

I wish to call to your attention that today is the 25th anniversary of the grand opening of the Livestock Lab.

Tom Lyon, who was President of the Board of Regents, played a significant role in getting the project enumerated in the 1985-87 biennium. Due to lack of funding, the project then languished for 6-7 years until Chancellor Irv Shain took \$2.5 million from a Memorial Library remodel project to fund (what was originally called) the Large Animal Holding Facility. Eventually, Grad School Dean John Wiley contributed \$500K and CALS Dean Leo Walsh contributed \$300K so the project could be built with a \$3.3 million budget. It wasn't sufficient funding. The west end of the Livestock Lab was truncated in favor of building a full-length east half of the building. Much was hoped for in those days (as is true now) for research in the use of swine as a biomedical model for humans.

Gus Martinson from MZM Architects did the best he could with the budget available. Horst Lobe from FP&M was our architect and Dick Zach was our FP&M engineer. (I recently learned that Horst designed the 1969 Muscle Biology Lab addition.) Gus focused on the functionality of the interior, then said "form follows function", and allowed the exterior of the building look as it does. Already in the construction phase, the builders dubbed it the "pizza hut", but for those of us who until then had only the old Beef Barn, Swine Barns A & B, and the Sheep quonset barn, the Livestock Lab was a huge improvement. Many students have gained hands-on experience with livestock as a result of this building.

Tom Crenshaw, Lou Armentano and Randy Gottfredson helped me in the design of the LL. After many advocacy sessions, the building was built, and completed so that the grand opening was held on April 30, 1993. My parents attended, as did Irv Shain, and our new CALS Dean, Roger Wyse.

Terry Jobsis was hired to be the manager of the Livestock Lab, a responsibility she has carried admirably for 25 years. She was the magnet that attracted, hired and trained countless student workers.

Bob Cassens, then Chair, came to me about 1983 to ask if I "would answer a few questions about construction of the new lab." I was the third "generation" to work on this construction initiative. Bob Bray and Art Pope did round 1 focusing on a remodel of the Stock Pavilion, and then Larry French worked on a project that involved a remodel of the Old Dairy Barn. Those efforts ended with no progress.

A lesson I learned from the Livestock Lab initiative is that accomplishing a construction project on public land with public funding requires unwavering persistence and good fortune over a significant portion of a faculty member's career.

I hope the next 25 yrs in the life of Livestock Lab can be as favorably impactful on our students as have been the past 25 yrs.

-Dan Schaefer