

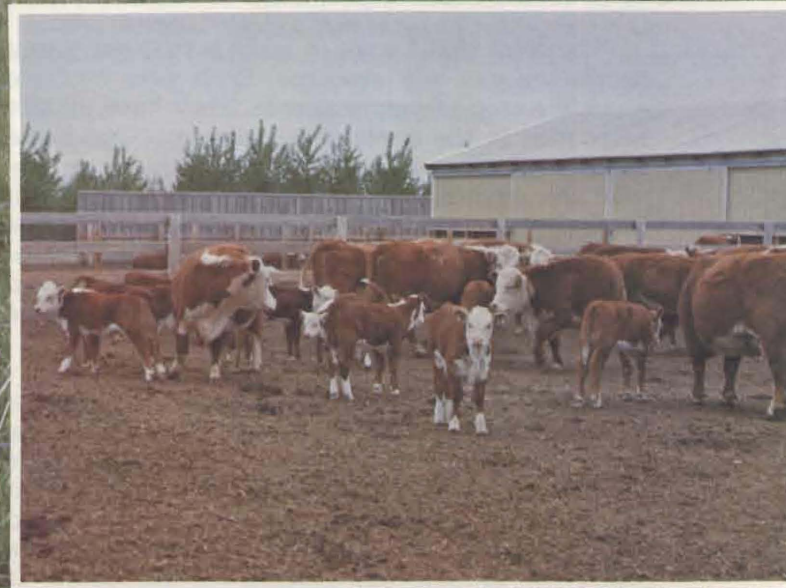
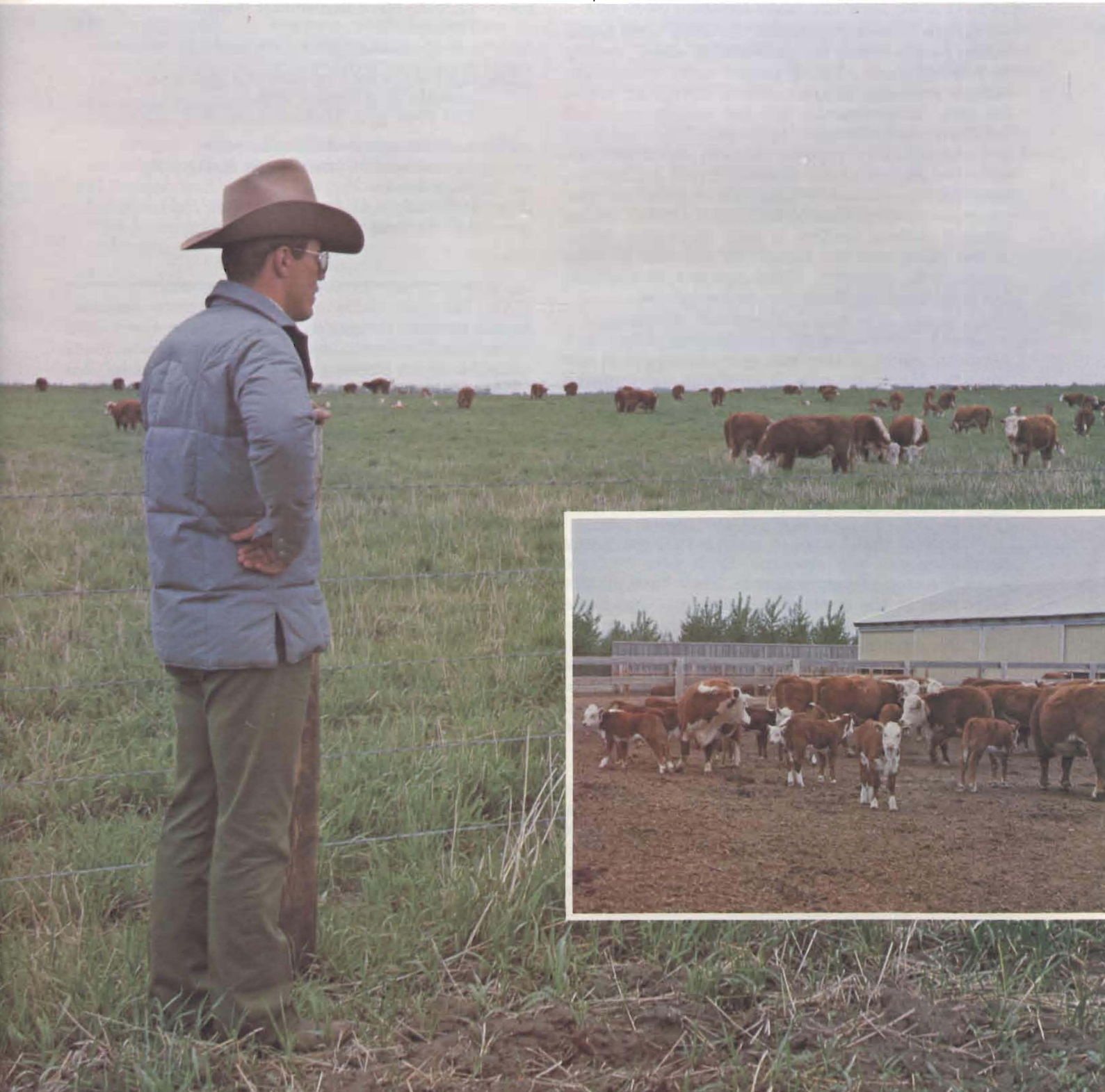


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Guest Column



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It has been my privilege to work with many young people during my professional career, mostly in North Dakota. Young people, more specifically college students, are sometimes not given credit for their achievements, but are readily criticized for their shortcomings. In general, our students are scholastically capable, honest, ambitious, innovative and excellent citizens. Upon graduation, they become leaders in their communities as they progress through their professional careers. Many become national leaders in their respective fields. A few "kick over the traces" as students or after graduation. However, these are few in number, but sometimes are those that we hear about.

North Dakota and the surrounding states have produced some of the best agriculturalists in our country. Many are now in teaching and research positions in our schools, colleges and universities, helping to educate more leaders. Many are back on the farm where they are producing food to help feed the world. There are many in agriculture-related businesses, and many with local, state and federal government.

The point that I want to make is that our young people are our best resource. Each year we have a quality crop of young people. They have always responded to the needs of our country — at home and abroad. They will continue to do this if we provide the environment in which they can flourish until they are ready to accept the responsibilities of the future. By environment, I mean homes, schools, colleges, recreational facilities, sound government, etc. They will continue to become leaders.

In my 38 years in North Dakota, I have seen a continual growth in the students that have come to us. We are getting better students now than we did 25 or so years ago. No reflection on you "Old Timers". You did all right, too, and you did a good job of preparing your youngsters. I hope that this will continue. We need leaders for the future. If our present crop of graduates is an indication of what the future holds, then our future is assured. However, we must continue to provide them with even better tools.

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On The Cover: Dave Rodgers inspects the cow-calf herd on irrigated pasture at the Carrington Station. The inset shows a group of similar animals in the drylot phase of the project. (Photos by Jim Berg).



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