



AWA Happenings



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Outstanding Class Members Honored



Chrissy Wendorf, Freshman, Viroqua, WI
Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism

AWA Activities: Breakfast on the Farm Publicity Co-chair 2005, Sunshine Coordinator 2005-2006

Other Campus Activities: Badger Dairy Club

Summer Plans: Return home, babysit, show cattle and 4-H dairy judging

Future Goals: Work with the international aspect of the dairy industry



Eliza Ulness, Sophomore, Valders, WI
Dairy Science

AWA Activities: Membership Coordinator, BOTF Education Co-chair, Christmas Caroling, WPS volunteer, Crazylegs, Homecoming, CALS Olympics, CALS Day for Kids, Competitive Edge, Activities Committee, Formal (decorations), Bowling w/ Babcock, and Housing units' dinners

Other Campus Activities: Badger Dairy Club- Yearbook Editor, 4-H Dairy Bowl, World Dairy Expo, 12th Badger Sale, Ag in the Classroom, ADSA-Regional Secretary/Treasurer, FFA CDE Judging Contest, Dairy Judging Team, CFFA- Recruitment co-chair, Parli-Pro Contest Judge, Hockey Game Committee, CDE Food Stand, and State Convention Food Stand

Summer Plans: I will be the State Fair Youth Livestock Intern in West Allis

Future Goals: To work with a dairy based company (feed, semen, coop, etc.) as a public relations representative, have a family and someday a registered dairy farm.



Devon Frei, Junior, Janesville, WI
Animal Science

AWA Activities: Sentinel, BOTF Publicity Co-chair, Fundraising Committee member, Homecoming activities, Polar Plunge, Competitive Edge, AWA Day, Real World

Workshop, Formal, Christmas party, and The House's Birthday Celebration

Other Campus Activities: Saddle and Sirloin Club

Summer Plans: Working at a cancer research lab and mouse colony on campus while also working on an independent research project.

Future Plans: Wherever my life takes me, my main goal is to be happy in doing it



Kristina Duwe, Senior, Sussex, WI
Agricultural Journalism

AWA Activities: President, Newsletter Committee, House Management Committee, Alumni Committee, Fundraising Committee, The House's Birthday Celebration, Vice President, Breakfast on the Farm Publicity Co-Chair, Sunshine Committee, Newsletter Editor, AWA Day Sponsorship/Silent Auction Chair

Other Campus Activities: Badger Dairy Club, NAMA, Cows on the Concourse, UW Intramurals, serving on the 2004 Homecoming Court and volunteering at Henry David Thoreau Elementary School

Future Plans: Working as the advertising account executive for Dane County Kids; serving as an active alumna of AWA; exhibiting cattle with my boyfriend Matt; playing summer league softball with my sister, Katy; dancing the night away at my sister Suzy's wedding.

Making the Connection: AWA Day

Sarah Watson

Over 60 actives, alumni, friends and guests attended the 2005 AWA Day, Saturday, April 9 at Union South.

This year's theme was "Making Connections." AWA actives and alumni were asked to challenge themselves and make a new connection with AWA sisters, guests or friends. The attendees were asked to participate in a paper chain to help symbolize the connections they have with AWA



and other sisters.

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Lea Culver, wife and co-founder of Culver's Frozen Custard Restaurant's spoke about the connection that agricul-

ture, AWA and Culver's has and how Culver's supports Wisconsin agriculture. She commended AWA for generating a powerful group of women to lead agriculture into the future.

Throughout the day, a silent auction ran with all proceeds going toward the education fund to provide scholarships to AWA members.

Special individuals and groups were honored during the awards ceremony including, Daphne Holterman as Outstanding Alumni, Dean Elton Aberle as Honored Guest, Jim Daly and the parking lot football tailgaters as Friend of AWA and Keri Retallick as Outstanding Women in Agriculture. Other friends and guests included Dr. Larry Satter and Daughters of Demeter.

Sarah Watson is a senior double majoring in agronomy and agricultural journalism from Edgerton, Wisconsin.



AWA Inc. President's Report

Jenny Spoke

"Making the Connection" was the theme of this year's AWA Day. It was great to see many familiar faces, as well as new faces at this year's event. How true it is that we must "make the connection", it does not just happen. Pledges spend hours getting signatures and learning names for quizzes; then, as they become sophomores, juniors, and seniors it is always a challenge to get to know the new joining class. The real work to "make the connection" though is as alumni. We know our dear friends from AWA so well that we can always pick up right where we left off, even if much time has gone by since our last meeting. Still we must juggle schedules and set priorities to make the time to "make the connection" with our AWA sisters.

Many thanks to Sarah Watson, the Active Alumni Coordinator, Tracy Smithback, Marketing Committee Chair, and their committees for all of the time and effort they put into making AWA Day a great place for "Making the Connection".

I am very honored and excited at the chance to serve as your 2005-06 AWA Inc. president. Ten years ago I walked through the door of 1909 University Avenue as a freshman on the CALS campus. I was privileged to live at AWA for all four years of my college career, to serve as secretary, vice president, and alumni coordinator of AWA, to make life long friends that also have a passion for agriculture, and to be inspired by great women both alumni and actives. I am thankful for all that AWA has given to me and am looking forward serving AWA in the coming year.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with ideas or suggestions at jaspoke@hotmail.com.



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AWA Board of Directors Elected

Jenny Spoke

Elections were held during the annual meeting on April 9th at Union South for the 2005-06 AWA Board of Directors. Jodi Saevre (Klusmeyer), a 1990 Dairy Science/Ag Journalism graduate of Janesville was elected to a two-year term as Alumni Director. The Director-At-Large position will be filled by Rhonda Meinholz, who graduated with a degree in Ag Business Management from UW-Madison in 1999 and currently lives in DeForest. After the annual meeting, the Board of Directors held a brief meeting to elect officers for this upcoming year.

2005-06 Corporation Board of Directors

Alumni Directors

Jenny Spoke - President
Leanne Ketterhagen - Vice President
Tammy Booth - Secretary
Jill Makovec - Treasurer
Jodi Saevre

Directors At-Large

Marion Barlass Barb George
Rhonda Meinholz Liv Sandberg

Senior Faculty Advisor - Dr. Kim Zeuli
Financial Management Chair - Sharon Brantmeier
Education Committee Chairs - Amanda Daniels and Susan Crane
Marketing Committee Chair - Tracy Smithback
House Management Chair - Karen Topel

AWA Ladies Represent NAMA

Liz Matzke

"Blazin' Horizons" was this year's theme for the National Agri-Marketing Association Conference. UW-Madison's student chapter was red hot at the conference.

The marketing team showcased a cotton hydromulch product that conserves water, preserves soils and helps to establish seed. Hydromulches are mulches mixed with water and sprayed over a newly seeded lawn.

The first day of competition narrow a field of 30 competitors to 12 semi-finalists and than to six finalists to compete the next day. The final day of competition brought tough questions, nervous students and presenting in front of a large crowd. However, over coming all of this, UW-Madison NAMA turned in a flawless performance which merited forth place overall in the contest. Team members included: Andrea Brossard, Tara Maus, Jenny Dierickx, Liz Matzke, Christine Lepple, Peggy Dierickx, Susan Orth, Haley Mell, Kara Kasten, Andy Peterson and Sarah Peters.



In addition, UW-Madison NAMA took home the third place outstanding chapter. The book was composed by Kristina Duwe. Displayed in the book are sections emphasizing leadership, club management, career development, chapter activities and professionalism. UW-Madison led the pack in management innovative ideas taking home the first place award.

The outstanding students of NAMA were honored with this year's scholarships. UW-Madison brought home \$8,000 of the \$10,000 of scholar money. Recipients of the awards are: Christine Lepple, Susan Orth, Peggy Dierickx, Haley Mell and Sarah Peters

Students were not the only ones being honored at this year's conference. Badger NAMA was honored as the outstanding professional chapter. Overall, UW-Madison was well represented at the National NAMA and can be proud of their accomplishments.

Liz Matzke is a senior double majoring in dairy science and agricultural journalism from Monroe, Wisconsin.

AWA Active and Alumni Gossip

- **Angie (Brey) Ulness** had a baby boy, Garrett Walton on February 5th.
- **Jamie (Tienor) Fisher** had a baby boy, Cole Thomas on December 2nd.
- **Amber Hahn** had a baby boy, Carsten Gray Hahn Small on February 17th.
- **Margaret (Sage) Mach** has a new position as 4-H Youth Specialist with Missouri Extension.
- Congratulations to Alice in Dairyland Finalists: **Gena Cooper** and **Abby Huibregtse**.
- **Annie Haughian** is engaged to Pat McCullough.

Congratulations AWA Class of 2005



Name: Stacey Adams
Degree: Animal Science
Hometown: Lake Geneva, WI
Future Plans: I will be attending UW-Madison Veterinary School in the fall.
Words of Wisdom and Favorite AWA Memory: Sophomore year I lived in 2 north with some of the best women I have ever been friends with. The memories that we made that year are so numerous that I cannot possibly choose just one as my favorite. Whether it was watching American Idol or The Bachelor religiously in 202, or the weekend we all spent at my house hanging out over winter break, the year was filled with memories that will last a lifetime.

Name: Kari Behling
Degree: Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Fox Lake, WI
Future Plans: Employed at Arethusa Farm, Litchfield, Connecticut. Continue to breed and develop registered Holsteins.
Words of Wisdom: Make the most of all the opportunities that are presented to you.
Favorite AWA Memory: Freshman initiation!



Name: Bonnie Berezowitz
Degree: Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Whitewater, WI
Future Plan: I plan to graduate in December and look for a marketing/communications position.
Words of Wisdom: Make sure you go out and have fun, because four years goes by really fast and time spent with your friends is priceless.

Favorite AWA Memory: My most memorable AWA memory has to be when we got initiated. We had so much fun that night with the older members and getting closer with our class.



Name: Heather Blasel
Degree: Dairy Science
Hometown: Stetsonville, WI
Future Plans: Attend vet school at UW-Madison.
Words of Wisdom: Study hard, but never forget to have fun and relax
Favorite AWA Memory: Grilling pancakes at Breakfast on the Farm

Name: Michelle Bork
Degree: Agronomy
Hometown: Waumandee, WI
Future Plans: Work at local co-op as an agronomist



Name: Gena Cooper
Degree: Biochemistry
Hometown: Mukwonago, WI
Future Plans: I plan to become a rural health care provider.
Words of Wisdom: "As you let your own light shine, you unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

Favorite AWA Memory: HOMECOMING



Name: Jenny Dierickx
Degree: Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Monticello, WI
Future Plans: To have a career in sales or marketing
Words of Wisdom: Do your very best in the amount of time you're given; forget about everyone else and do what's right for you first.
Favorite AWA Memory: Being the breakfast on the farm chairperson and working with the many women of AWA to pull off a successful event



Name: Jeni Dingbaum
Degree: Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Seneca, WI
Future Plans: Following graduation I will be moving to Waite Park, MN and joining the Minnesota Holstein Association as their Executive Secretary.
Words of Wisdom: Follow your dreams and never forget those who help you allow the way.
Favorite AWA Memory: Freshman year initiation – to my fellow joining class sisters; thanks for four great years!



Name: Gwen Dolph
Degree: Agriculture Education-Certification and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Lake Mills, WI
Future Plans: I have two main plans, teaching high school agriculture in Wisconsin or marketing or PR for an agricultural company somewhere in the mid-west.

Words of Wisdom: Everything happens for a reason, so seize the moment and do your best at all times
Favorite AWA memories: Living in the house. Since moving out I'm sure there is not a day that goes by that I don't think about the fun times and great people I had the opportunity to make memories with at 1909 University Ave. Thank you AWA!



Name: Kristina Duwe
Degree: Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Sussex, WI
Future Plans: Working as the advertising account executive for Dane County Kids; serving as an active alumna of AWA; exhibiting cattle with my boyfriend Matt; playing summer league softball with my sister, Katy; dancing the night away at my sister Suzy's wedding.

Words of Wisdom: Don't quit. Challenges are asking you to be your best, to overcome all obstacles, and to know you will succeed.
Favorite AWA Memories: Rapping Salt 'N Peppa with Sarah Jo at formal; preparing for "Breakfast on the Farm"; Annie and I ambushing an army of ants invading our room sophomore year

Name: Andrea Brossard
Degree: Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Beaver Dam, WI
Future Plans: I plan to graduate in December and then either attend graduate school or look for a career in ag. sales, marketing or public relations.



Catching Up With AWA Alumni

Angie (Smith) Kargus
Alexandria, VA
Graduation: 2001

It is amazing how life can take you to places you would have never imagined. This has certainly been the case for me. Had you asked me the day of graduation where I would be now, Washington, D.C., certainly wouldn't have been my answer!

After graduation in December of 2001, I joined the staff of Agri-View, then led by fellow AWA Alum Katy Katzman. After an excellent couple of years I decided to pursue my real interest—public relations—and accepted a position with the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board as its Producer Communications specialist. In the midst of everything, I was able to get married and send my husband, Army Lieutenant Brian Kargus, to war in Iraq. I will be the first to admit that the year apart, never knowing for sure that he would return, was difficult and it certainly changed my life.

Unfortunately, my time at the WMMB was simply too short. This past June, shortly after returning from Iraq, Brian was asked to join The Old Guard, one of the oldest and most respected Infantry Regiments in the United States Army. The soldiers of The Old Guard have the awesome responsibility of guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, for serving as the Army's ceremonial unit to the President, and for escorting deceased service members to their final place in Arlington Cemetery. Shortly after Brian's move to Washington, I made the decision that for once in our four-year relationship we needed to live in the same time zone. On short notice, I packed the U-Haul and moved to Washington.

I now work for the American Chiropractic Association serving as the

Communications & Public Relations Manager. I oversee all national communications, including media inquiries and pitches, planning and executing national PR promotions, responding to negative or positive media coverage, and working with our members on grassroots efforts. I regularly work with publications such as The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The L.A. Times and The Washington Post. My position here is a good mix of challenges and opportunities. I have the opportunity to bring in new ideas, make drastic challenges, and for all practical purposes, guide the association's communications activities to a new level. On the other hand, there is always more to do than I ever have the time or the budget to accomplish.

In addition to my responsibilities at the office, I also spend a considerable amount of time with volunteer activities. I serve as a board member and manage a gift shop for the Old Guard Ladies Association. The gift shop is completely run by volunteers with all proceeds benefiting soldiers in the Washington, D.C. area. I enjoy the management responsibility - it is almost like running my own business without worrying about the capital investment. I am always thinking about staff and inventory and customer service.

While I may live just outside of Washington, I have not wandered far from my Wisconsin roots. My office is adorned in cows, I have introduced my coworkers to Wisconsin dairy products, and my license plate officially declares me to be a Cheesehead! We even have a black and white dog, which happens to have Holstein spots. Old habits are hard to break!

This fall Brian will be applying to Law School at the University of Virginia, and so it looks as if we'll be here on the East Coast for the next few years. If you

are ever in the Washington area, let us know. We would be happy to show you around. I can be reached easiest by e-mail: akargus@tds.net. Best wishes to all my AWA sisters.

Amber (Hahn) Small
Cincinnati, OH
Graduation: 1997

Well, being asked for an alumni update was certainly a surprise. What a great opportunity to re-link with college friends and share some of our college times with AWA actives!

Most alumni will just remember me as "Hahn". I began my freshman year living in the white AWA house. Jayne Lins, Laura Daniels and I had the dubious honor of sharing the bedroom attached to the first floor living room, separated by only bi-fold doors. Along with Courtney Ott and Tracie Schwenck, who also lived on the first floor, we had the great fortune of having to walk through the kitchen and living room to and from the shower. What a treat! On a positive note, we never missed any of the action. The following summer I helped move furniture from the white house into the new AWA house and took up residence there on the 2nd floor, with my roommate Amy Fischer. How fun!!!!!! I love the smell of new homes.

While I had never heard of AWA prior to looking for housing my freshman year, I am so thankful my parents "made" me live there. You see my dad was a "Cocker" and we lived on a farm, so I met the requirements for acceptance at the time. Our days and nights were filled with 24/7 fun interrupted with short bouts of studying. I'd even include being "U-aved" as part of the fun. Any recent U-ave sightings girls?

In 1997, I graduated with degrees in finance and marketing. I was fortunate to receive an offer from Procter & Gamble as a financial cost analyst for



liquid laundry in Cincinnati, OH and moved there after my final appearance in the UW Marching Band in the 1998 Outback Bowl. Over the past seven years I have had four other roles at P&G: internal auditor, profit forecaster, plant accounting manager (Green Bay, WI) and new growth finance manager. I truly love my job and look forward to going back to another new assignment. Going back, you say?

Yes, I actually did get married (to Brian Small in 2000), and yes, I have had a few children. That may come as a huge surprise to those who knew me. I was convinced I would never be tied down. Well, even with a wedding band and two children, I still wouldn't label myself as tied down. Brian and I were fortunate to be able to move back to WI for a few years (01-04). We welcomed our daughter, Sydney Grace Hahn Small, in 2003. Last summer we moved back to Cincinnati, and two months ago welcomed our son, Carsten Gray Hahn Small. Hence, I am currently on a six month child care leave and will be going back to P&G in September. While every day is incredibly trying after having a baby, I encourage you all to take some time off when that time comes for you. You will likely get very few chances to have a summer off before you retire.

A few last things to prove to my old buddies that I'm still not tied down (and let you young-ones in on the fun to be had after college): at 35 weeks pregnant, we did a random weekend trip to Florida; this weekend, we're headed to Madison to run Crazylegs (Wahoo!), and coming up in July I'm headed to Uganda on a Christian mission trip. Life is a blessing, isn't it!

Courtney (Ott) Booth
Plymouth, WI
Graduated: 1997

A PASSION

"There are many things in life that will catch your eye, but only a few will catch your heart... pursue those." This is a

poem that sat on my desk in the new AWA house during my college years. At that time in my life, I wasn't sure how things would go but I knew that I had a burning passion for agriculture, as did so many of my AWA sisters.

Upon graduation, I pursued my dream and served as the 50th Alice in Dairyland. That year of experiences across the state, nation and internationally significantly shaped my life. I was deeply inspired by the people making sacrifices and contributions for the future of agriculture. I will never forget the relationships and unique opportunities I had to strengthen my interpersonal and media skills as I helped 19 different commodity organizations promote themselves and our agriculture industry.

One week after "Alice" I married Chris Booth, of rural Cuba City, my college sweetheart! Amazingly, AWA had a hand in my marriage as well. Chris was visiting with the women of AWA as I drove into the parking lot of the AWA white house my freshman year. I remember thinking if this is the kind of men AWA can attract, I'll fit right in.

Chris received a Dairy Science degree from UW-Madison and went on to pursue Veterinary School. Today, he is a practicing partner of the Kettle Moraine Large Animal Clinic in Plymouth and works with producers in three counties with herds ranging from 30-2,000 cows.

After serving as Alice in Dairyland, I went to work for Farm Journal Media as Dairy Today and Beef Today's Regional Sales Manager. For five years, I traveled the Midwest working with businesses on ways for them to launch or promote their products to dairy and beef producers.

Our son, Cole, was born in 2001 and although I liked the challenge and flexibility of my career, I knew that I really wanted to stay at home and raise our children dur-

ing those precious years. We had our second child, daughter Ava, in 2003 and are enjoying every minute we have with the both of them.

Although I've put my career on hold, I stay involved in my passion for agriculture by doing some agri-media communications for our local Farm Bureau's Ag Awareness committee and Dairy Promotion's Ag in the Classroom program. These partnerships offered me the opportunity to venture into television production with our Sheboygan cable network and create ag programming and videos titled "Miracle of Milk featuring Alice in Dairyland" and "Sheboygan County Ag Economic Impact".



Chris and I feel it is

very important to stay involved in our community to help ensure a strong future for our children and the agriculture industry. Chris is a 4-H and FFA dairy judging coach for the county and serves on a High School Ag & Tech Advisory Council. I had the opportunity to reinstate the Sheboygan County Fairest of the Fair Program in 2004 and currently serve as the committee chairperson. We are both heavily involved in planning, fundraising and promotions of the 2006 Farm Technology Days in Sheboygan County, July 11-13, 2006.

This spring, I had the unique opportunity to do some motivational speaking workshops titled "Power Communication" with Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Sheboygan County 4-H. It was a real joy and I hope that I can continue helping others with public speaking.

We both would like to extend a thank you to AWA family and friends for all the great friendship, memories and love over the years. For those of you we haven't met yet, we hope our paths will cross soon. May you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. The Booths



Name: Sarah Eichhorst
Degree: Wildlife Ecology and Environmental Studies
Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
Future Plans: Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems from UW-Madison Department of Geography
Word of Wisdom: "What lies ahead of us and what lies behind us are tiny matters compared to what lives within us." -Henry David Thoreau
Favorite AWA Memory: As an out of house member, I always found it rewarding to spend time in the AWA house with my sisters just playing games or hanging out. These times will stick in my mind whenever I remember my time in AWA.



Name: Annie Haughian
Degree: Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Rice Lake, WI
Future Plans: Starting May 23 as Marketing Coordinator for Semex USA, will be married September 9, 2006 to fiancé Pat McCullough
Favorite AWA Memory: Living at the AWA House with so many of my good friends, and all of the fun times we have had together.



Name: Abby Huibregtse
Degree: Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Plymouth, WI
Future Plans: Looking for a job involving communications or education within agriculture.
Words of Wisdom: Soak up all the experiences, friendships, and memories you can- the four years go by so quickly, you don't want to waste any time!!!
Favorite AWA Memory: Serving food at AWA, Senior Recognition nights, and meeting the girls in my class during the joining process freshman year.



Name: Liz Krause
Degree: Agricultural Business Management
Hometown: Fort Atkinson
Future Plans: Work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Farm Service Agency as a Farm Loan Officer
Words of Wisdom: If you think you could have, then you should have. If you should have, then why didn't you? Use your time in college to act on opportunity, experience life, and above all, have no regrets.
Favorite AWA Memory: Roasting marshmallows and eating s'mores on the front steps of AWA



Name: Liz Matzke
Degree: Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Monroe, WI
Future Plans: Work in dairy communications
Words of Wisdom: "There is always room for beer!"
Favorite AWA Memory: Wrapping up Annie Haughian for Christmas and taking her around the house.



Name: Denise Sonnek
Degree: Dairy Science and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Easton, MN
Future Plans: Graduate school
Favorite AWA Memory: AWA formals with Shelly

Name: Tara Maus
Degree: Agricultural and Applied Economics and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: New London, WI
Future Plans: I will be moving into the house I purchased with my fiancé in Manawa, Wisconsin. Plans are underway for our wedding August 20th of this year. The job search continues. . .
Words of Wisdom: Never, never, never, stop smiling =)
Favorite AWA Memory: My freshman year I was part of a group of AWA gals who created a Relay for Life team. We stayed up the whole night walking and talking for a good cause.



Name: Shelly Schultz
Degree: Animal Science
Hometown: Mauston, WI
Future Plans: Not really any set at this time, but planning on working within the animal agriculture industry
Words of Wisdom: Smile at least once everyday, take life as it comes, help those in need, and never forget your friends.
Favorite AWA Memory: Breakfast on the Farm and Trick 'O Treating for canned goods.



Name: Elizabeth Walker
Degree: History
Hometown: Portage, WI
Future Plans: I plan on pursuing my teacher certification in Social Studies Secondary Education at UW-Madison or Concordia University. I hope to teach high school history in the southern half of Wisconsin. Additionally, I will be getting married to Ryan Hansen on June 24, 2006.
Words of Wisdom: Pursue your dreams! Furthermore, don't be afraid of failure. The most educating experiences in my life have come from situations where I haven't met my own expectations. Pick yourself up and go at it with more determination again.
Favorite AWA Memory: Living in the house my sophomore and junior years was full of wonderful memories. Maybe one of my funniest memories was when my room got "treed" my sophomore year. This organization has been a blessing to me. I won't forget the girls or experiences I have had.



Name: Sarah Watson
Degree: Agronomy and Agricultural Journalism
Hometown: Edgerton, WI
Future Plans: Currently looking for employment.
Words of Wisdom: "Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted. -David Byl
Favorite AWA Memory: Annie Haughian: falling off her chair at formal, dance party in the great room during finals, putting her in a box and pushing her over, putting her in my laundry basket. Karaoke at Stadium with Annie, Katie Knapp and Naomi Uhlenhake, how about that tab! AWA Idol: A day in the life of 2 south.



Another Successful AWA Breakfast

Nicole Hosto

The 10th Annual Breakfast on the Farm was held Sunday, April 24, 2005 at the West Madison Agricultural Station. The ladies of AWA served



a hearty breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk and ice cream sundaes to just over 800 people.

Although it was a bright, but cold day sprits were high for all who attended breakfast on the farm. The petting zoo and educational areas were a huge draw for the public, and the entertainment made for a great atmosphere inside the food area.

Preparations for this year's breakfast were headed-up by a crew of 13 chairwomen. Planning the Breakfast on the Farm is no small task, but AWA's finest stepped up to the task of planning and facilitating our 10th Breakfast on the Farm. This year's chair were Kelsi Hendrickson and Kara Kasten, Donations; Devon Frei and Chrissy Wendorf, Publicity; Andrea Klahn and Emily Enockson, Food; Eliza Ulness and Lindsey Worden, Education; Alane Uhe, Petting Zoo; Lindsy Hagen, Set-up; Amanda Levzow, tickets; and Beth Porior and Nicole Hosto,



General and Co-general.

Breakfast on the Farm is not only a great way to educate and promote agriculture to locals, but it is AWA's opportunity to give back to the community. This year, all leftover food items were donated to Second Harvest, a local food bank.



The Association of Women in Agriculture receives both financial and other support from a wide variety of agri-businesses and organizations. Many businesses have been supporters of Breakfast on the Farm since it first began in 1996. Our gold sponsors for this year's event were Accelerated Genetics, AgSource/CRI, Alpha Gamma Rho, Badger Dairy Club, Badgerland Farm Credit Services, Crystal Farms, Foremost Farms, Fort Dodge Animal Health, Gehl's Guernsey Farms, Gust-John Foods, Jones Dairy Farm, Klahn Farms, Masterson Company, Saddle and Sirloin Club, Sargento Foods Inc., Schoep's Ice Cream, Madison East Thin & Healthy, UW Physical Plant, WeEnergies, West Madison Ag Research Station, Wisconsin Pork Association, Bob Williams and WDATC. A special "THANKS" to all our sponsors.

Nicole Hosto is a junior double majoring in dairy science and agricultural journalism from Juda, Wisconsin.



Active President's Report

Kristina Duwe

Congratulations are in order for AWA's Spring 2005 joining class, recently inducted into the organization: Ginger James, Emily Winther, Niki Brown, Emily Miller, Marta Grinde, Vicki Scannel and Katie Behnke.

While conducting interviews with the Spring 2005 joining class, I tried to provide interview tips to prepare them for future professional endeavors. One tip I encouraged them to follow was to always have three adjectives to describe themselves and provide supportive examples of each.

Of all the adjectives I could associate with AWA while serving as active president, one adjective rings clear, OPPORTUNITY.

The opportunity to lead 64 outstanding active members; the opportunity to plan and problem-solve with the great minds of the officer team; the opportunity to work alongside AWA's distinguished alumnae and supporters; the opportunity to spend eight hours with my willful AWA sisters stuffing 8,000 bags for Kids Expo (an adventure, deserving further explanation at another time!) and the list goes on!

Serving as the 33rd active president has truly been an honor, not to mention year of gainful experiences. However, such opportunities could not have taken place without the support of our active members and alumnae.

I would especially like to recognize the 2004-2005 officer team: Vice President – Liz Matzke, Secretary – Heather Blasel, Treasurer – Stacey Adams, Membership – Eliza Ulness, Activities – Katie Dvorak, Public Relations – Jeanna Burggraf, Alumni – Sarah Watson, Fundraising – Erin Paul, Scholarship – Naomi Uhlenhake, Sentinel – Devon Frei, Sunshine – Buffy Sacia, AWA Wear – Laurie Volkman, Newsletter – Jeni Dingbaum, Service – Kara Kasten, House Manager – Beth Porior, and House Steward – Christine Lepple

Soon 2005-2006 officer team elections will take place. My advice to next year's officer team is to embrace every opportunity to both lead and serve AWA. Work together to overcome challenges within the organization. Always keep a positive outlook and always focus on your goals.

Best wishes to AWA's graduating seniors. May you pursue every real-world opportunity with the same zest and invaluable skills groomed throughout your college experience.

To everyone, keep your roots strong with AWA and stay connected.

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AWA Members of the Month

Beth Porior

This lovely lady is not only a dedicated AWA member, she is a fantastic person! Lindsey Worden was my nominee for March Member of the Month because she has gone above and beyond as a house member. She shoveled all of the sidewalks after the last big snow storm when no one was assigned. She serves as a shining example for all AWA members.

Beth Porior is a senior majoring in agricultural education from Oconto Falls, Wisconsin.

Sarah Watson

This AWA sister has been a complete life saver at very crucial times and was nominee for April Member of the Month. As I ran around the house getting ready for AWA Day, Stacey Adams was always there to give me a helping hand. I am sure she thinks I am crazy because I seem so unorganized, but she is so well organized and helps me in emergency situations that I love her!

Sarah Watson is a senior double majoring in agronomy and agricultural journalism from Edgerton, Wisconsin.

Calendar of Events



June

11: Cows on the Concourse

July

17: AWA Summer Activity
Brewer's Game

August

27: House Clean-Up

September

2: First Day of Class
10: WALSAA Fire-Up

Enjoy Summer in Wisconsin

The smell of fresh-cut hay, the first steps of a newborn, the way the pulsator beats like your heart while milking, and the sounds of the milk pump, corn dryer and silo unloader, such experiences are very familiar to agriculturalists and are oftentimes taken for granted.

As producers throughout Wisconsin and across the U.S. are greeted regularly with these sights, sounds and smells, others are not so fortunate. In fact, Wisconsin Department of Tourism has compiled a list of top Wisconsin farm vacations to allow for rest and relaxation in a rural setting. Such destinations can be enjoyed by the urban, rural, and agricultural tourists.

Travelers to Door County can take advantage of many recreational activities on and off the water. Located in Sturgeon Bay, the Heartside Farm adds a rural retreat to the excitement on their 35-acre farm and 1880s farmhouse. The homesteads barn also hosts many group gatherings.

Central Wisconsin's "The Farm," owned and operated by the Palmquist family in Brantwood, allows visitors to relax and enjoy their 800-acre Northwoods ranch and inn. Visitors can enjoy many outdoor activities, such as and biking, fishing, hiking, and enjoying a hayride. Also included

are home-cooked meals that capitalize on the owners' Finnish heritage.

Justin Trails Resort, located in Sparta, combines a 1920s farmhouse and Scandinavian-style cabins with whirlpools and fireplaces, along outdoor games and activities. On this 213-acre farm, the Justins raise alfalfa, corn, and oats.

Nestled in Monroe County, Dorset Ridge Guest House attracts visitors to their 400-acre dairy farm. Nearby, the Trail-Side Bed'n Breakfast also features guest rooms, a restaurant, and a heated pool in a renovated one-room schoolhouse. Both attractions are located near the Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail and the Kickapoo River.

At the East Shore Inn, visitors can enjoy a century-old farmhouse, along with a barn, chicken coop, smokehouse and a herd of heifers. Along with recreation on nearby Lake Winnebago or at High Cliff State Park, guests can also tour a local dairy farm.

Regardless of upcoming summer vacations and festivities, the ladies at AWA wish everyone a wonderful summer. No matter where summer vacations take us, let's remember these words of wisdom from Milton Berle when he said, "Laughter is an instant vacation."