



Friends of Animal Sciences Bulletin

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From the President's Deck

Hello Alumni and Friends!

As you know, our first Board meeting and general meeting will take place in Pullman on April 13th at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM respectively. I encourage you to attend both meetings to see the workings of the Board, and to provide input at the general meeting. We will be setting the course for the upcoming year for this organization and need your input.

I am very happy to say that we have a web site created and it can be found at <http://friendsofansci.org>. A big thank you goes out to Marvin Hoekema and his colleagues for the time and resources that were volunteered to develop this site. Please take a few minutes to browse this site and register.

Finally, if you haven't sent in your membership dues, please do so. Your support for this organization is truly valued and will help support the goals of the group. Our plan is to develop criteria for scholarships and be able to provide one or more scholarships next year. Your support will help us reach our goals.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in April.

Kind regards,
Heidi Thomsen

Come Celebrate Dr. Martin

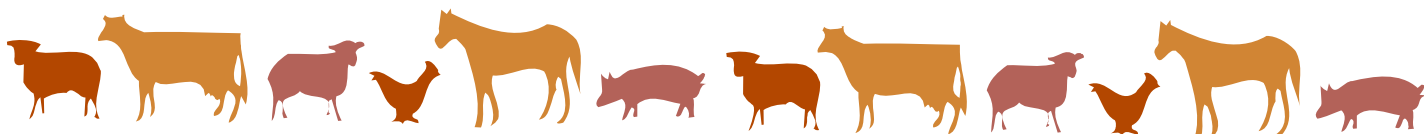


Dr. Everett L. Martin retired from the Department of Animal Sciences at Washington State University in May of 2006 after 36 years of service. On April 13th and 14th, we will celebrate this man, his contributions to the department, and the impact he had on his students.

On Friday, April 13th the place to be is on campus at the Ensminger Livestock Pavilion starting 4:00 pm. Dr. Martin will be recognized this evening, along with Student Awards and the dedication of the Ensminger Pavilion.

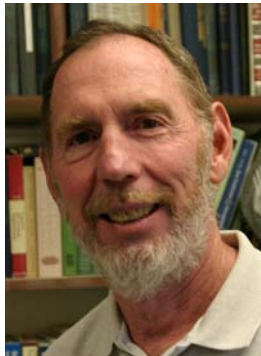
On Saturday, April 14th, the place to be is the Clarkston Golf and Country Club in Clarkston, WA starting at 5:30 pm until 9:00 pm. The evening's events include music by the Tyler Vance group, a variety of finger foods, and colorful stories and testimonials about Dr. Martin.

Additionally, the E.L. Martin Scholarship Fund has been established. Donations are being accepted. Further details regarding the events, how to donate, and housing information can be found on page five and six.



A Note From the Chairs to The Friends of Animal Sciences

Dr. Charles Gaskins -- Interim Chair (2006)



I was the Interim Chair when Everett Martin planted and fertilized a small seed in Mike Dodson's brain about an Animal Science Alumni Association. I don't remember how all of this worked for sure, maybe the seed had already sprouted and Martin just laid some manure on it to keep it going. Anyway, Mike pestered me a lot about the idea and I thought that it was great. There is no question that our department can use support from all directions. I was amazed and excited about how many alumni responded and how enthusiastic they were for the idea. Mike got email lists from me and other sources and soon his mailbox was overflowing with responses. I know that he keeps his email on all of the time, even at home because no matter what time of the night I send him an email I usually get a prompt response. Anyway, Mike was excited, but at the same time overwhelmed with the email he was getting. On the one hand he was happy and on the other he was concerned about time that it took to answer all of the email. Regardless, Mike did a great job, delegated some of the authority to willing alumni and now the Association is on it's way to great and independent success. My reaction to the new association has been what a great thing not only for the department, but also for the alumni. As alumni, you spent four or five years here, maybe a few more for some of you, and you have a lot of ownership in the department.

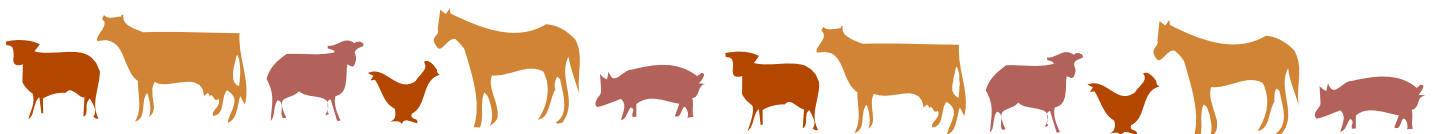
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Dr. Margaret E. Benson -- Chair (2007--)



I am excited to be the new Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences at Washington State University (WSU). Officially I began on February 1, and my immediate goal is to rapidly become knowledgeable about animal agriculture in Washington and the Pacific Northwest. I grew up on a diversified livestock and grain farm in southwestern Minnesota and continue to be a part of our family farm. I earned my BS and MS degrees in animal sciences at North Dakota State University and my PhD in ruminant nutrition from the University of Kentucky. After graduation I joined the animal science faculty at Michigan State University (MSU) in a teaching/research/extension appointment. This experience allowed me to gain an appreciation for each of the missions of animal sciences. My research program was in applied ruminant nutrition of sheep and beef cattle with a focus on developing nutritional management strategies to enhance efficient production. I taught ruminant nutrition, sheep production, introduction to animal science, ethics in animal agriculture, and entrepreneurship in animal science. As the state sheep extension specialist I served as the liaison between the industry and the university. I also served as interim department chair at MSU for two and one half years. I then came to WSU. You might wonder why WSU?

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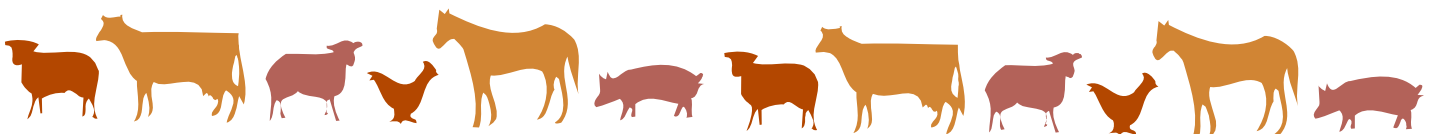
I have always felt that our faculty and staff genuinely care about the education and welfare of our students. Many of you were deeply immersed in departmental activities far beyond just going to class. So over the years we have all been pretty close and the Friends of Animal Science (alumni) association is just one way to formalize and strengthen that bond. One question is, "Where is this group going in the future?" That depends upon all of us. My hope is for better communication between the department and the alumni, strong support for the department and fun and exciting events for all of us. I am looking forward to the first meeting on April 13. I hope to see all of you there.

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As I looked at the Department of Animal Sciences at WSU, I saw a forward thinking department in a progressive college and university that values the contributions that agriculture makes. I am excited about the future of this department and its place in the college and university, as well as its ability to contribute to advancing animal agriculture locally, nationally, and internationally.

I was pleased to learn of the establishment of the Friends of Animal Sciences and look forward to working closely with you in the future. I view our alums as important parts of the department—its past, present and future. Past--because you are the products of our past professional curriculum and departmental endeavors. Present--because your insight helps us identify areas of strength, areas in need of improvement, or emerging issues needing to be addressed.

Perhaps the most important role our alums provide is assisting the department in achieving a successful future. The Department of Animal Sciences will be successful if we can position our stakeholders (students, producers, allied industry personnel, and society in general) for successful futures through our research, teaching and extension missions. There is no question that the department must adapt to the changing environment in which we exist. Our student body demographics are changing, student career goals are different and the expertise needed by animal agriculture is also changing. Producers are facing increasingly complex problems that influence their ability to manage sustainable enterprises and they look to us for assistance in facing these new challenges and opportunities. Conducting research that links new fundamental discoveries with application strategies will require new resources. This dynamic environment is challenging but creates an exciting future for the department. Successfully navigating this path will require a dedicated team effort among all who are associated with the department and I welcome the opportunity to work with this group to achieve our aggressive goals. I welcome your input and look forward to meeting many of you at your inaugural event on April 13, 2007. I appreciate your continued interest in the Department of Animal Sciences and promise to work hard to ensure we maintain and deserve your enthusiastic support. All of us in the department welcome your thoughts and ideas.



The Organization

Friends of Animal Science (FAS)

In 2006, a group of our energetic alumni banded together and formed the FAS (alumni) association. With much hard work, this group has become an officially recognized group at WSU. The purpose of the group is to support the Department of Animal Sciences in any way possible. Specific goals, the official by-laws, membership forms and other information may be found at the newly established website of the FAS [<http://friendsofansci.org/>]. We welcome any alumni, associate, or "friend" of the Department to become a member.

2007 FAS Board of Directors

Heidi Thomsen (BS '92); President
Marvin Hoekema (BS '96); Vice President
Jennifer Homan (BS '01); Treasurer
Barbara Zawlocki (BS '02); Secretary
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Richard Meyer (BS '68)
Andrea Barten (BS '05)
Mike Hackett (MS '76)
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Brian Treasure (BS '73)
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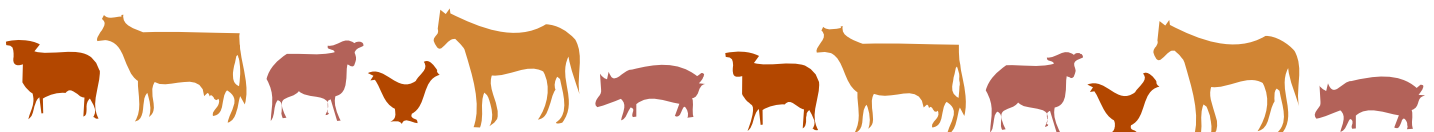
The Handling of donations to the Friends of Animal Sciences

Your donation is logged in by the Department, with the appropriate code for the Friends of Animal Sciences (FAS). This insures that the funds will go to no other group. After appropriate paperwork is finished, the funds/paperwork proceed to the College Foundation Office. A donor will receive a letter from our Department Chairperson, as well as a letter from the Foundation thanking them for their donation. The funds are kept separated from all other donations for FAS.

Decisions made about the status of the funds are made by the Board of Directors of FAS with the input from FAS members. Donations may be used for support of Departmental scholarships or any other area of Departmental need.

Donations to the Friends of Animal Sciences can be sent to:

Friends of Animal Sciences
Department of Animal Sciences
Washington State University
117 Clark Hall
Washington State University
Pullman, WA 99164-6310



Calendar of Events

Event	Date & Time	Location
Board of Directors Meeting	April 13, 2007, 2:00-3:00 PM	Alumni Center – Regency Room
General Membership Meeting	April 13, 2007, 3:00-4:00 PM	Alumni Center – Regency Room
Social Time	April 13, 2007, 4:00-4:30 PM	Ensminger Livestock Pavilion
Animal Sciences Department Awards, E.L. Martin Recognition, Ensminger Pavilion Dedication (CAHNRS)	April 13, 2007, 4:30-5:30 PM	Ensminger Livestock Pavilion
Free BBQ	April 13, 2007, 5:30-6:00 PM	Ensminger Livestock Pavilion
Student Awards Program	April 13, 2007, 6:00-7:30 PM	Ensminger Livestock Pavilion
E.L. Martin Retirement Party	April 14, 2007, 5:30-9:00 PM	Clarkston Golf and Country Club

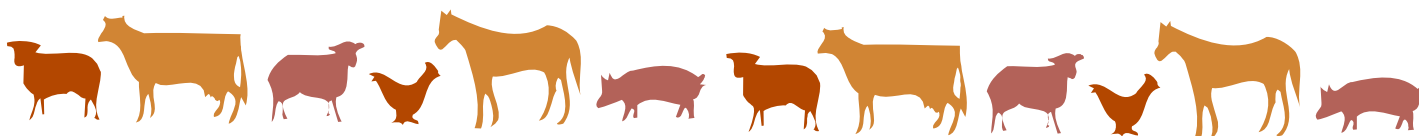
On April 13th, the Tyler Vance trio will be playing music between 4:00 and 4:30 in the (soon to be) Ensminger Livestock Pavilion. This same trio will be playing on Saturday night for the E.L. Martin Bash at CGCC. If someone plays a musical instrument and wants to "jam" they will be welcomed [music: blue grass, western, old favorites, etc]. Contact Tyler Vance [fiddler10@hotmail.com] for more information.

E.L. Martin Scholarship Fund

Donations are being accepted for the E.L. Martin Scholarship Fund.

The check can be sent to:

Friends of Animal Sciences
 Attn: E.L.M. Scholarship Fund
 Washington State University
 Dept. of Animal Sciences
 117 Clark Hall; PO Box 646310
 Pullman, WA 99164-6310



Resource Information

Dr. Martin's Retirement Party

The Party will be held at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club in Clarkston, WA.

The address and phone is:

1676 Elm Street
Clarkston, WA 99403-1121
509-758-7911

The cost is \$20.00 per person in advance (including children). The check can be sent to:

Friends of Animal Sciences
Attn: E.L.M. Retirement Party
Washington State University
Dept. of Animal Sciences
117 Clark Hall; PO Box 646310
Pullman, WA 99164-6310

In the Clarkston area

Quality Inn & Suites - 509-758-9500
Best Western Rivertree Inn - 509-758-9551
Motel 6 - 509-758-1631
A Soothing Sunset Motel - 509-758-2517

In the Lewiston area

Comfort Inn - 208-798-8090
Econo Lodge of Lewiston - 208-743-0899
Inn America - 208-746-4600
Red Lion Inn - 208-799-1000

Housing Information

In the Pullman area

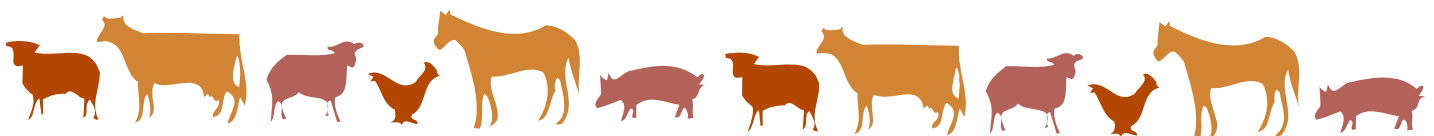
Hawthorn Inn & Suites - 509-332-0928
Quality Inn- Paradise Creek - 509-332-0500
Holiday Inn Express - 509-334-4437
American Travel Inn - 509-334-3500
Cougarland Motel - 509-334-3535
Manor Lodge Motel - 509-334-2511
Nendel's Inn - 509-332-2646

In the Moscow area

Hillcrest Motel - 800-368-6564
Mark IV Motor Inn - 800-833-4240
Royal Motor Inn - 208-882-2581
Super 8 Motel - 208-883-1503
Best Western University Inn - 208-882-0550

News from the Department

- Dr. Jerry will be retiring in 2007. More details are to follow.
- Dr. Derek McLean will be receiving the New Investigator Award from the Society of the Study of Reproduction.
- Dr. John McNamara was recently awarded a USDA grant to study the interaction of nutrition on gene expression in cows.



Friends of Animal Sciences Washington State University Membership Application Form

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
First/Middle or Maiden/Last Name or Name of Business

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

First WSU Degree _____ Major _____ Graduation Year _____

Did not graduate from WSU

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check (Payable to Friends of Animal Sciences)

VISA Master Card

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Card Holder's Signature _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (optional)

Employer Name _____

Job Title _____

Employer Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Return your completed application with payment to:

Department of Animal Sciences
Friends of Animal Sciences Fund
Washington State University
117 Clark Hall
P.O. Box 646310
Pullman, WA 9164-6310



Annual Memberships:

- \$25 Individual
- Please check one:
- Alumni
- Affiliated
- Student
- Associate/Honorary

- \$200 Business

Lifetime Memberships:

- \$500 Individual – may be paid over the course of one year.
- Please check one:
- Alumni
- Affiliated
- Student
- Associate/Honorary

- \$2,000 Business

Donation: \$ _____

Membership Categories:

ALUMNI: Any person who has received an Animal Science degree from Washington State University.

AFFILIATED: Any faculty member of the WSU, Department of Animal Sciences or any faculty member who is in association with the WSU, Department of Animal Sciences.

STUDENT: Any student who is currently enrolled in a WSU, Department of Animal Sciences' class.

ASSOCIATE/HONORARY: Any person who does not qualify for the previous categories and is in support of WSU, Department of Animal Sciences, either by monetary means or volunteering his/her time, effort or skills, as deemed by the Board of Directors.