

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We hope 2011 was a year of first place finishes for you, as it was for Meat Lab manager **Dick Whittier**, show below receiving the Christmas Party wreath from Department Head **Chuck Carpenter**, based on his wise (lucky!) selection of the chair with the hidden “winner” label.



And congratulations to 2011 food science graduates **Eric Barlow** (now at Davisco, Blackfoot, ID), **Jessica Casperson**, **Travis Dunkley**, **Sara Fifield Anderson** (Malt-o-Meal, Tremonton, UT), **Bryan Janson** (Weider Nutrition, Salt Lake City), **Nils Palmer** (Glanbia, Twin Falls, ID), and **Jeremy Sharp**. Jessica, Travis, and Jeremy finished this term, and are now seeking employment.

PhD students **Prerak Desai** and **Jigna Shah**

(Walsh lab) graduated, married, and now work in the biotechnology field. **Congratulations** on all counts! **Megan Tippets** (Martini lab), **Ranjeeta Wadhvani** (McMahon lab), and **Subash Shrestha** (Nunmer’s lab) competed dissertation defenses this fall, and now seek employment. MS graduates include **Amitra Dubey** (Walsh Lab; now Quality Control Director for Woodward Eggs, Richmond, WA), **Curtis Maughan** (Martini lab; now PhD student at Kansas State University), and **Eric Oberg** (Broadbent Lab; Food Scientist for Leprino Foods, Denver, CO).

Christmas party entertainment was provided by Dairy lab manager **Randall Bagley**



(below), who has become a popular stand-up comedian. Most can walk and chew gum at the same time. Randall juggles and tells jokes at the same time. One popular segment was his *World’s Shortest Books* list, including *The Handbook of Utah Motor Vehicle Courtesy*.

Also in attendance was **Dr. Mark McLellan** (below right, visiting with Drs. **Carpenter**, **Bala Ganesan**, **Don McMahon** and **Bill McManus**).

Mark is the new USU Vice President of Research and Dean of the School of Graduate studies. He



is a food scientist and former head of Food Science and Technology at Cornell University.

Another first timer at the party was **Michelle Atkin**, new staff assistant in the main office.

News and Notes

Dairy Science graduate students received first place and a \$5,000 check at the 2011 Idaho Milk Processors Assn Dairy Product Development competition, held in August in Sun Valley. Their product was “**Saucearella**”, a mozzarella item stuffed with savory sauces. Winning team members were **Dave Irish** (captain), **Subash Shrestha**, **Megan Tippets**, **Ranjeeta Wadhvani**, and **Carl Brotherson** (advisor).

Don McMahon and his former PhD student **Bonney Oommen** received the 2011 *Most Cited Award* from the American Dairy Science Assn for their J Dairy Sci 2008 paper *Supramolecular structure of the Casein Micelle*. I’m sure that feels better than my most recent citation (vehicle maintenance).

Daren Cornforth lectured on *Antioxidant strategies in fresh and cooked meat products* at the 9th China Conference of Meat Science and Technology, Daqing, July 22; and short courses on *1. Fresh meat processing, and 2. Methods for beef quality and sensory evaluation*. Shandong Agricultural Univ, Tai’an, July 24 –Aug 10.

Silvana Martini gave an invited lecture *Use of ultrasound in lipid food systems* at the *Indo-US workshop on Nano-Ultrasonics*, Trichy, India in July.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2012 !

Daren Cornforth (Food Science Program Director)



and from left;
Huong La (Meo),
Jiwon Li,
Ranjeeta Wadhvani,
Andrea Handa Suzuki, **Varun Koneru**, **Barath Vagu**, **Ashwini Wagh**, and **Rossarin Tansawat**.