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in each state where **The Leading Object**  
would be instruction in agriculture and related fields*



## NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics

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### The Dean's Perspective

October is a great month to get involved in the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. As you will see in this newsletter, there are plenty of chances to come together and celebrate Aggie pride. Our rodeo team may be an up and coming source of that pride as they have had an excellent start under their new coach Jim Dewey Brown.

This may be a great team in the making, thanks to the work of Frank DuBois, who was honored with the college's 2001 New Mexico Outstanding Leader Award. Frank has spearheaded the rodeo scholarship drive and pushed through legislation to fund the rodeo coach position.

Both the scholarships and steady professional leadership will pay off, and soon we may have more champions to be proud of. Be a part of our October celebrations and come out to watch our Aggie rodeo team. It's great to be an Aggie!

### NMSU team sweeps first rodeo

NMSU's rodeo team dominated the season opener, winning the men's and women's team competitions, both all-around titles and four of six timed events at Cochise College in Douglas, Ariz.

"It was my first time to be able to watch the team in competition, and I was very impressed with the amount of talent we've got," said Jim Dewey Brown, NMSU's first-ever rodeo coach, who began work late this summer. "It also shows that we've been practicing."

Two transfer students on scholarship, Mandy Sproul and Clay Snure, won the all-around titles during the rodeo Sept. 27-28.

Sproul swept the goat-tying and barrel racing events, winning every go. She was runner-up in breakaway roping. NMSU's Tori Koyle was third in barrel racing.

Snure won the calf roping title. Jarret Corn, who represented NMSU at the College National Finals Rodeo this summer, was third.

NMSU's Aaron Thomas and Lee Kiehne won the team roping title, finishing first in the short go and average. Snure won the long go in team roping, competing with a header from another university.

In rough stock competition, NMSU's Lane Dixon was third

in bull riding.

Other team members who made strong showings were Leah Stevenson, who was third in the first go of breakaway roping; Audrey Baeza, fourth in the first go of barrel racing; and John Pete Etchevarry, fourth in the first go of team roping as a header.

NMSU has 13 athletes on rodeo scholarships this year, up from four in 2001.

Rodeo scholarship recipients are Corn, a senior from Roswell; Jordan Davis, a sophomore from Silver City; Etchevarry, a junior from Carlsbad; Barry Gentry, a junior from Dell City; Kody Gentry, a freshman Dell City; Kiehne, a junior from Reserve; Koyle, a freshman from Albuquerque; Snure, a junior from Rodeo, N.M.; Sproul, a junior from Pearce, Ariz.; Thomas, a sophomore from La Mesa; Benjamin Torres, a sophomore from Bosque Farms; Sterling Walker, a freshman from Aztec; and Cooper Wimberly, a freshman from Moriarty.

NMSU had 21 entries in Douglas, a significant increase from last year, Brown said.

The team will next compete at back-to-back rodeos on Oct. 12 and Oct. 13, both at Northland Pioneer College in Snowflake, Ariz.♣

### October events

#### Oct. 10-12, NMSU Homecoming.

"Decades of Transition" is the theme for NMSU homecoming events Oct. 10-12. The NMSU Alumni Association will host socials in Corbett Center for each decade of graduates. The homecoming parade will start at 10 a.m. Saturday and will be followed by tailgating and the Aggie football game against University

of Louisiana-Lafayette at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 646-3617.

The College of Agriculture and Home Economics will continue its door decorating and pumpkin carving contests. Door decorations are limited to 5 feet on either side of the door, and hallways must be kept free of obstructions. Pumpkins should be placed to the right of the

doorways for the contest. Judging begins Thursday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m.

**Oct. 11, Donor/Scholars Breakfast, Distinguished Alumni Reception.** Scholarship supporters and recipients from the college will be recognized during a 7:30 a.m. breakfast on the Skeen Hall patio.

Two distinguished alumni will be recognized at a 3:30 p.m.

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# Ag and Home Ec week results

Alpha Gamma Rho was the sweepstakes winner during Agriculture and Home Economics Week, Sept. 23-26. Block and Bridle and Sigma Alpha were second and third, respectively.

A canned food drive during the week collected 830.8 pounds. The "Kiss the Pig" contest raised \$120 for a local charity.

## Prepared Speech Contest

1. Richard Dunlap, Block and Bridle
2. Candice Crider, Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Association (HRTMSA)
3. Kathy Feser, Horticulture Forum/Environmental Science Student Organization (ESSO)

## Impromptu Speech Contest

1. Sam Lowry, Alpha Gamma Rho
2. Katie Goetz, Sigma Alpha
3. Squirell Smith, National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA)

## Debate Night

1. Sigma Alpha
2. Horticulture Forum/ESSO
3. Alpha Gamma Rho

## Quiz Bowl

1. Alpha Gamma Rho
2. Agricultural and Extension Education (AXED) Club
3. Horticulture Forum/ESSO

## Talent/Comedy Contest

1. Eric Clay, FarmHouse
2. Jennifer and Susan O'Rourke
3. Melissa Booky, AXED Club

## Canned Food Drive

1. Horticulture Forum/ESSO
2. Block and Bridle
3. FarmHouse

## Queen Contest

1. (Tie) Christine Lewis, Alpha Gamma Rho, and Megan Cox, Sigma Alpha
2. Shelby Krebs, FarmHouse
3. Candy Ledbetter, HRTMSA

## King Contest

1. Sam Lowry, Alpha Gamma Rho
2. Kris Kelly, FarmHouse
3. Josh Smith, Sigma Alpha

## Aggie Games

1. Faculty
2. Alpha Gamma Rho
3. NAMA

## October events (Continued from page 1.)

reception on the Skeen Hall patio. Bill Cantrell, a 1967 agricultural economics graduate, is the college's distinguished alumnus. Nassar Al-Aulaqi, an agricultural economics and agricultural business graduate, is the university's international distinguished alumnus. For more information, call 646-3748.

**Oct. 16, Gerald Thomas Honored.** Gerald Thomas, NMSU president from 1970 to 1984, will be honored during a campus ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 16, when a plaque about him is unveiled in the lobby of his namesake building. About 40 members of Torpedo Squadron Four and their relatives will attend the dedication ceremony as part of their reunion activities in Las Cruces.

**Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 29, Hospitality Students' Theme Dinners.** Students in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management will present three culinary events during October. Menu themes and dates are: Caribbean, Wednesday, Oct. 16; Thai, Wednesday, Oct. 23; and Creole/Cajun, Tuesday, Oct. 29.

All dinners are \$22 per person, all inclusive, and will be held at the Corbett Center Student Club at 6:30 p.m. Wine tastings will be held in conjunction with each of the dinners. To make reservations, call the HRTM office at 646-5995.

**Oct. 19, McElyea Courtyard Dedication, Agriculture Appreciation Day.** The area north of Skeen Hall will be renamed the Ulysses (Doc) and Hazel McElyea Courtyard on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. McElyea, a veterinarian and farmer, and his wife, Hazel, his partner for 69 years, are being honored for their contributions to New Mexico State University and the quality of life. In 1999, the couple established a \$1 million Endowment for the Sustainability of Water Resources to fund research through the college.

"Feeding America" will be the theme for Agriculture Appreciation day on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the NMSU/Louisiana-Monroe game at Aggie Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is

at 2 p.m. During the game, the ambassadors; clubs; and rodeo, equestrian, polo and judging teams from the college will be introduced. 4-H and FFA youth will be guests at the game, which is sponsored by the college, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau and New Mexico Department of Agriculture. NMDA will give away New Mexico specialty food baskets. A drawing will be held for tickets to the George Strait concert that evening in the Pan American Center. For more information, call 646-1455.

**Oct. 26, For Good Reasons Dinner.** Join the first annual dinner, auction and dance benefiting the judging teams of Animal and Range Sciences Oct. 26. This fun event begins at 6 p.m. at the Farm and Ranch Museum. Call Marilyn Hallford at 646-5090 to reserve tickets for \$25 each or \$45 per couple.❖

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