



AWA Happenings

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AWA Officers Look Forward to Upcoming Year

Sarah Watson

The AWA officer team kicked off the 2004-2005 school year with a retreat held at the Adams' Farm in Lake Geneva on August 21. After some sisterly bonding, the officer team planned the fall semester by setting organizational goals, mandatory events and dues. Business was not the only item on the agenda. The officer team spent the late afternoon playing sand volleyball and swimming with giant catfish in the Adams' pond. After an evening of roasting marshmallows and camping under the stars, officers awoke to the smell of pancakes and sausage on the griddle which concluded the retreat.

Sarah Watson is a senior double majoring in Agronomy and Agricultural Journalism from Edgerton, Wisconsin.



Members of the 2004-2005 officer team include, front row, left to right, Katie Dvorak, Naomi Uhlenhake, Beth Porior, Sarah Watson, Kristina Duwe; middle row, Liz Matzke, Erin Paul, Heather Blasel, Christine Lepple, Kara Kasten, Eliza Ulness; back row, Laurie Volkman, Buffy Sacia, Stacey Adams, Jeni Dingbaum, Jeanna Burggraf, and Devon Frei.

2004-2005 AWA Goals



- *Respect and uphold the integrity of AWA*
- *Have 97 percent attendance at mandatory events and 40 percent at all other AWA events (i.e. committee participation, Homecoming, Real World Workshop).*
- *Increase awareness of AWA activities and events through e-mails, calendars, agendas, newsletters and the website.*
- *Attend one AWA function with alumni present, in addition to mandatory events.*
- *Have 60 percent attendance at the AWA House's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration.*

Fall Potentials Start Joining Process

Eliza Ulness

As the fall semester gets underway, so does the joining process for our potential members of AWA. It all started with a potential night at the house on September 14. Since then the girls have received their handbooks and the joining process is underway. They're making projects for the actives to get to know them and starting to get signatures. Intent to pledge will be on October 11 when the girls will match up with their big sisters. Formal interviews are set for November 1. After completing a group project, quizzes, signatures and the final exam, initiation will be held on November 22. This will mark the start for the fall potential class of 2004 as official active members of AWA.

Eliza Ulness is a sophomore majoring in Dairy Science from Valders, Wisconsin.

AWA September Member of the Month

Katie Dvorak

Stacey Adams was my nominee for September Member of the Month. She is always willing to lend an extra hand around the house and this time was no exception. I had the disgusting job of breaking down cardboard left-over from house clean-up that had sat outside in the rain. Stacey saw my peril and jumped in to lend a hand with this nasty job. Thanks Stacey, for your willingness to always help out and be a good friend.

Katie Dvorak is a senior majoring in Psychology from Whitelan, Wisconsin.

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AWA Inc. President's Report

Leanne Ketterhagen

On July 19, 2004 the AWA Corporation Board met for a strategic planning meeting. We had a great discussion about our evolution, roles, strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities. The product of this discussions resulted in goals, tactics and guiding principles that will aid the board when making decisions this coming year.

Goals of 2004-2005:

- Better communications between Alumni and Actives
- Get more Alumni involved
- More information sharing among the Corp Board
- Work toward becoming on advisory role

Guiding Principles:

- Service to Alumni & Actives
- Social encouragement between/within groups
- Inform each other of professional opportunities through outreach
- Continue to be financially sound
- The purpose of this society is to serve as a vehicle to aid women in agriculture in achieving such aims as they hold desirable

The AWA Corporation Board is looking forward to another great year and if you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Leanne Ketterhagen at 920-217-3380 or lketterhagen@wiid.org.



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Fairest Reflections

Gena Cooper 2004 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs

Serving as the 2004 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs has given me the opportunity to visit all corners of Wisconsin! Throughout the past year, I have worked to promote Wisconsin's fair industry by representing our 76 county and district Fairs and the Wisconsin State Fair. I visited more than 30 county and district fairs, 12 June Dairy Month events, nine parades, and numerous other events. Each appearance allowed me the opportunity to discuss the 4-H, FFA, and volunteer groups that are involved with the Fairs with local media representatives. I enjoy making communities aware of their county fairs as a destination for economic, social, and educational enterprises.

My extraordinarily busy summer grew into an experience of a lifetime! My fond memories of this summer include being a part of the State Auctioneer's Contest at the State Fair, meeting fair boards throughout Wisconsin and

learning how to milk almost any animal! The greatest memory I have from this summer was accepting my Grandfather's induction into the National Clydesdale Hall of Fame as the Fairest on behalf of my family.

Thank you to the outstanding AWA alumni I met on my travels; especially those women that have also held this role. The support of our female network is strong in agriculture! Congratulations to everyone for their successes at the fairs, and enjoy a beautiful fall!



Gena Cooper is a senior majoring in Biochemistry from Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

Why Service Is Important to AWA

Beth Porior

- Give back to our campus community
- Gain a greater understanding of ones self and our privileges in life
- Bring joy to other people's lives
- Fun! Fun! Fun!
- Meet new people
- Gain new skills
- Promote sisterhood
- General betterment of our community, campus and agriculture

AWA is proud to have a new edition to the active membership requirements. As of fall 2004, members will now participate in two community service activities per year. The addition of the second service project requirement was voted on and passed by the general membership in hopes to contribute back even more to the giving community in which we live. AWA already lends a helping hand in the community in many ways. From trick or treating for canned goods, raking and weeding the gardens at the West Madison Research Station to plunging the cold waters for Special Olympics, AWA members always have an opportunity to complete a service project. These activities are not only beneficial to our neighbors but they are FUN, FUN and FUN! AWA service projects are a fantastic way to get in on some good old sister-to-sister bonding. Our organization becomes stronger as a whole because of the camaraderie and friendships that are built during service projects. The bonding doesn't stop with AWA members, it continues on to the people we interact with during our projects. From the Wisconsin Public Television's Phone-A-Thon to the Ronald McDonald House, AWA members have met amazing people who appreciate the contributions from AWA members.

Our philosophy about philanthropy should not be that of a "requirement;" rather an opportunity to help our neighbors and our communities. Volunteering is the chance for all involved to take a break from our hectic schedules to role up our sleeves and offer a helping hand to those who are truly in need.

Beth Porior is a senior majoring in Agriculture Education from Oconto Falls, Wisconsin.

Meet the 2004-2005 AWA Officers

President:

Greetings! My name is Kristina Duwe and I am honored to serve as this year's President. I am a senior, majoring in Agricultural Journalism, from Sussex, Wisconsin.

Vice President:

Hi, my name is Liz Matzke, and I am currently serving as the 2004-2005 AWA Vice President. I am a senior studying Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism. After school, I hope to work in the dairy nutrition field.

Secretary:

Hi, my name is Heather Blasel, and I am a senior majoring in Dairy Science from Stetsonville, Wisconsin. I enjoy being Secretary because I like to work with others to lead an organization. I also enjoy being able to voice my opinion in decisions. My career goal is in the area of Large Animal Veterinary Medicine with a possibility of animal research after school.

Treasurer:

Hi, I am Stacey Adams the 2004-2005 AWA Treasurer. This is my second term as treasurer. I am a senior from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin majoring in animal science with an emphasis in natural science. I will receive a Bachelor of Science in May and am in the process of applying to Veterinary School at Madison.

Membership

Hi, I am Eliza Ulness, and I'm proud to be serving as the Member Coordinator and the In-House Representative. I am a sophomore majoring in Dairy Science from Valders, Wisconsin and I'm so excited to bring two new classes of AWA into the organization.

Activities:

Hi There! I am Katie Dvorak your activities chairperson. I grew up on a dairy steer farm somewhere north of Manitowoc, WI. I have chosen Psychology as my major with a certificate in Criminal Justice. As a senior for the first time, you would think that I have a job all lined up, but in reality I have no idea what I would like to do post-graduation. My current plans are to graduate in less than five years and hopefully find a job within a health institution.

Public Relations:

Hi, I am Jeanna Burggraf and I am serving as this year's Public Relations officer. I call my hometown Lancaster Wisconsin. I am a Dairy Science major. As far as a future career goes I am currently exploring different options. As far as long term goes I would have to say someday I would love to end up back on the farm.

Alumni:

Hi, my name is Sarah Watson and I am currently a senior double majoring in Agronomy and Agricultural Journalism from Edgerton, Wisconsin. After school, I hope to find a successful job in sales or marketing for an agricultural business, preferably in the area of agronomy. As for this year, I will be serving as the Alumni Coordinator. My goal in this position is to jump-start the Real World Workshop and help it become a successful informational event that will last for years to come.

Fundraising:

Hi, my name is Erin Paul and I will be serving as your wonderful Fundraising Coordinator. I am a junior, majoring in Animal Science from the great Milton, Wisconsin. I can generally be seen around the AWA house wearing the pajama pants that are the staple of my wardrobe. My future plans include graduation and a job somewhere doing something.

Scholarship:

My name is Naomi Uhlenhake, I am a senior majoring in Biological Systems Engineering with an emphasis in Natural Resources. I hail from Salem, Wisconsin, hometown of my parents Jim and Emily (Knigge) Uhlenhake. I am the Scholarship Coordinator, and I look forward to a successful Competitive Edge for high school seniors and the distribution of AWA scholarships.

Sentinel:

Hi, my name is Devon Frei and I am from Janesville, Wisconsin. I am serving this year as the Sentinel Coordinator. Currently, I am junior majoring in Animal Science and Life Science Communication, I hope to either attend the School of Veterinary Medicine at UW-Madison or to earn my Master's degree and enter into a career in advertising.

Sunshine:

Hi, I am Buffy Sacia and am serving as the 2004-2005 AWA Sunshine Coordinator and Out-of House Representative. I was raised on a horse farm near a little town called North Bend in the northwest part of Wisconsin. I am currently a sophomore, majoring in Animal Science, but hope to be adding Agricultural Journalism next semester. After college, I hope to find a career in the beef cattle industry, specifically in production, and continue to raise and show draft horses. .

AWA Wear:

Hi, my name is Laurie Volkman and I am serving as this year's AWA Wear Coordinator. I am a junior from Black Creek, Wisconsin double majoring in Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism. After college, I hope to find a career in which I can help dairy producers directly in achieving their goals.

Newsletter:

Greetings! My name is Jeni Dingbaum and I am serving as your 2004-2005 Newsletter Editor. I am currently a senior double majoring in Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism from Seneca, Wisconsin. Upon graduation, I hope to find a career within the dairy industry that will utilize my marketing and communication skills. I am extremely excited to serve as this year's newsletter editor and plan to work hard to keep you up-to-date on news occurring within AWA and around campus.

Service:

Hi, my name is Kara Kasten and this year I will be serving as the Service Coordinator. I grew up on a Brown Swiss family farm in Richfield, Wisconsin. I am currently a sophomore, majoring in Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism. On campus I am involved in the National Agri-Marketing Association, Badger Dairy Club, and Agricultural Business club. Once I graduate I would like to pursue a career in marketing and promotion.

House Manager:

Hi! I am Beth Porior, a senior in Agriculture Education, and I am the 2004-2005 AWA House Manager. I am originally from Oconto Falls, Wisconsin where I was raised on a small hobby farm. On campus, I am involved in Collegiate FFA and Badger Dairy Club as well as the Association of Women in Agriculture. I am looking forward to a great year for AWA as well as a great celebration in honor of our house's 10th Anniversary! Please feel free to stop by AWA anytime, we would love to have you as our guest!

House Steward:

Hi, I'm Christine Lepple and I am a junior majoring in Agricultural Journalism from Beaver Dam. I am serving as the House Steward this year and have the privilege of being part of the officer team. I enjoy helping the organization move forward for the betterment of agriculture. Upon graduation, I plan to pursue a career in communications, marketing or sales.



Catching Up With AWA Alumni

Sara Thieding
Loganville, Wisconsin
Graduated: 2003

Sara Thieding graduated in May of 2003 with an Agriculture Business Management degree. She decided to take the summer off after graduation, but it wasn't long after that she landed her first job.

Sara serves as an account coordinator at Rhea and Kaiser, a marketing communications company. The company is an integrated agency that has mostly agriculture accounts as well as some consumer accounts.

At Rhea and Kaiser, Sara works most closely with the Bayer account handling the advertising aspects. She serves as a liaison to the client, coordinating between the agency and the company. She makes sure everything gets done on deadline and that it is to the satisfaction of the client.

If there is one thing Sara suggests to others, it is to always keep in touch with past contacts no matter how long it has been. It is this reason that helped Sara land the new job that she will begin next month.

Sara will be moving to the state of North Carolina where she will be a customer interaction agent in the marketing services department at Bayer CropScience. By keeping in touch with past contacts, her former boss sought her out for the position. In this position she will work mainly in the call center and have a chance to work on some internal marketing projects.

Although Sara has graduated from college, she has not broken ties from AWA by any means. Through past experience in AWA, Sara has taken the interviewing and resume building skills with her as she applied for jobs. Even though Sara has moved on from school and has begun her career, many of the friendships that were established continue to be important in her personal and professional life.

"The thing I liked most about AWA is the life-long friendships I made. It was really nice to come back to expo and catch up with friends. I ran into so many AWA girls and AWA alumni that are out in the industry," said Sara.

Sara is very proud to have been a part of such a great organization during her college career.

"Since AWA is not on a national level, it is only

what the girls have made it be. It has grown to be an excellent organization on CALS campus," Sara added.

"My advice is to stay in touch with people. AWA is always working with each other to help each other succeed. There are always people that are sending emails about job openings or referring someone for a job. That kind level of support is hard to find in other organizations and companies," concluded Sara.

Interview and Article By: Bonnie Berezowitz
Bonnie is a senior majoring in Agricultural Journalism from Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Barb (Cooper) Sherman
Twin Lakes, Wisconsin
Graduated: 1979

Twenty-five years (1979) ago, I graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Dairy Science and a specialization in Agriculture Journalism. It is hard to believe it has been that long. After graduating, I worked at Manpower, Del Monte Corporation, Wisconsin Cheeseman, World Dairy Expo, and American Breeders Service. On November 28, 1981, I married Roger Sherman. We milked 110 Registered Holstein on his home farm near Twin Lakes, Wisconsin until 1989 when the herd was dispersed.

Roger currently works as Northwestern Mutual Company in Milwaukee as a Systems Consultant. We have four children: Luke, 20 and Matthew, 20 are students at UW-Madison (they live in the dorm I lived in my first two years at college - Cole); Rachel, 16, is a student at Wilmot Union High School and Sarah, 12, is a student at Randall Consolidated School.

I work part time as a secretary and treasurer at our local Methodist Church. The other activities I help with is being a 4-H county leader in rocketry, helping with our local soccer recreation league program and the school band activities.

AWA has been a strong part of my life starting when my sister, Donna Cooper Humphreys, took me to my first AWA meeting in the fall of 1975. The meeting was at 306 N Prospect and we would meet in the second floor living room. This group of women really made me feel welcome in the large campus and we would do a lot of things together like flag football,

Pumpkin caroling, slow-pitch softball, Farmer's Olympics and partying (since the drinking age of 18). I remember our fundraising of the Slave Auction which the campus newspaper was very critical of, but we enjoyed ourselves especially cleaning Dr. Dickson's house. During my college days, AWA really started to grow in having the women pledge, the Big Sister program, Spring Fling and our annual banquet.

Since my college days, I have still been very involved with AWA. I was the Alumni President when the organization was incorporated. I did the newsletter for three years until my children were born. I am proud of the way the actives during the last 20 years have made the AWA Newsletter a publication that I know I enjoy receiving and reading. I am currently the coordinator of the alumni membership and person who does the labels for the organization, thanks to my husband, for designing the database. It has been great to see the organization grow and I am always surprise when an alumnus we haven't heard from in a while decides to join AWA.

Amy (Bollinger) Herendeen
Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Graduated: 2000

Life has been full of change and adventure since I left 1909 University Avenue during May of 2000 equipped with my Agricultural and Applied Economics degree. In June of 2000, I started at Cargill, Inc. as a grain merchant for their Flour Milling Division. I managed wheat inventory for four of their flour mills in the Eastern Region.

After a little over a year with Cargill, it was time for a change, so I took a job with Target Corporation as a Business Analyst. For my first two years at Target, I worked for target.com and managed inventory for their Housewares category. I then moved to Target Stores and managed inventory for two lines of girl's clothing. Even though I really enjoyed, my work at Target, I was commuting 8-10 hours a week and missed being a part of the food industry. In a couple of weeks, I will be starting a job with the grocery/wholesaler, SuperValu doing various miscellaneous projects, including working on their vendor website. After 3 years of managing inventory, it will be great to have a new challenge.

I am located in the Minneapolis area, and there have also been some exciting personal developments in my life. In July 2002, I married Mark Herendeen. Mark grew up in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and attending the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. He is now a mechanical engineer for Seagate Technology. Last spring we bought our first house in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Home improvement projects and plans have consumed our time and energy ever since.

Since college, I have also become involved with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America organization. I have been a Big Sister for over 3 years and have loved getting to be a part of this special young person's life. If any of you have any questions, about this organization, please let me know. I would highly recommend this group to anyone who loves youth! I am very thankful for all of the experiences I had while an AWA member. I fondly remember so many memories and wish the best to all of my AWA sisters.

Jeanne (Miller) Matheis
Eagan, Minnesota
Graduated: 1985

It's hard to believe that I graduated from Wisconsin almost 19 years ago and that I've passed my 40th birthday...how did that happen!?!

For the most part, the journey has been grand. Upon graduation in May of 1985, I moved to the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. I've been here ever since and have even become a Gopher hockey fan. Please don't hate me, I just love college hockey and I can't see the Badgers play here. Besides the normal season action, my husband, Joe, and I have attended every NCAA Frozen Four since 1989. We've seen the Gophers win it the last two years, but maybe it'll be the Badgers in Boston this April...

In addition to college hockey, we travel to warm places during Minnesota's nasty winters. We've cruised in the Caribbean several times and hope to get to the Mediterranean soon. Our biggest trip was during the winter of 2002 when we spent 17 days in Australia. We visited friends in Melbourne, snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef, walked around Ayers Rock (6.5 miles around one rock!) and climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The country is fantastic and the people are wonderful. We'd love to go back again some day. (Since then, I've read and enjoyed "Bulldust in my Bra" written by alumna Rebecca Long Cheney. She and her husband, Lee, experienced a totally different side of that continent working in the outback of Australia.)



Jeanne and her husband, Joe, enjoy the traveling experience.

When we are not at hockey or traveling, we keep busy at the health club, on the softball field or at the golf course. I also enjoy tending to my wildflower garden when Joe is of riding his Victory motorcycle. Our dogs, Brutus and Rio, get a great deal of attention as well. And, no, there are no other children besides the dogs.

As far as work, I've been involved in the agricultural industry most of my career. For the past six years I have worked for an advertising rep firm based in Connecticut, which allows me to work from my home. Unless the puppies get in my way, the commute is about 10 seconds. Our company sells advertising for 17 statewide agricultural newspapers including Agri View, IL and IN AgriNews and Ag Alert in CA. We also represent agricultural radio networks such as Goetz and RFD IL. In addition to the ag world, we have also diversified into other industries and sell communications vehicles for Mortgage Banking magazine as well as the American Kennel Club. I really have to concentrate so I don't confuse the ag people with the banking people or the dog clients! It keeps work very interesting.

Joe works for Best Buy corporate headquarters in Richfield, just 8 miles away. He is manager of the computer operations training department. Though we both enjoy our work, we hope to call it quits at age 55. That'll probably sneak up on me as fast as 40 did!

I hope your lives are happy, healthy and fulfilling!

Maureen DeBruin
Lake Mills, Wisconsin
Graduated: 1977

Hello fellow AWA alumni!

I graduated twenty-six years ago with BS degree in Dairy Science and Agriculture Education. I worked for two years at Accelerated Genetics

and then was a Vocational Agriculture teacher for five years. For the last nineteen years I have been employed as a classifier for the Holstein Association. My job involves a lot of traveling. I have scored cows in twenty-seven states and I average about 16,000 cows per year. I have had the pleasure of meeting many former AWA members across the country. It has been interesting to be a part of an industry that has gone through so many changes in the last twenty years. All my work is done on a hand-held computer and laser printer now and about 70 percent of the work is done in loose housing.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with all my nieces and nephews. Through them I have become involved in the Junior Holstein Association. I am one of the junior advisors for Jefferson County. I have had a great time coaching judging teams and quiz bowl teams. The energy and positive attitude that these juniors have is like a breath of fresh air in an industry that has a lot of negatives.

Other activities that I am involved in are world dairy expo post secondary judging contest and showmanship contest. In my hometown I am a member of St. Francis Church where I do part time gardening.

In the past, I served on the AWA alumni board for many years and have been on many standing committees. This was great experience. It was great to see the house built and decorated. I encourage all alumni to try serving for a few years. It is definitely time well spent.

Leah (Kaehler) Mindemann
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
Graduated: 2002

I graduated from Madison in May of 2002 with a degree in Ag Economics. I went to work for Land O'Lakes in northeast Wisconsin as a Consumer Feeds Specialist working for three cooperatives. In September of that year I married Andy Mindemann of Sullivan, WI. He was working for Hidden Creek Farm, a Red and Black Angus farm in New London. We bought a home in Appleton and lived there until April of this year when we decided to move back to southeast Wisconsin. I am still with Land O'Lakes but now work fulltime with Cooperative Plus, Inc. in Burlington, Wisconsin. as their Retail Development Specialist. They have several retail locations throughout the area that we are working on updating and expanding. Andy is now in the landscaping industry as well as working with his dad on the farm. We don't have any children but our blue heeler Lucy is treated like a daughter. Hope all is well!

AWA's Actives Gain Experience Through Internships

Liz Krause, Senior, Jefferson, WI
Major: Ag Business Management
Internship: Farm Loan Officer Trainee for the USDA-Farm Service Agency

Sarah Watson, Senior, Edgerton, WI
Major: Agronomy & Ag Journalism
Internship: Agronomy Sales Intern for Dow AgroSciences

Kristina Duwe, Senior, Sussex, WI
Major: Agricultural Journalism
Internship: Sales Intern for Fort Dodge Animal Health

Katie Dvorak, Senior, Whitelaw, WI
Major: Psychology & Criminal Justice
Internship: Client Rights Office, Division of Disability and Elder Services, Department of Health and Family Services

Abby Huibregtse, Senior, Plymouth, WI
Major: Dairy Science & Ag Journalism
Internship: Wisconsin State Fair "House of Moo" Coordinator for the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Liz Matzke, Senior, Monroe, WI
Major: Dairy Science & Ag Journalism
Internship: Holstein Association Youth Programs Intern for the Holstein Foundation

Bonnie Berezowitz, Senior, Whitewater, WI
Major: Agricultural Journalism
Internship: Communications Intern for East Central Select Sires

Laurie Volkman, Junior, Black River, WI
Major: Dairy Science & Ag Journalism
Internship: Dairy/Livestock Agent Intern for the UW-Extension Outagamie County

Katie Knapp, Junior, Lancaster, WI
Major: Rehabilitation Psychology
Internship: Therapeutic Riding Instructor for People with Disabilities for the People and Animal Learning Services

Susan Orth, Junior, Fennimore, WI
Major: Animal Science & Ag Journalism
Internship: Youth Livestock Intern for the Wisconsin State Fair Ag Department

Molly Florent, Junior, Murengo, IL
Major: Dairy Science & Ag Journalism
Internship: Summer Fertility Study Intern for the UW - Madison Dairy Science Department and Alta Genetics

Tara Maus, Senior, New London, WI
Major: Agriculture & Applied Economics & Ag Journalism
Internship: Agronomy Marketing Intern for GROWMARK Inc. FS Cooperative

Naomi Uhlenhake, Senior, Salem, WI
Major: Biological Systems Engineering
Internship: Monsanto at the DeKalb Corn Research Station

Jenny Byl, Senior, Grantsburg, WI
Major: Dairy Science & Ag Journalism
Internship: Editorial Intern for Agri-View

Christine Lepple, Senior, Beaver Dam, WI
Major: Agricultural Journalism
Internship: Communications Intern for Alto Dairy

AWA's New Cook is MMM...MMM...Good

Kristina Duwe

No one ever said cooking dinner for 25 girls was easy. But Robin Carodine, AWA's cook, is an old pro when it comes to accommodating everyone's eclectic tastes.

Although new to AWA, Robin is no stranger to preparing meals for large groups. Before coming to AWA, she was the head cook for UW-Madison's Alpha Phi Sorority.

"I've always enjoyed cooking for ladies in a sorority-type setting and when I saw the ad in the Wisconsin State Journal, I really wanted to get back into it," she says.

Besides working for Alpha Phi, Robin previously worked in Edgewood's lunch program and ran a daycare out of her home. Robin holds certificates in food service and child care from Blackhawk Technical College and she's also a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Since starting as AWA's cook last spring, Robin says she really enjoys working at AWA.



AWA's new cook, Robin Carodine makes herself comfortable in AWA's kitchen.

"These girls are very easy to cook for," says Robin. "I cook for them just like I cook for my own family."

Some of AWA's favorite dishes so far are Robin's Alfredo, pull-apart bread and of course, anything she makes for dessert.

Although there are rarely any leftovers for lunch the next day, the women of AWA couldn't be happier with Robin's service.

"Robin is efficient with her time in the kitchen and her meal selections are very diverse," says former house resident, Gwen Dolph. "There hasn't been anything I haven't liked."

Robin's reputation for creating delicious, balanced meals has even attracted the attention of some out-of-house members.

"It beats dorm food," says out-of-house member, Kara Kasten. "I eat dinner at AWA whenever I get the chance."

AWA's House Steward Christine Lepple also approves. "It's a pleasure working with her because she is so versatile and very open-minded. She has really established a good rapport with the girls."

Kristina Duwe is a senior, majoring in Agricultural Journalism from Sussex, Wisconsin.



UW-Madison's Campus Beat

Jeni Dingbaum

This past week I had the opportunity to sit down with CALS Assistant Dean Richard Barrows to discuss what's happening on campus:

Fred Hall:



Fred Hall is being torn down to make room for a new building which will house the bacteriology department, the Food Research Institute and medical school's microbiology and immunization departments.

□ Live destruction of Fred Hall can be viewed at:
sbcam.bact.wisc.edu/view/view.shtml.

Stock Pavilion:

Before the e-coli outbreak in 2001, the Stock Pavilion had been used for approximately 90 years housing food events such as the CALS Student Council Picnic, WALSAA Fire-Up, and the AWA Breakfast on the Farm. By spring 2005, the Stock Pavilion will once again be up and running. Currently the college is in the process of purchasing a plastic floor that can be easily taken up and down and sanitized with solution.

Steenbock Library Renovation:

Changes at Steenbock are making the library more accessible for students. A larger, more elaborate computer lab has replaced the shelves of journals on the second floor. The library also integrated more couches and chairs for cozier studying. To accommodate students whom like to study into the wee hours of the morning, the library has extended its hours to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

UW-Madison's Fascinating Facts

Susan Orth

- UW-Madison ranks as the seventh best university in the nation.
- In 1939, two graduate students at UW-Madison used nitrogen to store and preserve bovine semen for the first time.
- UW-Madison ranks #1 in research funds for all public universities in the United States.
- Madison was recently named by Forbes the top city in the nation for business and careers.
- While the Stock Pavilion has hosted many animal events and educational programs, it has also brought people to campus for many other reasons since it was built in 1908. Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Harry Truman and William Howard Taft have all spoken there. The Stock Pavilion has hosted many performances, including the London, New York, and Chicago Orchestras.
- The Animal Sciences building was funded by the proceeds from the margarine tax.
- Agriculture Journalism was built in 1906. Before becoming the home of the Life Sciences Communications department in 1972, it housed the agronomy, genetics and dairy departments.
- Agriculture Hall houses the largest lecture hall on campus with 601 seats.

- Nutritional Sciences used to be a children's hospital.
- The University offers 67 foreign languages.
- Bascom Hall, built in 1859, had a dome like the State Capitol's, but it burned in a fire on October 10, 1916.
- It is exactly one mile from the center of Bascom Hall to the center of the Capitol.
- The Red Gym, constructed in 1892, has been used for many things. It served as a dorm for 900 men in World War I and it housed the men's basketball team from 1911 to 1930.
- Chadbourne Hall, built in 1958, was the University's first high-rise building. Even more interesting is that the dorm housed all females, but it was named for the UW President Paul Chadbourne who opposed women attending the same school as men.
- UW-Madison has the oldest genetic's department in the country.
- Wisconsin state law requires that only 25 percent of students at UW-Madison are from out of state.

Susan Orth is a junior double majoring in Animal Science & Ag Journalism from Fennimore, Wisconsin.



Active President's Report

Kristina Duwe

As AWA celebrates yet another milestone - that being the 10th anniversary of the house - and I begin my year as president, I'd like to recognize the group of women that, along with so many other past AWA leaders, has paved the way for me and this year's 61 other active members as we embark on another year filled with professional, service and social activities. I will be serving as this organization's 33rd president. But, before me, many of today's leaders in the agricultural industry also served this organization in the same capacity.

They include:

Jessie (Ivey) Potterton, 2003-04
Mary Knigge, 2002-03
Kristin Barlass, 2001-02
Tonya (Bockhop) Birkrem, 2000-01
Sara (Brantmeier) Harbaugh, 1999-2000
Deanna Drissel, 1998-99
Tammy Voegeli, 1997-98
Katy (Duwe) Katzman, 1996-97
Kimberly Badtke, 1995-96
Mary Ellen (Lerum) Karls, 1994-95
Sonja Jensen, 1993-94
Kari (Slark) Herbrandt, 1992-93
Janet (Steiner) Brown, 1991-92
Lisa (Mullen) Konkol, 1990-91
Jodi (Klusmeyer) Saevre, 1989-90
Dianne (Deaton) Vielhuber, 1988-89
Leslie DeBels, 1987-88
Julie (Staffrude) Schleicher, 1986-87
Valerie (Johnson) Breunig, 1985-86
Cathy Lins, 1984-85
Laurie (Wegner) Koneck, 1983-84
Eloise Lohr, 1982-83
Dorothy Farrell, 1981-82
Jeanne (Larsen) Alling, 1980-81
Daphne (Johnson) Hölterman, 1979-80
Lynette (Becker) Pozorksi, 1978-80
Barb (Spanbauer) Flynn, 1977-78
Maureen DeBruin, 1976-77
Sue (Fritz) Alderman, 1975-76
Beth Wilhelm, 1974-75
Jody Spanul, 1973-74
Sue (Lazarick) Lehner, Spring 1973

It is a privilege for me to add my name to this list of distinguished women in agriculture. I look forward to working with both actives and alumni in the upcoming year as we continue to build on the foundation laid before us.

Our executive team met at Stacey Adam's farm in August to plan professional, service and social opportunities. Look forward to upcoming events such as a week's worth of homecoming activities; decorating the "Tunnel of Terror" for Halloween at the Henry Vilas Zoo and Fall Initiation.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Real World Workshop (formerly Senior Brunch) on Saturday, November 20 at the Inntowner. It's not just for seniors this year. All active members and alumni are invited.

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Calendar of Events



October:

16: *AWA House*

10th Anniversary

18: *UW Homecoming Week*

November:

7: *Formal Interviews*

20: *Real World Workshop*

22: *Initiation*

December:

6: *Christmas Party*

Dates to Remember:

January 29: *Formal*

April 9: *AWA Day*

AWA Active and Alumni Gossip

- **Kylene Cook** married Mark Anderson on August 21st.
- **Jen Weier** married Chad Staudinger on August 7th.
- **Jessie Ivey** married Justin Potterton on July 10th.
- **Tracy Smithback** is engaged to Adam Travis.
- **Kylene(Cook) Anderson** is a Technical Service Specialist at ABS Global, Inc.
- **Tami (Behnke) Gasch** recently joined The Goltz Seering Agency Inc. as Account Executive.
- **Lindsi Hagen** will be receiving the highly coveted American FFA degree at this year's National FFA Convention. In addition, she will be singing in the National FFA Choir.
- **Susan Orth** was recently named Fairest of the Fair for Grant County.
- **Shelly Schultz** was named Fairest of the Fair for Juneau County.
- **Stacey Adams** was named Fairest of the Fair for Walworth County.
- **Kari Behling** was 2nd high individual at the Big E Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest, and was 8th Individual at the National World Dairy Expo Judging Competition.
- **Jeni Dingbaum** was 3rd Individual in reasons at the Big E Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest.
- **Kari Behling, Jeni Dingbaum, Annie Haughian and Abby Huibregtse** took 3rd overall team at the Big E Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest.
- **Annie Haughian** was awarded the Klussendorf Scholarship.
- **Molly Florent** was named a 2004 Kildee Scholarship Winner.
- **Annie Haughian and Abby Huibregtse** were awarded the 2004 NDS/DMI Milk Marketing Scholarships.



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