISURE ACTIVITIES

INITIATE DANCE

CHRISTMAS DANCE

END-OF-YEAR PICNIC & DANCE
At the beginning of each school year, the new initiates of the club jump into the activities by hosting a dance. All of the members look forward to this every year since it gives the new members a chance to get to know everybody and the old members an opportunity to catch up with all of their friends after working hard all summer.

A new event for the initiates was a T-shirt decorating contest. Above are all of the contestants and to the right are the winners.
CHRISTMAS DANCE

As one can see, our Block & Bridle members definitely get into the Christmas spirit, by putting on and attending the Christmas Dance. No Scrooges here!!
To celebrate the end of another school year, Block & Bridle had a BBQ and dance. The event gave members a chance to say goodbye for the summer and to celebrate the friendships they made throughout the school year.