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Dworaczyk receives Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship Award

COLLEGE STATION - Coral Dworaczyk is a recipient of the 2011 U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship Award. Dworaczyk is a physiology of reproduction doctoral student working under the direction of Dr. Martha Vogelsang, senior lecturer in the Department of Animal Science

The award was presented to Dworaczyk and six other graduate students in a ceremony held April 14, 2011, at the University Club at Texas A&M University. Also receiving the award were graduate students from the departments of chemistry, oceanography, geography, psychology, political science and veterinary pathobiology.

The award recognizes scholarly excellence in research and teaching.

Dworaczyk received a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&M and a master's degree in physiology of reproduction under the direction of Dr. Vogelsang.

For three consecutive years, a graduate student from the Department of Animal Science has been honored with this fellowship award. Kevin O. Curley, Jr., earned the award in 2009 and Nicole Burdick received the award in 2010.

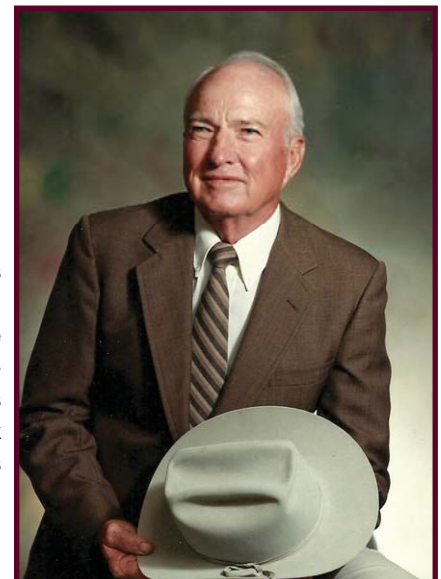


Coral Dworaczyk, recipient of the U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Fellowship Award, and Dr. Martha Vogelsang.



Dr. T. D. Tanksley, Jr

Dr. T. D. Tanksley, Jr., passed away April 12, 2011 at his ranch home in Bertram, Texas. He was 86. Tanksley joined the Texas A&M College of Animal Science Department in 1956. During his time with the department, he worked as an extension swine specialist, associate professor, professor, and was named professor emeritus upon his retirement in 1985. He excelled in his teaching, research and extension activities as well as livestock shows and youth programs. A complete review of Dr. Tanksley's life will appear in an upcoming issue of *Animal Science Weekly*.



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Burdick recognized for excellence in doctoral research

COLLEGE STATION - Nicole Burdick, a doctoral graduate of the Department of Animal Science, is a recipient of the 2011 Association of Former Students Distinguished Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research presented March 31, 2011, in College Station.

This award recognizes Burdick's outstanding academic record and excellence in research. Selection for this award is based on the student's research and scholastic achievements.

Burdick earned a doctorate in physiology of reproduction in August 2010 while working under the direction of Drs. Tom Welsh, Jeff Carroll and Ron Randel. Burdick now works as a research immunologist at the USDA-ARS in Lubbock.



Nicole Burdick, center, receives the Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research from Dr. Karen Butler-Perry, associate vice president for graduate studies and Marty Holmes, vice president of The Association of Former Students.

Adams presented Graduate Student Council award

COLLEGE STATION - Amber Adams, a doctoral student in the Department of Animal Science, was honored with the Anat Al-Madani Award presented by the Texas A&M University Graduate Student Council during a ceremony held April 12, 2011.

This award is given to a graduate student who has demonstrated knowledge of and interest in campus activities and organizations. Recipients are expected to display enthusiasm, motivation, communication, leadership, and/or organizational skills.

Adams is pursuing a doctorate degree in animal science working under the direction of Dr. Ted Friend. On campus, Adams was recently named vice president of information for the Graduate Student Council. She serves as secretary of the Animal Science Graduate Student Association, is the Graduate Student Council animal science representative and chair of the selfless service committee, is a member of the campus security awareness committee, and a team leader for Big Event and the Aggie Relay for Life team.



Amber Adams receives the Anat AlMadani Award presented by Celso Ferreira, GSC vice president for finance.

ANSC staff, students inducted into agriculture honor society

COLLEGE STATION - Several staff members and students in the Department of Animal Science were recognized and inducted into the Texas A&M University chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, The Honor Society of Agriculture, on April 13, 2011, at the College Station Conference Center.

Bryan Weaver, an animal science major, and Shay McDonald, a dairy science major, were each named Outstanding Graduating Seniors.

Kelly Essler, academic advisor; Lisa Mapel, research technician; and Anna McNaught, equine initiative; were inducted into the honor society. Undergraduate student inductees in-

clude Kaitlyn Wilkins, Sarah Chandler, Christine Laas, Alyza Looney, Amanda Mendoza, Elizabeth Peterson, Lowell Pigott, Justin Pulliam, Chelsea Sanders, Jarrett Santos, Katie Stephens and Bryan Weaver. Graduate student inductees include Bryan Agado, Miles Guelker, Sarah Parketon, Malcolm Delovio, Sorin Greff, Gentry Shafer, Jennifer Thorson and Brook Bradbury.

Dr. Matthew Taylor, assistant professor, will serve as president-elect of Gamma Sigma Delta for 2011 and Donna Witt, academic advisor, is the 2011 departmental representative.

TAMU Stock Horse Team named reserve champions



Left, Dr. Dennis Sigler, coach, Melanie Armstrong, Kelsey Larson, Anna Haines, Ryan Birkenfield, Ari Sear, Alyssa Plackemeier, Adrienne Paquette and Raul Valdez.

COLLEGE STATION - The 2010-2011 Texas A&M University Stock Horse Team won reserve champion team at the American Stock Horse Association Intercollegiate National Championship Show in Abilene on April 15 and 16, 2011.

Team members are Melanie Armstrong from Dime Box; Kelsey Larson from San Antonio; Anna Haines from San Antonio; Ryan Birkenfield from Nazareth; Ari Sear from Simonton; Alyssa Plackemeier from Friendswood; Adrienne Paquette from Plano; and Raul Valdez from Laredo, all animal science majors. The team is coached by Dr. Dennis Sigler, professor and extension horse specialist in the Department of Animal Science.

During competition, team members compete individually in horse pleasure, trail, reining and cowhorse classes.

Aggie Ryan Birkenfield was named the winner of the Non-Pro Division Owner/Trainer Recognition Award. Other individual awards include:

- Birkenfield - fifth high individual overall; second in cowhorse; third in trail;
- Sear - first in pleasure;
- Valdez - first in reining;
- Haines - reserve high point novice rider; second in trail; third in reining; fifth in cowhorse;
- Plackemeier - reserve high point limited non-pro rider; third in pleasure;
- Larson - fourth in reining.

A&M competed against 14 universities and colleges from Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. This competition closes out the season for the Stock Horse Team.

Earlier in the year, the Stock Horse Team won champion team at contests held at Tarleton State University, Stephen F. Austin University and the Star of Texas Fair in Austin. They won reserve champion team at the contest held at Texas A&M University in October.

Texas A&M University
Department of Animal Science
Horse Center

Horse Sale

May 7, 2011 | Freeman Arena

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/horse-center/sale-horses/index.htm>





Left, Gentrie Shafer, Dakota Flemming, Lisa Mapel, Brook Bradbury, Sarah Novak, Baylie Miller, Cooper Terrill, Desiree Heath and Andrea Loyd.

Ag FACTS Friday held on Texas A&M campus, other universities across country

COLLEGE STATION - The first-ever Ag FACTS Friday was held at Texas A&M University on April 15, 2011, as well as on many other university campuses across the United States.

Ag FACTS, Inc., introduced the idea of Ag FACTS Friday in an effort to educate students about the basics of agriculture and to show support for American farmers. A group of Aggie agriculture students gathered in the Academic Plaza and handed out informational sheets about agriculture; products produced by American farmers - potato chips, beef jerky sticks, one pound bags of rice, peanuts, and bottles of water; as well as pens, note pads, koozies and gloves.

Gentrie Shafer, Animal Science graduate student, said, "Ag FACTS Friday was a great success. It was an opportunity to connect with non-agriculture students across the campus and engage in open communication about agriculture while learning from their perspective.



"We were very impressed with how appreciative students were towards agriculture and I think I speak for the whole group that it was just as educational for us as it was for those we were trying to reach."

The group obtained hundreds of comments and signatures on a large banner thanking farmers. The banner will be on display in agricultural buildings around campus.

In addition to Texas A&M University, other participating universities include Clemson, College of the Ozarks, Kansas State University, Mississippi State University, Northwest Missouri State, Penn State, Sam Houston State University, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, Virginia Tech University, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Truman State University and University of Florida.

For more information on Ag FACTS, visit www.agfactsusa.org.

Grassfed Beef Production conference scheduled for June

COLLEGE STATION - Beef producers and consumers who would like to learn more about grassfed beef production should plan to attend a conference that will address this topic.

A Grassfed Beef Production conference will be held June 8-9, 2011, on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station.

Hosted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Animal Science, the conference will address such topics as defining nat-

ural, grassfed and organic; the fundamentals of growing forage; cattle suited for grassfed beef; nutrition; preventative herd health; handling cattle for wholesome beef; a demonstration on carcass fabrication; consumers and their expectations; marketing; and economics and sustainability.

For more information on the conference, contact Dr. Rick Machen at (830) 278-9151 or by email at rmachen@ag.tamu.edu.



Department of Animal Science represented at TSCRA trade show

SAN ANTONIO -- Animal Science graduate students Brandi Bourg and Andrea Loyd along with Dr. Tryon Wickersham, assistant professor, represented the Department of Animal Science at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Trade Show held during the organization's annual convention April 1-3, 2011 in San Antonio. They visited with several former and future Aggies throughout the weekend.

Upcoming events ☆ Upcoming events ☆ Upcoming events

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (April 20, 2011 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 11:45 a.m.) - Dr. Glenn Holub, instructional assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, will present "From backpack to briefcase." Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with the presentation beginning at noon. For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

2011 Mid-South Ruminant Nutrition Conference (April 20-21, 2011 - Grapevine, TX) - For more information, please go to http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/2011_Ruminant_Nutrition_Conf.pdf.

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (April 27, 2011 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 11:45 a.m.) - Dr. Clay Cavinder, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, will present "Factors potentially affecting reproductive performance in horses." Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with the presentation beginning at noon. For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

Children's Barnyard (April 27-29, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Kaitlyn Grimshaw at <kaitlyn_grimshaw@neo.tamu.edu> or go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/students/clubs/s&s/announcements/index.htm>.

Southwest Dairy Day (May 5, 2011 - Stephenville - 9:30 to 4 p.m.) - For more information, please visit <http://texasdairymatters.org/2011-southwest-dairy-day/>.

TAMU Department of Animal Science Horse Center Horse Sale (May 7, 2011 - Freeman Arena) - Viewing of horses will begin at 9 a.m. with the sale beginning at 11 a.m.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association 2nd Annual Crawfish Boil (May 26, 2011 - 4:30 p.m.) - Tickets will go on sale in mid April. Cost \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Open to all faculty, staff, students and family. More details will be available soon.

Texas A&M Livestock Judging Camp (May 27-29, 2011 & June 24-26, 2011) - For more information, please contact Jake Franke at (979) 845-7616 or visit http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock_judging_camp.htm.

Texas A&M Show Cattle Camp (June 10-12, 2011 & June 17-19, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or email <beefcenter@tamu.edu> or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/beef/beef-center/camps/show-cattle-camp/index.htm>.

Texas A&M Horse Judging Camp (June 22-24, 2011 & July 6-8, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at (979) 845-7731 or email <cac@tamu.edu> or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/tamu-horse-judging-camp.htm>.

Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camps (July 15-17, 2011 & July 22-24, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey, Katie Fritz or Kelsey Willberg at (979) 845-7616 or email <aggielandlambandgoatcamp@gmail.com> or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats/sheep-center/youth-camps/index.htm>.

57th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course (August 1-3, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Beef Cattle Extension at (979) 845-6931, email <extansc@ag.tamu.edu> or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/BCSC/index.html>.

Rosenthal Lecture Series (Sept. 15, 2011 - College Station) - Dr. Temple Grandin will be the speaker at the Rosenthal Lecture Series to be held at the Annenberg Conference Center at the George Bush Presidential Library. For more information, please contact Dr. Jeff Savell at <j-savell@tamu.edu>.



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