Red’s Corner

Top Ten Reasons Red Loves Retirement

10. She pontificates to new heifers from Bookhout, providing helpful herd orientation and years of hard-earned wisdom.

9. She stands post at the gate to help Dave remember the dry cows.

8. She bellows to remind students to fill the red/green feeders with grain.

7. She has shown the heifers the value of a prehensile tongue at the red/green feeders.

6. She plows a path to the hay wagon when it snows.

5. She helps Dave by returning the dry cows to the hay wagon when he forgets.

4. She has wracked her brain for memories of her first calving to be a mentor as Turner approaches her own.

3. She has lost a significant amount of weight thanks to all of Turner’s attentions.

2. She has an improved self-esteem because it is hard to tell the difference between her and young, lithe Turner.

1. She has a surrogate daughter named Turner.

“Job Well Done” to the students who have finished the herd health rotation for the spring semester:

Devon Klipsic
Abby Butler
Ann Zielinski
Will Sander
Support for Dr. Allenstein Benefits the Teaching Herd

His friends and colleagues are rallying to honor Dr. Leland Allenstein, a long-time Wisconsin veterinary practitioner who has devoted a lifetime of caring and teaching to the dairy industry. The goal is to endow the School of Veterinary Medicine’s dairy teaching herd in his name.

With a $1 million endowment, the herd will be funded in perpetuity, guaranteeing that future generations of veterinarians will continue to have the opportunity to experience first-hand what it’s like to work up-close and personal with a dairy herd.

It’s a fitting honor for a veterinarian who loved teaching and sharing knowledge. In addition to running a dairy practice in Whitewater, Wisconsin, Dr. Allenstein wrote for Hoard’s Dairyman, was chief veterinarian for World Dairy Expo, taught students at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine, and served on the American Association of Bovine Practitioners board.

To donate, contact the School’s Office for Advancement at 608/265-9692.

Student Interview

By: Allie Wistrand Mazepa

This month we are featuring one of the newer arrivals to the milking staff. Emily Banaszak is from Racine, WI and is currently a freshman at UW-Madison. She is undecided on a major and is exploring several different fields. She has been working with the teaching herd since October 2005. Before this job, her experience was exclusively with small animals and she has enjoyed learning to milk and handle the cows. Her favorite cow is Sheila. Emily’s current career goals include either attending veterinary school or becoming a professional dog handler. She has been showing dogs for the past six years and owns several Welsh Corgis.
Update on the 699-directed studies projects going on in the herd

- Meghan Glazer is managing Friday’s Posilac injections
- Rob Memmen is doing monthly locomotion scores to setup March and May hoof trimming for Karl Burgi
- Elsa Ludwig is doing monthly teat end scoring to identify cows to monitor or treat for mastitis
- Mindy Wesley is doing weekly production reports and monthly reports to guide the nutrition program
- Danielle James is managing the Ovsynch program weekly to monitor and implement the reproductive program
- Sebastian Baxter is doing monthly body condition scoring to supplement Mindy’s production reports and help guide the feeding program
- Toby Pinn is assessing the herd inventory of drugs and supplies weekly to maintain our herd health program. She is also following up the DHIA testing by supplying reports to the management team and updating each individual cow’s feeding board.
- Colleen Beestman is managing the vaccination program both at Charmany and Bookhout

Cow Profile- Sheila
By: Melissa Maurer-Ford

Sheila
Sheila has all the loving qualities of man’s best friend wrapped up in a cow body. She is always pleased to see you and gives a good licking to affirm her convictions. She was born on the 13th of February in the year 2000 (almost a millennium Valentine) to Shelby. She is currently in her third lactation. Sheila has one daughter named Shasta and she is expecting another calf around July 2 of this year. Periodically Sheila battles mastitis. Her last bout was in her left rear quarter, due to Escherichia coli. She also has had tail issues. In May of 2004, during her second lactation, Sheila’s tail was smashed between her pin bones (most likely from a mounting cow). This caused paralysis of her tail. It has taken awhile, but finally her tail has regained “swishing” ability. Her current production output is 73 lbs. of FCM (fat corrected milk) and her lifetime total milk output is 95,120 lbs.
March’s Super Cows

By: Toby Pinn

Aretha
Tied for
HIGHEST IN MILK
131 lbs/day

Profile
Fresh 12/29/05
DIM: 57
Lactation: 3
Persistency: 31%

Katrina
Tied for
HIGHEST IN MILK
131 lbs/day

Profile
Fresh 9/26/05
Lactation: 6

Carmen
Tied for
SECOND HIGHEST IN MILK
123 lbs/day

Profile
Fresh 1/12/06
DIM: 43
Lactation: 2

Gretel
Tied for
SECOND HIGHEST IN MILK
123 lbs/day

Profile
Fresh 1/12/06
DIM: 43
Lactation: 2
New Heifers in the Barn

By: Rachael Gaeta

We have brought two heifers into the barn to get acquainted with the others while they are waiting to calve.

Kato is Katrina’s daughter. She was born March 25, 2004 and is due on March 29th. She’s expecting a heifer.

Panda is Swash’s daughter and was born April 3, 2004. She’s due on April 1st (no fooling)! She too is expecting a heifer.

March’s Expected Calvings

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Conception Confirmations: February ‘06

Grace       Sonya
Tingle      Greta
Pamela

February Calvings

Lucy- 2/15
Patricia- 2/2
Cracker- 3/7

Dr. Momont instructing a 4th year student on how to ultrasound a cow during the Theriogenology rotation
At 86 years of age, Dr. Harold Amstutz, professor emeritus at Purdue University’s veterinary medical school, still comes in to his office on a daily basis.

After a lifetime of service to the dairy industry, including 15 years of teaching at Ohio State before joining Purdue in 1961 as head of clinics, that level of dedication lends special credence to his decision to help honor a colleague.

When someone with such a strong service reputation decides to honor someone they’ve worked with for a long time, you just know the honoree had to make a real difference, too.

In fact, it’s true. Like Dr. Amstutz, Dr. Leland Allenstein is known for his deep commitment to the dairy industry, his willingness to share knowledge with others, and his kind and caring demeanor. The two first met while serving the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP). Dr. Amstutz started as secretary/treasurer in 1966 and eventually became the organization’s executive vice president. Dr. Allenstein served on the board and became president. They also worked together in the World Association for Buiatrics (cloven-hooved animals).

When Dr. Amstutz heard about efforts to endow the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine’s dairy teaching herd in Dr. Leland Allenstein’s name, he was pleased to serve on the coordinating committee.

“I have a lot of respect for Lee,” he says. “It’s appropriate to recognize him for all his work with the AABP and with cattle producers in general.”

Dr. Amstutz, who retired from Purdue in 1989 and from the AABP in 1993, recognizes the difference a herd can make for students. “I paid my way through Ohio State University by working with the milking herd,” he says.

The campaign to raise $1 million to endow the herd in Dr. Allenstein’s name is underway, and Dr. Amstutz is doing his best to make it happen.
# Timeline of the Teaching Herd

**By: Toby Pinn**

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| 2000 | • September 21st - The first cows arrived  
• October - Char was the first heifer to calf and her calf was named Tammy  
• April - Vaccine trials ended |
| 2001 | • September - removed bedding keeper |
| 2002 | • March - overflow bulk tank switched to everyday pick-up  
• September - Twinkle was the first heifer born in the herd to calve in the herd |
| 2003 | • January - herd archives Johnne’s A classification; changed bedding to shavings  
• September - cows went out on pasture overnight to prevent heat stress  
• October - Swoosh died 😔; gutter grates installed; removed stocks and added four tie-stalls |
| 2004 | • January - new vacuum pump installed  
• February - started raising our own calves; three heifers were sent to Bookhout  
• June - herd survived being hit by a tornado  
• July-August - rebuilt the hay barn that was blown away by the tornado |
| 2005 | • September 1st - the herd formally became the ‘Leland Aleinstein Dairy Teaching Herd’  
• October - switched to sand bedding |
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1. 4\(^{th}\) year theriogenology rotation with either Dr. Momont or Dr. Bosu
2. Large Animal Internal Medicine visits the herd
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in gaining experience working with dairy cows? Then boy do we have the opportunity for you! You can join the milking crew at the Charmany Teaching Facility and work the AM or PM milking shifts. Weekday shifts are from 5:00 am to 7:00 am and from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Weekend shifts are from 5:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Interested students should contact Dr. Bill Goodger at (608) 770-1448.

One further note on employment is that we can save 50% in student salary expenses (about $20,000 per year) if students apply for work study (about 90% of veterinary students are probably eligible). These added funds would not only allow more students access to the herd, but would also provide support for clinics, projects, and clinical upgrades to our facility which would enhance the experience for all students. Below is information about work study from the campus work study office in financial aid.

** The Work-Study Program does not determine where you work. It is up to you to determine where you’d like to work and what type of work you’d be interested in. The Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP) employee’s will be glad to discuss with you what your interests are and what employment options are available to you but you will need to contact the employers directly to inquire about job availabilities.

Having accepted Work-Study will benefit you primarily in two ways: first, since employers only pay 50 cents of every dollar earned by a student, work-study students are highly sought after employees and second, any work-study monies earned are not counted and considered as earned income when you apply for next year’s financial aid. Normally a student’s earnings are considered as earned income and your next year’s financial aid award is reduced by that amount.

If you decide to work on campus, ANY job at the UW automatically qualifies as a work-study position. You should always let a UW-employer know that you have accepted a work-study award, because again, it makes you an even more desirable hire to them. Having said this, some UW employers require that you have work-study. These listing can be found under the “UWWR” section.

If you need to contact someone at the UW-SVM Teaching Herd Barn, call (608) 265-3558.

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