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Going Places...
A JOURNEY AWAITS

Get ready to embark on the journey that tells the tale of the Block & Bridle chapter at Fort Hays State University during the 1997-98 academic year. The adventure begins in Hays, Kan., located along Interstate-70, about half-way between Kansas City and Denver. The destination is unknown; however, there are several stops.

The journey is piloted by four exceptional officers and co-piloted by the two experienced advisers. The navigators are the 91 members that represent majors from across the campus and more than 5 states. So, get ready. Sit back, and enjoy the ride of a life time. At FHSU, Block & Bridle is really GOING PLACES!
The club is advised by Dr. John Greathouse, agriculture department chair, and Kevin Huser, swine and sheep unit manager. During the year, these two men lead the club in the right direction and gave guidance to the students who chaired different events such as judging contests and the Little International Fitting and Showing Contest. They are the people who make sure the members on the journey keep on course.

Dr. Greathouse discusses the regional B&B meeting with Tammy Gerlits during a fall meeting at the Dairy.

Kevin Huser welcomes students from northwest Kansas to the District FFA Livestock Judging Contest, hosted by B&B each spring.
The officers spent many hours planning and overseeing various activities that kept the club on the move this year. The officer team was lead by Mark Sorensen, junior from Grand Island, Neb. Jason Gerstberger, Leoti, Kan., senior served as vice president. Sara Hibbard, Harper, Kan., junior, was treasurer, and Becki Brooks, Indianola, Neb., sophomore served as secretary.

From left: Sara, Becki, Mark and Jason preside over a meeting held at the university dairy.

President Mark visits with returning member Jason Dvorak at the campus-wide Back to School picnic.
As part of his vice presidential duties, Jason, in the red shirt, right side, assigns the new initiates the task of getting their T-shirts signed and decorated before the next meeting.

Secretary Becki and Treasurer Sara collect money for his club T-shirt from member Brian Schafer.
More than 90 students from agricultural and non-ag majors participated in Block & Bridle, making it the largest organization at Fort Hays State University.

Front row from left: Dr. John Greathouse, adviser; Jason Gerstberger, vice president; Mark Sorensen, president; Becki Brooks, secretary; Sara Hibbard, treasurer.
Middle Row: Tana Phifer; Shane Isern; Marie Pope; Karrie Brunselmeyer; Jessica Byarley; Tanya Lucore; Anthony Ogorzalka; Dale Seeman; Eric Wasenius; Donnetta Hoss.
Back Row: Randy Lix; Clint Hammke; Jared McCoy; Brian Schafer; Shane Edwards; Jason Dvorak; Jason Hageman; Brandon Roy; Ryan Parker; Ty Gerlits; Brian Gerstberger.
Front row from left: Sara Burghart; Todd Miller; C.J. Pfannenstiel; Marla Mongeau; Rhiannon Corn; Sara Gower.
Middle row: R. Scott Barrows, livestock judging team coach; Kalyn Osthoff; Becky Goracke; Summer Hemphill; Amanda Shaver; Shelia Stannard; Melissa Graham; Kerry Bowman; Suzanne Pryor; Chris Nicholas; Chad Rupp.
Back Row: Roy Winklepleck; Jon Novotny; Craig Rees; Steve McFall; Cletus Corman; Chris Eubanks; Kelli Krehbiel; Matt Dreiling; Todd Ragsdale; Leland Baxa; Terry Miller.

Members not pictured include:
Jeff Brin
Ryan Bussman
Tammy Dechant
Tish Havel
Todd Homomichl
Kyle Lix
Amy Maune
Jamie Nurnberg
Brandon Seifried
Lukes Thielenhaus
Kim Briney
Sara Kay Carroll
Pete Feyerabend
Cody Hill
Sean Kats
Josh Lowrie
Jason McNally
Rebecca Rahe
Karen Skrdlant
Travis Brunner
Kelly Casey
Tammy Gerlits
Joshua Hobbs
Jennifer Kleweno
Melanie Lumpkins
Dana Moore
Jana Ramonda
Michelle Stoney
Ryan Verlinde
Tina Bussen
Cheryl Clarke
Grant Havel
Kim Holub
Larry Koch
Erika Mabb
Jamie Mountain
Sondra Roe
Kate Sunderland
Carla Zachgo
Along the journey, the B&B members received some valuable navigation tips from Mike Smith, Manager of Liberty Ranch, Natoma, Kan. Liberty Ranch is located about 45 minutes northeast of Hays along the Saline River. Mike invites B&B members and various animal science classes to the ranch during the course of the year for field trips and learning experiences. Mike is a former Ft. Hays B&B president. During the 1998 summer, B&B member Marla Mongeau interned at Liberty Ranch and gained valuable experience with Limousin cattle.

Mike Smith, former B&B President, gives back to the Ft. Hays students by hosting field trips and providing summer internship experiences.

Mike and Marla discuss a group of heifer calves in preparation for the 1998 Kansas Limousin Association tour held in August at the ranch.
The September 10th meeting of the Fort Hays State Block & Bridle Club was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Mark Sorensen. Minutes were read by Secretary Becki Brooks. Treasurer Sara Hibbard gave an on-campus account balance of $4,074.86, and an off-campus account balance of $1,546.20.

Everyone was reminded of the new initiate dance to be held in Schoenchen this coming weekend. A motion was passed to give a $25 gift certificate from Vanderbilt's to the winner of the new initiate T-shirt contest.

A calling committee was formed consisting of Donnetta Hoss, Summer Hemphill, Amanda Shaver and Kerri Bowman. There was a reminder that dues are due at the next meeting.

The club was asked if they wanted to do a booth for homecoming. This was tabled until the next meeting. It was decided not to do a banner. Candidates for homecoming were asked for. This was also tabled until the next meeting.

Matt Dreiling talked about the upcoming district FFA dairy contest. He asked for volunteers.

The National Convention was brought up. It will be in Denver in January. Everyone was asked to consider going.

Scott Barrows spoke about the livestock judging team. There are still scholarships available for those who want to participate.

Little International Chair nominations were taken. Those nominated include Pete Feyerabend, Ty Gerlits and Suzanne Pryor.

The club members were asked their opinion on purchasing Block & Bridle shirts. This was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., September 17 at the Dairy Unit. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary, Becki Brooks
Like all great adventures, our trip included a travel allowance, or our annual "budget." We budget for all events we host, and each year the president and treasurer present the budget before the Student Government and request allocations needed to help our journey successful. Here you will see the 97-98 actual budget, our current budget and our proposed budget for 99-00.

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President: Matt Dreiling  625-8429
Treasurer: Jason Hageman  625-8429
Advisor: Brittany Bock  628-4015
During their journey, B&B members sponsored various judging contests, educational workshops, and social activities. Some of their activities such as the Little International and judging contests are annual events, and others such as the Fall Road Rally were additions to the club’s already busy schedule.

**Summer 1997**

Hosted Speaker Temple Grandin, Colorado State University Professor

**Fall 1997**

Back-to-School Picnic  
New Initiate Dance  
Ft. Hays Promotion Booth, Kansas State Fair  
Northwest District FFA Dairy Judging Contest  
Endowment Association Telethon  
First Ever Road Rally  
Gentle Giants Horse Pull  
Junior College Livestock Judging Contest  
Second Annual Prospect Steer and Heifer Sale  
Oktoberfest/ Homecoming Booth  
Christmas Dance

**Spring 1998**

Special Olympics  
National B&B Meeting, Denver, Colo.  
Little International Fitting and Showing Contest  
Annual Awards Banquet  
Northwest District FFA Livestock Judging Contest  
Ag Awareness Day  
End of Year Picnic
During the 1997 summer, Ft. Hays students had the opportunity to gain useful insight from Colorado State University Professor Temple Grandin. Grandin's lecture was co-sponsored by the Agriculture and Allied Health Departments. Grandin, who is internationally known for her designs of livestock working facilities spoke to a large crowd of students and local livestock producers.

Dr. Temple Grandin addresses a large crowd of Ft. Hays students and area livestock producers.

Dr. Grandin also spoke to interested spectators following her presentation.
Each fall, the B&B members serve the food for the campus-wide back to school picnic held on campus the first week of school. The picnic is a chance for incoming students to discover what the campus and community has to offer, and it allows returning students the chance to mingle with old friends and make new.

Dale Seeman and Brian Gerstberger wait at the front of the line to make sure everyone starts out with the proper utensils.

Summer Hemphill shows Chris Eubanks and the food seekers the best part of the meal—corn and BEEF!!
Each September the B&B members devote time to working at the Ft. Hays State booth at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. This gives Ft. Hays students and faculty the chance to promote FHSU, the Agriculture Department and B&B to prospective students and visit with fair goers from their home towns.

Marla Mongeau fits a black and gold viser for a youngster. Who knows, she might be a future FHSU B&B president.

Marla, Jana Ramonda and Julie Patton work the booth at the Kansas State Fair.
BREAKING THEM IN

With each fall, a new group of members joins the B&B journey. Their first official stop is the new initiate dance. It gives everyone the opportunity to relax before the long school journey begins. It also gives the members the chance to vote on the new initiates' T-shirts, which had to be signed by officers and members, and decorated by the initiates.

President Mark Sorensen displays the T-shirts so the members can decide which is their favorite.

Vice president Jason Gerstberger announces the contest winner...Ty Gerlits, while Mark presents him with a gift certificate.
Others find their own entertainment by playing pitch and catching up on their summer activities.

Freshman Eric Wasenius makes the journey more exciting by telling jokes to Audra, Shelia, Donnetta and Summer.
Each fall, the B&B travelers stop by the FHSU Endowment Center for a night to help support their journey. B&B members spend one night raising funds for various programs and scholarships by calling supporters and alumni. Most donations go toward scholarships; however, some alumni specify that their donations should go to Block & Bridle or B&B events such as Little International or Ag Awareness Day. About 15 members took the time to call and raise funds.

Freshman Marie Pope takes a break from calling to catch her breath, while Becki Brooks and Brandon Seifried keep busy dialing those numbers, often to only hear a the recording of a machine.
Block & Bridle members took a pit stop to go back to the days of giant draft horses. Club members helped the Gentle Giant Equistrian Team during a draft horse pull in Hays. The Gentle Giants' pull benefits young people with disabilities and health problems. In addition to man power, B & B donated the use of the livestock Pavilion for the days' activities.

Members Jason Gerstberger and Mark Sorensen help with the preparations during the Gentle Giants pull held in early September.
The B&B officers decided members should really take to the road, and organized the club's first ever Road Rally. Teams of up to four members shared a vehicle to gather clues around Hays and found themselves at places such as the University dairy, a veterinary clinic, and Bar-B Tack, one of B&B's supporters. The officers were available via cell phones if extra clues were needed, all teams ended up in Victoria, and the top three teams were rewarded for their times.

C.J. Pfannenstiel reads his teams' clue:
Round 'em up on the hillside, which leads his team to their next destination, Hillside Veterinary Clinic.

Jason Gerstberger searches the dairy after his teams' clue: Got Milk?
And the winners are: First place honors were awarded to Jason Hageman, Jared McCoy, and C.J. Pfannenstiel.

The second place duo consisted of Jason Gerstberger and Larry Koch.

The third place team was Shelia Stannard, Rhiannon Corn, Sondra Roe and Erika Mabb. Way to go, ladies!
WEATHER CAUSES SALE TO MAKE A DETOUR

The second annual FHSU B&B prospect steer and heifer sale, was a scheduled stop for the people on the journey to help finance the trip and teach the members the basics of conducting a sale. However, inclement weather caused I-70 and other roadways to close, which caused a bumpy journey for the club’s sale. Despite the bad weather, a few buyers were able to motor their way to the sale, and the club members’ hard work would be remembered as they planned their third annual sale.

Sale chairman Brian Schafer discusses the sale procedure with consignors and members prior to the October sale.

Tammy Gerlits calls to get area road conditions and accepts phone bids from those stranded at home.

Despite the weather, a crowd was able to make it to the sale; however, most of them had to stay in Hays after the sale.
The sale committee members in the back from left include: Ryan Verlinde, Brian Schafer, Marla Mongeau, Dale Seeman, Brian Gerstberger, Tanya Lucore, and Tammy Gerlits. In the front are Mark Sorensen, Sara Hibbard and Jason Gerstberger.

Donnetta Hoss and Jennifer Kleweno prepare the computers in the clerks’ office.

Adverse weather conditions made load out a miserable task. Only local buyers could make it home, and even then, it took them quite a while due to low visibility and strong winds.
TOUR STOP: OKTOBERFEST

As the participants on the journey got wound up, it was time for a stop: Oktoberfest. Each year, FHSU and the community celebrates the area’s German heritage on Homecoming weekend. Classes are dismissed, and many campus organizations gather in the park to sell T-shirts, caps, shot glasses and a chance to milk a cow. Ok, Block & Bridle is the club that gave people the chance to milk a cow for $1. Both young and old enjoyed the chance to milk the cow; for some it brought back childhood memories, and for others it was a first-time experience.

Club members prepare the booth for all that wanted to milk the cow for $1.

Club President Mark Sorensen helps this future B&B member fill the pail for his first time.
Those who participated left with a sticker that told of their accomplishment!

Young and old alike enjoyed the chance to try their hand at milking the cow at the B & B Oktoberfest booth, including club member Grant Havel.

I Filled The Pail!

Those who participated left with a sticker that told of their accomplishment!
Before the weary travelers took their finals and headed home for the holidays, they took a break for the annual Christmas dance. The dance gives B&B members the chance to unwind before finals, and it gives B&B alumni the chance to come back to Hays and visit old friends.

Jason Hageman is definitely in the Holiday spirit!
FULL SPEED AHEAD

Each April, the B&B club, puts their journey on hold to prepare and host the annual Little International Fitting & Showing Contest. The contest, which takes several months to plan, is open to the campus and allows members as well as non-members the opportunity to train, fit and show livestock. On the following pages, you'll see why Little I caused the journey to run full speed!
LITTLE INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

Silver Anniversary—25 Years of Tradition
April 18, 1998 7:00 p.m.

Welcome. Mike Smith, master of ceremonies
Introductions. Mike Smith
Invocation Mark Sorensen, B&B president
Dinner Prime Rib
Recognition of Special Guests. Mike Smith
Recognition of 1997-98 Officers. Mike Smith
Recognition of Honorary Member Dr. John Greathouse
Slide Presentation Donnetta Hoss & Kerry Bowman
Presentation of Club Awards Dr. Greathouse & Kevin Huser

Outstanding Freshman/Transfer
Outstanding Sophomore/Junior
Outstanding Senior
Workhorse Award

Little I Awards Brian Gerstberger, chairman

1997-98 BLOCK & BRIDLE OFFICERS

President Mark Sorensen
Vice president Jason Gerstberger
Secretary Becki Brooks
Treasurer Sara Hibbard
Publicity Coordinators Todd Miller Summer Hemphill
Historians Donnetta Hoss Kerry Bowman
Club Calf Sale Chair Brian Schafer
Jr. College Chair Brandon Seifried
FFA Dairy Chair Matt Dreiling
FFA Livestock Chair Randy Lix
Little I Chairperson Brian Gerstberger
Little I Co-chairperson Shelia Stannard

Ag Awareness Chairs Rhiannon Corn
Amanda Shaver

1997-98 BLOCK & BRIDLE ADVISERS

Dr. John Greathouse
Kevin Huser
John Huston

Everyone is welcome to attend the dance immediately following the banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Schoenchen.
LITTLE I DONORS

Gold ($150 +)
Bar-B-Tack, Etc.
Excel, Inc.
Ochs, Inc.
Midland Marketing
Ellis Co. Dairy Supply

Silver ($51-$149)
Al Graf
Robin Graver
Hays Veterinary Hospital
Decatur County Feedyard
Fitzsimmons Land & Cattle Co.

Bronze ($1-$50)
B.W. and Denise Youtsey
Jack Schmitt
United Ag Services, Inc.
Ellis County Feeders

AWARD WINNERS

SWINE
Grand Champion
Reserve Champion
Champion Novice

SHEEP
Grand Champion
Reserve Champion
Champion Novice

DAIRY
Grand Champion
Reserve Champion
Champion Novice

HORSE
Grand Champion
Reserve Champion
Champion Novice

BEEF
Grand Champion
Reserve Champion
Champion Novice
Outstanding Herdsman

Grand Champion Overall
Reserve Champion Overall

Grand Champion Team
Reserve Champion Team
## JUDGES AND CHAIRS

### SWINE
- **Judge**: Josh Morris, Idalia, CO
- **Chair**: Sara Hibbord
- **Assistant**: Jason Hageman

### SHEEP
- **Judge**: John Stannard, Russell
- **Chair**: Rhiannon Corn
- **Assistant**: Marla Mongeau

### DAIRY
- **Judge**: Randy Huser, Victoria
- **Chair**: Melanie Lumpkins
- **Assistant**: Matt Dreiling

### HORSE
- **Judge**: Jamie Kirby, Larned
- **Chair**: Tanya Lucore
- **Assistant**: Jana Ramonda

### BEEF
- **Judge**: Christy Hammer, Winona
- **Chair**: C.J. Pfannenstiel
- **Assistant**: Ryan Verlinde

## LITTLE I PARTICIPANTS

### HOGS
- Sara Burghart
- Sara Kay Carrell
- Rhiannon Corn
- Jason Dvorak
- Chris Eubank
- Melissa Graham
- Jared McCoy
- Kalyn Ostoff
- Suzann Pryor
- Ervery Salinas
- Amanda Shaver
- Brandon Seifried
- Mark Sorensen
- Roy Winklepeck
- Andy Vath

### SHEEP
- Sara Kay Carrell
- Jason Dvorak
- Jason Gerstberger
- Melissa Graham
- Sara Hibbard
- Marla Mongeau
- Carly Pagenkopf
- Marie Pope
- Ken Sears
- Brandon Seifried
- Mark Sorensen

### BEEF
- Chris Eubank
- Jason Gerstberger
- Jason Hageman
- Sara Hibbard
- Tanya Lucore
- Jared McCoy
- Marla Mongeau
- Dana Moore
- Jon Novotny
- Carly Pagenkopf
- Marie Pope
- Suzann Pryor
- Brandon Seifried
- Mark Sorensen
- Andy Vath
- Ryan Verlinde
HISTORY OF LITTLE I
We are trying to update our list. Any known information would be appreciated.

CHAIRS
1971
1972 Robert Siefkes
1973 Vernon Wenger
1974 Bill Jones
1975 Duane Kelly
1976 Joe Cornwell
1977-1983 MISSING INFORMATION
1984 Neal Beetch
1985 Greg Beetch
1986 Jack Schmitt
1987 Mark Hammelke
1988 Jay Brack
1989 James Sechrist
1990 Tim Zinger
1991 Rob Rahe
1992 Brendon Osborn
1993 Anita Sakala
1994 Eric Dexter
1995 Aaron Lewis
1996 Amy DuBois
1997 Grant Havel

ROUND ROBIN WINNERS
1984 Les Shoemaker
1990 Ed DeBauche
1991 Jayne Dick
1992
1993 Randy Huser
1994 Stacy Barth
1995 Jason Wolff
1996 Brandon Seifried
1997 Tiffany O'Neill

1997-98 B &B ACTIVITIES
Welcome Back to School Picnic
Initiate Dance
Endowment Association Telethon
FHSU Promotion Booth, Kansas State Fair
Second Annual Club Calf Sale
Oktoberfest/Homecoming Booth
Judging Contests
Northwest District FFA Dairy
Junior College Livestock
Northwest District FFA Livestock
Christmas Dance
Special Olympics
National Meeting, Denver, Colo.
Little International Fitting and Showing Contest
Ag Awareness Day
End of Year Picnic
1997-98 BLOCK AND BRIDLE MEMBERS
(* December Grads **May Grads)

Leland Baxa**
Kerry Bowman
Jeff Brin
Kim Briney
Becki Brooks
Travis Brunner
Karie Brunselmeyer
Sara Burghart
Tina Bussen
Ryan Bussman
Jessica Byarley
Sara Kay Carrell
Kelly Casey
Cheryl Clarke**
Cletus Corman
Rhiannon Corn
Tammy Dechant
Matt Dreiling
Jason Dvorak
Shane Edwards*
Chris Eubank
Pete Feyerabend

Tammy Gerlits**
Ty Gerlits**
Brian Gerstberger
Jason Gerstberger**
Becky Goracke
Sarah Gower
Melissa Graham**
Jason Hageman
Clint Hammeke**
Grant Havel*
Tish Havel**
Summer Hemphill**
Sara Hibbard
Cody Hill
Joshua Hobbs
Kim Holub
Todd Honomichl*
Donnetta Hoss**
Sean Kats*
Jennifer Kleweno*
Kelli Krehbiel
Larry Koch*

Kyle Lix
Randy Lix**
Josh Lowrie**
Tanya Lucore**
Melanie Lumpkins**
Erika Mabb
Amy Maune*
Jared McCoy**
Steve McFall**
Jason McNally
Terry Miller**
Todd Miller
Marla Mongeau
Dana Moore
Jamie Mountain
Chris Nicholas
Jon Novotony
Jamie Nurnberg
Anthony Ogorzolka
Kalyn Osthoff
Ryan Parker
C.J. Pfannenstiel

Tana Phifer
Marie Pope
Suzann Pryor
Todd Ragsdale
Rebecca Rahe**
Jana Ramonda
Craig Rees
Brandon Roy
Chad Rupp
Brian Schafer*
Dale Seeman**
Brandon Seifried
Amanda Shaver
Karen Skrdlant
Mark Sorensen
Shelia Stannard
Michelle Stoney
Kate Sunderland
Lukes Thielenhaus
Ryan Verlinde
Eric Waschiles
Carla Zachgo
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.

NATIONAL BLOCK & BRIDLE

December 2, 1919, student representatives from four animal husbandry clubs met in Chicago and formed the National Block & Bridle Club. The local organizations became chapters in the new national organization. The charter chapters include Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. The roster of Block & Bridle clubs throughout the United States has since grown to nearly 100 clubs.

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 and universities.
3. To bring about a closer relationship among students pursuing some phase of animal science as a profession.

FHSU CHAPTER

The FHSU Chapter was organized on campus during the 1971-72 academic year. Dr. Carl Thompson and Dr. Duane Sharp founded the club.
CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!

Leland Baxa
Shane Edwards
Ty Gerlits
Melissa Graham
Grant Havel
Summer Hemphill
Donnetta Hoss
Jennifer Kleweno
Randy Lix
Tanya Lucore
Jared McCoy
Terry Miller
Brian Schafer
Cheryl Clarke
Tammy Gerlits
Jason Gerstberger
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Todd Honomichl
Sean Kats
Larry Koch
Josh Lowrie
Melanie Lumpkins
Steve McFall
Rebecca Rahe
Dale Seeman

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

The foundation has been laid for the future of the FHSU livestock judging team. This year’s team will graduate one senior, Melissa Graham, and still retain senior leadership from Jason Dvorak and a handful of sophomores. Melissa Graham, Oakley, KS, will graduate in May with multiple degrees and head to Mississippi State University for graduate school. Jason Dvorak, Lacomia, MO, received acknowledgement for his swine reasons last November at the American Royal in Kansas City.

The additional building blocks for the foundation stems from a talented group of sophomores. They include Chad Rupp, Ness City, KS; Suzann Pryor, Abilene, KS; Chris Nicholas, Johnson, KS; and Kerry Bowman, Effingham, KS. These judgers plus Rhiannon Corn, Hays, and Rachel Spencer, Castle Rock, CO, have been extremely active with the judging team.

The team started the school year by competing at the Justin Boots Invitational in Shreveport, LA. They also competed at the American Royal in Kansas City, and at Express Ranches’ Collegiate Scholarship Contest in Yukon, OK. This spring they competed at the Iowa Beef Expo in Des Moines.

Team Coach R. Scott Barrows said the team has really developed, and he is excited about the future of these individuals for the next season. They have the experience and desire to work and become competitive. Barrows added that the team greatly appreciates the financial support of Block & Bridle. The team also helped official five FFA contests in the spring.
NAMA

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

This year NAMA has brought a variety of speakers to campus to address different aspects of business. NAMA also served concessions at the Block & Bridle club calf sale in the fall. They are currently organizing Ag Olympics to be held later in the month. NAMA members traveled to Dallas for National Convention this year. Next year the convention will be in Atlanta.

Officers include:
Clint Shapland, Dighton--President
Troy Laughlin, Goodland--Vice president
Terry Miller, Zenda--Secretary
Walter Acheson, Palco--Treasurer
Rebecca Rahe, Belleville--Historian

Advisers:
Dr. Brent Spaulding
Dr. Neil Patrick

DELTA TAU ALPHA

The honor society of Delta Tau Alpha attended the 39th annual National Convention at Berea College in Berea, KY on March 26-28. Chad Rupp, Ness, was elected as the National Vice-President for the Midwest Region. Chad was on the winning Ag Olympics Team and was a member of the 4th place Ag Quiz Bowl Team. The FHSU Chapter placed 1st in the Challenge Poster Contest (poster depicting service activities over the year) and placed 2nd in the Corbus Book Award (book depicting activities over the year). Dr. Robert Stephenson was honored with the DTA Teacher-Advisor Award and was reelected for a 4th two-year term as National Executive Treasurer.

Over the past year, DTA has been very active both on and off campus. Last fall the chapter had a float in the Homecoming Parade (won the President's Award), a Homecoming Banner (placed 4th), set up a booth for the Wellness Fair, helped with the Toys for Tots program by building wooden train engines, called alumni for the Endowment Telethon and kept 2-miles of adopted highway near Hays clean. This spring the 5th Annual Ag Quiz Bowl was held with the team of Ty Gerlits, Lenora; Jared Mai, Lenora; and Mark Bretz, Studley being victorious. Membership this spring has grown to 33 members with the recent induction of 10 new initiates. Plans are in the works for the Spring Picnic and other activities to close the 1997-98 school year.

President Kurt Wilson, Hays
Vice President - Kevin Rippe, Ludell
Secretary - Jarrod Spillman, Hoxie
Treasurer - Ty Gerlits, Lenora
Advisor - Dr. Jean Gleichsner
National Executive Treasurer - Dr. Bob Stephenson
CROPS JUDGING TEAM

The Fort Hays State University Crops Judging Team is in its second year of existence and is competing in Platteville, Wisconsin at the NACTA (National Association of Colleges and Teachers) judging contest this week.

The team competed at the regional contest hosted by Kansas State University in late October. It recently returned from a very successful contest hosted by Cloud County Community College earlier this month. The team captured first in Concordia. Leland Baxa led the team and was named high individual in the contest. Ty Gerlits had a strong showing and was 5th high individual. Dr. Bob Stephenson is the coach, and any students interested should contact him.

Members of the team are:
Leland Baxa, Cuba, KS
Randy Lix, Wright, KS
Ty Gerlits, Lenora, KS
Pete Feyerabend, Basehor, KS
James Renner, Goddard, KS
Matt Dreiling, Holdrege, NE

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Faculty

Dr. John Greathouse, Chair
Dr. Garry Brower
Dr. Jean Gleichsner
Dr. Neil Patrick
Dr. Brent Spaulding
Dr. Robert Stephenson
Dr. Bernie Tonroy
Dr. Sandra Philip-Sprague
Mr. Scott Barrows
Mr. John Huston
Mr. Terry Werth
Ms. Melissa Rudell, secretary

Staff

Beef Unit
Mr. Gary Rolland

Crop Unit
Mr. Steve Engelhardt
Mr. Harland Werth

Dairy Unit
Ms. Stephanie Eckroat
Mr. Mike Hammerschmidt

Swine & Sheep Unit
Mr. Kevin Huser
1998 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Little I at FHSU. Event coordinators Brian Gerstberger and Shelia Stannard were responsible for gathering livestock and equipment for students to use, promoting the event, generating donations and selecting awards, hiring judges, planning demonstrations and planning a banquet and dance.

Brian and Shelia discuss the rules and time schedule before each contestant draws their animals' number.

Carly Pagenkopf treats her heifer to a flake of hay before they make their debut in the showmanship contest.
Dairy superintendents Melanie Lumpkins and Matt Dreiling discuss the show with Brian.

Jason Gerstberger shaves his dairy heifer in preparation for the big day, while Tanya Lucore makes last-minute touch ups to her beef heifer before entering the show ring.
Chris Eubanks works to drive his hog toward judge and B&B alumni Josh Morris.

Brian gives guidance to the dairy showmen as they exit the ring.

The beef show is divided into two heats. In this final heat, Brandon Seifried, Ryan Verlinde, and Dana Moore work to see who will be named this year's champion.
Andy Vath prepares his heifer before entering the showring. Andy was selected to receive the beef herdsman award.

Jason Hageman drives his pig to the judge, while Amanda Shaver answers questions about the hog industry. Jason was named top novice in the hog category.

Ryan Verlinde sets up the horse he has drawn for the round robin. Ryan qualified after taking reserve champion in beef showmanship.
GOING OUT IN STYLE

Each spring, in conjunction with the Little I, the club hosts its awards banquet. The banquet allows the students, their parents, and ag faculty the chance to sit down and relax after a busy year. The Little I awards along with other club awards are awarded. The honorary member is also recognized. The historians review the year with a slide show, and a dance concludes the evening’s activities.

Brian Gerstberger announces the Little I awards while Honorary Member Mike Smith, President Mark Sorensen and Adviser Kevin Huser listen.

Shelia Stannard presents the Outstanding Beef Herdsman award to Andy Vath.
Assistant swine superintendent Jason Hageman presents Brandon Seifried with his T-shirt. Brandon won in both swine and beef.

Shelia presents the reserve grand champion overall belt buckle to Jana Ramonda, who also won horse showmanship.

Dr. Greathouse presents Shelia with the Workhorse Award, which is selected by the advisers each year.
The following is a list of those who were recognized for their efforts at the banquet. The outstanding awards in each class is voted on by the club members.

Grand champion beef: Brandon Seifried
Reserve champion beef: Ryan Verlinde
   Beef Novice: Jason Hageman
   Beef Herdsman: Andy Vath

Grand champion dairy: Kerri Bowman
Reserve champion dairy: Sayre Klaus
   Dairy Novice: Jason Gerstberger

Grand champion horse: Jana Ramonda
Reserve champion horse: Mark Sorensen
   Horse Novice: Mark Sorensen

Grand champion sheep: Marla Mongeau
Reserve champion sheep: Melissa Graham
   Sheep Novice: Melissa Graham

Grand champion swine: Brandon Seifried
Reserve champion swine: Jason Dvorak
   Swine Novice: Jason Hageman

Grand champion overall: Brandon Seifried
Reserve champion overall: Jana Ramonda

Outstanding New Initiate: Marie Pope
Outstanding Sophomore/ Junior: Brian Gerstberger
Outstanding Seniors: Jason Gerstberger & Shelia Stannard

Scholarship Award: Brian Gerstberger
Workhorse Award: Shelia Stannard
KICKIN UP THEIR HEELS

After Little I and the awards banquet, the dance rounded off the day's long activities. Everyone enjoyed the chance to relax and unwind.

Matt Dreiling and Mark Sorensen belt out their best tunes to the karaoke machine. Watch out Brooks 'n' Dunn!!

Jason Gerstberger's work is never done. He volunteered to gather money at the door.

Pete Feyerabend really takes his dancing seriously!!

Pete Feyerabend really takes his dancing seriously!
Each year, the B&B members host an agricultural awareness day for area students that range from pre-schoolers to third graders. Nearly 3,000 youngsters stop by the Pavilion during the two days to learn where milk, meat, and wool comes from. They also get the chance to sit in a tractor, on a saddle, and this year they could experience roping a dummy. The students all leave with a bag of promotional pencils, stickers and brochures from various associations and breeders and also a piece of string cheese.

Todd Miller and Marie Pope fill goody bags for nearly 3,000 kids.

Jared McCoy builds a pen for the farm animals that will delight area school kids over a two-day period.
And everyone waits in line while Chad helps them with the rope, and steer head.

Chad Rupp and Jana Ramonda answer the kids' questions about horses.

Mark Sorensen lifts the youngsters up on Jana's saddle so they all have a chance to feel what it was like to "ride on the range."
The kids and Jared listen carefully as the dairy spokesman tells that Ginger can give enough milk each day to fill their bathtub.

"Oohs," and "Aahs" are heard as Anthony Ogorzolka carries the piglet to each student who wants to pet it.
When former travel companion and Miss Rodeo Kansas Kristi Bemis asked the club to help out at her coronation ball, these weary travelers jumped at the chance. B & B members fired up the grill to cook the meat served at her meal, when she took over the crown.

Despite the rain, Jason Gerstberger, Jared McCoy, C.J. Pfannenstiel & Mark Sorensen cook a meal fit for a queen.

Scott Barrows & Dr. Greathouse can't pass up this photo-opp. with Miss Rodeo Kansas Kristi Bemis.
Each year the travelers on the B & B journey plan two judging contests, a junior college livestock contest in the fall, and the Northwest District FFA livestock contest in the spring. The club members are responsible for selecting classes and officials, working as group leaders and class handlers, preparing meals and card packets. They also set up the pens in the pavilion and prepare the animals for the big event. The contests bring numerous young people to campus, some of which continue their education at FHSU. Sponsoring these events is another way that B & B goes the distance.

Junior college contest chair Brandon Seifried discusses the contest responsibilities with volunteers after one of the meetings.

Junior college students from six states participated in the fall contest.
Brandon welcomes the contestants and announces the different classes.

Brandon and Brian Schafer discuss class cuts in the tabulation room during the district FFA contest.

This young man gives his reasons. FHSU alumni usually volunteer as officials for the Jr. college contest.
Seeing Spots

As with any road-weary travelers, B&B members began to see spots during the fall. No, it wasn't from too much windshield time. It was once again time to host the Northwest District FFA Dairy Judging Contest. Each fall, a committee chairperson heads up the event which is run by B&B members. Their duties include washing and clipping cattle, acting as class handlers and group leaders, tabulating scores, presenting awards and feeding the FFA students.

Todd Miller washes, while Chris Nicholas dries and clips cows in preparation for the 1997 District FFA event. After two days of washing and clipping until late in the evening, these members definitely do see spots.
GATHERING TIME

The B &B journey could not have been a success without its navigators, pilots or preparation time. The travelers met the first and third Wednesday of each month to plan their various activities, except during the busy times when they met once a week. Official meetings usually took place in the Union, but they also happened at the Dairy or Pavilion.

These students listen attentively during a meeting held at the dairy.

President Sorensen calls the first meeting of the year to order at the back to school picnic, held at the University farm.

Secretary Becki Brooks and Vice-president Jason Gerstberger are all business at this meeting held at the Pavilion.
A LITTLE RECOGNITION

Following is a sample of the publicity the travelers received during their journey.

Block & Bridle hosts Little International Showing & Fitting Contest, continues 25 years of tradition

Dustin Berthoff
The Leader

In 1973 the Little International was born.

Now, 25 years later, the same event is going strong as the Block & Bridle Club hosted the 25th Annual Little International Showing & Fitting Contest on Saturday, April 18.

The event coined its name from the "big" international livestock show held every year, thus making it the Little International.

Although most exhibitors are agriculture majors, a person does not have to be one to enter, nor do they have to be in a club.

"It is a really good opportunity to meet new people and make friends," Sheila Standard, St. Francis senior, said. "The purpose of this exhibition is to give students on campus the opportunity for friendly competition and to handle livestock."

This year approximately 30 people entered the exhibit. Each individual, once entered, was put into one of five categories by drawing a number out of a hat.

Those five categories consisted of beef cattle, sheep, hogs, dairy cattle and horses.

After each person was categorized, they had approximately three weeks to work with their animals, getting them ready for the exhibition.

"We put on demonstrations for preparation of this event," John Greathouse, chairman of the agriculture department, said.

Brandon Seifried, Dighton senior, was the champion in both the beef cattle and hog categories. He also captured the overall crown.

The overall competitors compete in all five categories once they have won their respective category.

Marla Mongeau, Zurich junior, took home the award for best sheep.

Best dairy cattle went to Kerri Bowman, Atchison sophomore.

Jana Ramonda, Topeka senior, won the horse category. She also took home an award for overall reserve champion.

In addition to those awards, an award for overall effort towards other people and animals is given. This award may or may not be given to the overall champion.

This award, called the Beef Herdsman Award, was given to Andy Vath, Cimarron junior.

Brian Gertsberger, Leoti junior, said, "This year was a complete success."
FINAL DESTINATION

After a year-long journey, the B & B members finished their trip with the end of year barbeque. It was a way for them to reminisce about their journey and to say farewell for the summer.

Mark Sorensen flips the hamburgers into the pan Jason Gerstberger holds. Now that's fast food!

Ag awareness coordinators Amanda Shaver and Rhiannon Corn share thank yous they received from the students who attended the event.

Retiring president Sorensen swears in the newly-elected president Matt Dreiling.
POSTCARDS FROM OUR JOURNEY
INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

Don't miss the opportunity to catch up with us on our next journey, which takes place on the Internet. You can keep current with the Fort Hays B&B Chapter at:

www2.fhsu.edu/~d983/blockandbridle.htm