
RICH HERITAGE

OF THE CAL POLY DAIRY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

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FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS

In 1930, Cal Poly President Benjamin Crandall hired George Druman to be head of the newly formed Dairy Department. Prior to this time, Vem Mowham worked with dairy in the agriculture programs. In 1933, Julian A. McPhee became President and served until 1966. The following year Dr. Robert Kennedy became President and served with distinction until 1979. Between McPhee and Kennedy and again after Kennedy's resignation, Dr. Dale Andrews was the Acting President. Dr. Warren Baker has served as President since 1979 and will be remembered for his leadership and strong support of Dairy Science programs and especially for helping promote the new facilities currently under construction. The following Deans of Agriculture have each had their influence on the School of Agriculture and the Dairy Science Department:

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| Yard Shepard | 1947-60 |
| Warren Smith | 1960-67 |
| Cordner Gibson | 1967-76 |
| Howard Brown | 1976-81 |
| Lark Carter | 1981-Present |

Although we do not have complete records, they indicate that Kenneth Boyle was hired in the 40's to teach Dairy Manufacturing (DM) and supervise the creamery. Dr. Henry Transal was part of the faculty in the late 40's in DM and during that time Elmer Hansen came to Cal Poly from Iowa State. In the Fall of 1949, Russell Nelson joined the faculty to teach Dairy Husbandry (DH) and coached many Dairy Cattle Judging teams. He received the American Dairy Science Association Teaching Award in 1966 two years before his death. Students still enjoy seeing Russell's wife Jean at the annual banquet presenting the "Outstanding Judge" award. In 1957, Harmon Toome became the department head. His background from a dairy farm in Idaho and his experience as a Vo-Ag instructor and Professor of Agriculture Education made him especially qualified to