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GOPHER DAIRY CLUB - 2008 FALL EDITION

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MEET THE 2008-2009 EXECUTIVE TEAM

President, **Jamie Seitzer** is a senior majoring in Agriculture and Food Business Management with a minor in Agronomy and Finance. He grew up on a 60-cow dairy farm outside of St. Peter, MN with his parents are Jerry and Carol Seitzer. He is a member of the dairy judging team, Gopher Crops and Soils Club, CFANS student board, and the Stock Trader's Club as well as Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Vice President, **Lucas Sjostrom**,

is a senior majoring in Animal Science. Lucas is the son of Steve and Deb Sjostrom from Lafayette, MN. He is from a 90-cow dairy farm with 720 acres of crop land. At the U of M he is involved in Gopher Dairy Club, National Agri-Marketing Association, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and University Athletics Committee on Academics.

Treasurer, **Jacob Hemmesch**, is also a senior majoring in Agricultural and Food Business Management with a minor in Agronomy from Owatonna, MN. He works with his parents, Merwyn and Geraldine Hemmesch, on their 160 acre, 40 cow dairy farm. In school he is active in Delta Theta Sigma fraternity, Crops and Soils Club, Alpha Zeta, and Gopher Dairy Club. After graduating, he plans on returning to his family farm.

Secretary, **Melissa Dohrn**, is a senior majoring in Animal Science, dairy

industry emphasis with a minor in Applied Economics. She is the daughter of Kenny and Vicky Dohrn from Lake City, MN. She is active in Gopher Dairy Club, Lambda Delta Phi sorority, St. Paul Ambassadors, and the Dairy Judging Team. She lives on a 3000 acre crop farm, with beef and feeder cattle where they previously milked about 150 cows.

Reporter, **Amanda Eberle**, a senior from Monroe, WI majoring in Animal Science, dairy industry emphasis

with minors in Applied Economics and Technical Communications. She grew up on a 60-cow dairy farm in southern Wisconsin with her parents, Randy and Stacy Eberle. At the U of M she is active in GDC, Lambda Delta Phi sorority, MN Royal Executive Team, National Agri Marketing, and is also serving as the 2008-2009 Midwest Regional ADSA-SAD President.

Student Board Representative, **Brett Boyum**, is a junior studying Animal Science with an emphasis in pre-vet medicine. He grew up on a dairy farm with his parents Al and Jean Boyum in Battle Lake MN, where they currently milk 130 cows and operate 600 acres. He is starting is second year as a Dairy Bar Manager for the Gopher Dairy Club and is also actively involved in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, Pre-Production Animal Medicine Club and the Block and Bridle Club.



Front: (L to R) Jacob Hemmesch, Melissa Dohrn, Amanda Eberle. Back: (L to R) Brett Boyum, Jamie Seitzer, Lucas Sjostrom

GOPHER DAIRY CAMP 2008 IS A SUCCESS

- Amanda Rasmussen

The Gopher Dairy Camp was held on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota on June 12-14, 2008. Sixty-seven Minnesota and Iowa youth participated in the fifth annual dairy camp.

Highlights of the Gopher Dairy Camp included a workshop titled "Science Fun with Dairy Foods" taught by Dr. Bob Horton of The Ohio State University, Gopher Gold live cattle auction, and an excursion to the Grand Rios Waterpark. Additionally, a showmanship contest and dairy judging workshop were also popular activities. Gopher Dairy Club alumni

taught youth about cattle fitting and show ring preparation.

Gopher Dairy Camp is a Gopher Dairy Club and 4-H sponsored opportunity for youth in grades 6-11 to enhance their dairy project skills. The 2009 Gopher Dairy Camp will be held on June 11-13.

Your help is needed! The Gopher Dairy Camp could use the assistance of GDC alumni and friends through financial sponsorship, volunteering as a professional fitter, or instructing a workshop related to your

area of expertise. Please contact Melissa Mussman if interested in supporting the camp:

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275 CONTESTANTS PARTICIPATE IN 2008 FALL FFA INVITATIONAL

- Brandon Thesing

The Gopher Dairy Club once again hosted the 2008 Fall FFA Dairy Judging Invitational on October 7, 2008. Despite the down pouring rain and terrible weather, the number of contestants was tremendous with over sixty full teams and 275 contestants.

A team from the Lewiston-Altura FFA Chapter took home the top honors followed by Owatonna 2nd, Forest Lake 3rd, Randolph 4th, and Winona 5th. The first place overall individual was Nick Reps from the Lewiston-Altura FFA Chapter. Followed by Kelsey Mussman, Owatonna; Erian Daninger, Forest Lake; Matt Thamert, Owatonna and Mike Duncanson from Lewiston-Altura, placing 2nd - 5th respectively.

The contest would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteer work of Gopher Dairy Club members to make sure every part of the contest runs smoothly.

DAIRY BAR GROSSES NEARLY \$200,000

- Ahnna Olson

The 2008 Dairy Bar managers learned Murphy's Law first hand during the Minnesota State Fair, from plumbing and cooler problems, to register and machine breakdowns. Despite the initial problems senior dairy bar managers, Theresa Krause and Ahnna Olson, along with junior managers, Brett Boyum and Staci Sexton were able to overcome the set backs and had another respectable year, grossing \$197,890, down from the previous record setting year. Many vendors also reported decreased sales, even though attendance was up nearly 12,000 from the 2007 MN State Fair, due to a cooler fair and the economy.

Plan on visiting the 2009 MN State Fair next year? Then expect change for the Gopher Dairy Bar. With improvements and remodeling being made to the Moo Booth, the Dairy Bar will be moved closer to the heart of the fair down to the east elevator shaft. Although the details have not been set in stone, the new Dairy Bar will be set up like the current one, with the large walk-in cooler and storage space above the serving area.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Gopher Dairy Bar and hope to see you at the 2009 MN State Fair!

GOPHER DAIRY JUDGING TEAM UPDATE

- Theresa Krause

The University of Minnesota dairy judging team consisted of four seniors; Melissa Dohrn, Adam Husfeldt, Theresa Krause and Jamie Seitzer. The senior team competed at the Harrisburg contest as well as World Dairy Expo.

The juniors who participated in judging this year were Jessica Achen, Jeff Pagel, Charlie Schiller and Staci Sexton. Staci and Jessica were joined by Brandon Thesing and Mike Donnelly, both sophomores, to compete at the Viroqua and Louisville contests.

This team did very well receiving 1st place team honors at Viroqua and Brandon was high individual. They also did excellent at Louisville placing 4th as a team and Jessica Achen also placed 4th overall.

Other Sophomores that also judged were Kaitlin Kasper, Abby Udderman, Megan Herberg, Robert Westman, Jessie Ingvalson, Zack Sawall, Pam VonRuden and Kevin

Borst.

The farm stops for practices were again terrific this year as they always are.

The juniors and seniors spent the first weekend traveling Stranshome Holsteins, O l m a r

Holsteins, Nix Milking Shorthorns, Arthurst Farms, Oathill Dairy, Floralawn Holsteins, Raylore Holsteins and Harmony Corners Farms. These were all amazing stops with really good cattle. We also had the opportunity to attend a Gopher Dairy Club and dairy judging team alumni Mike McAndrews' wedding reception which was a very fun time.

The second weekend the sophomores joined the team and traveled to Forest park Ayrshires, Owens Farm, Meadow Ridge Jerseys, Indianhead Holsteins, Daveco Swiss, Misty Meadows Farm, Ger-Con Holsteins, Willows Edge Farm, Sapa Ska Farm, Northstar Brown Swiss, K & R Jerseys and Green Moor.



Senior Dairy Judging Team (l to r) Les Hansen; coach, Tara Meyer; coach, Adam Husfeldt, Theresa Krause, Jamie Seitzer, Melissa Dohrn, Alicia Thurk; coach and Scott Ellenhuysun

After a week of practice, the seniors traveled to Harrisburg and the juniors judged Viroqua this weekend.

The seniors then visited some farms on the way out to World Dairy Expo. They visited Drinkall Jerseys, K & R Jerseys, Tande Farms and Hendel Farms. The teams were able to see a lot of these same cattle that they judged out at national shows and it is because of the quality of cattle they see in practices that enables them to be so successful year after year.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the farms that let us come and practice. Also another deserving thank you goes to our four coaches Alicia Thurk, Tara Meyer, Scott Ellenhuysun and Les Hansen who have graciously donated a lot of time to making the team work.



First-place team in the Accelerated Genetics collegiate dairy cattle judging contest (l. to r.): Dr. Les Hansen, coach; Tara Meyer, coach; Jessica Achen, Mike Donnelly, Brandon Thesing, Staci Sexton, Alicia Thurk, coach; and Scott Ellinghuysen, coach.

GDC HOSTS ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION

- Erica Seitzer

The Coliseum Sports Bar in Madison, WI was decorated with maroon and gold, showing the pride of Minnesota at the annual GDC Alumni Reunion.

The reunion was held Friday night October 3rd in conjunction with World Dairy Expo. President, Jamie Seitzer welcomed the crowd and shared the current events of the club. The night was full of reminiscing, story telling, and reconnecting with old friends. The annual reunion brings new and old faces together year after year.

For some GDC alumni, this year's reunion was the first time they have been back to Expo since their collegiate dairy club member days. As always the night was a great success and we look forward to

hosting next year's Reunion!



GDC Members Represent MN at many Breed Conventions

- Jessica Achen

For many college students the summer is just as busy as the school year and doesn't ever slow down. In the Dairy Industry the summer is full of chopping and bailing hay, county and state fairs, national conventions, and many other events.

Shorthorn Convention. Jessica Achen was in attendance playing an active role as she serves on the Junior Board as Secretary as well as passing on her crown to this year's National Milking Shorthorn Queen. Additionally, she received the Rachel

This summer the National Holstein Convention was held in Wisconsin Dells, WI; thus drawing a large Minnesota crowd because of the close location. Participating and placing 5th in the Senior Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest was the team

comprised of Megan Herberg, Sophomore Animal Science; Charlie Schiller, Junior Animal Science; Jacob Albrecht, Junior Animal Science Pre Vet; Abby Uddermann, Animal Science; and Emily Achen Freshman Animal Science. Furthermore, Lucas Sjostrom was awarded one of five scholarships through the National Holstein Women's Scholarship Organization. Additionally, he was selected as a Distinguished Junior Member Finalist, the highest award that can be bestowed upon a junior member.

To many people Branson, MO is the home of retired folks and the Dixie Stampede; however, this year it was the location of the National Milking



National Holstein Women Scholarship Recipients - Senior Lucas Sjostrom, center back, is recognized for his outstanding accomplishments

Surridge Scholarship and was 1st in Senior Showmanship contest at the National Heifer Show.

Big Brown Cow enthusiasts all gathered in Lima, OH for the National Brown Swiss convention. There Emily Achen was the recipient of the New Generation Genetics Scholarship of \$500. Also, she exhibited the 6th place spring calf in the Junior Heifer Show.

Congratulations to these University of Minnesota students for all their accomplishments this summer. May this year of classes, activities, and social events be one of the most rewarding times of your life.



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Missy Dohrn
Mike Donnelly
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Jaime Seitzer
Staci Sexton
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Congrats to these current and Alumni GDC Members:

Weddings:

- Holly Tuman married Casey Anderson on April 24, 2008
- Elizabeth Thurk and Josh Radil were united on June 14, 2008
- Luke Olson and Tanya Merritt were married on July 19, 2008
- Katie Sexton and Bill Brown were married on October 25, 2008
- Kelly Sheehan married Dan Kendall on November 22, 2008

Engagements:

- Justin Reeck and Lisa Thompson are engaged to be married on February 7, 2009
- Kristen Heitke and Alex Jankila are engaged to be married on January 10 2009
- Carlina Sloan and Pat Gallagher are engaged and to be married on June 13, 2009
- Jill Hoefs and Jeff Kalina are engaged and to be married on October 3, 2009
- Amanda Eppen is engaged to Derrick Sommers and planning a April 14, 2009 wedding

- Lucas Sjostrom and Alise Jennissen are engaged and planning an October 31, 2009 wedding
- Adam Dicke is engaged to Melisa Huneke and planning a September 12, 2009 wedding

Birth Announcements:

- Tim and Pam Uhlenkamp had a daughter, Alivia Renee Uhlenkamp, born October 6, 2008
- Rita and Joe Vanderkooi would like to announce the arrival of Liv Adriana Vander Kooi. born on April 19, 2008
- Barry and Shannon Visser, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Marie Visser. born on May 03, 2008
- Alexis and Troy Klassen, announce the arrival of Avery Jayd Klassen, born September 29, 2008

Occupational Advancements

- Lana Olson is now the associate editor Hoards Dairymen



DATES TO REMEMBER

February:

15th - Annual Gopher Dairy Club Banquet

27th - March 1st - Midwest Regional ADSA-SAD

April:

13th -18th - Minnesota Royal

18th - Annual MN Royal Alumni BBQ and showmanship contest

June

11th -13th - Gopher Dairy Camp

