



HELLO!

WE ARE THE NAL BUFFALO

By sex and age we are:

- 1 - 2 year old buffalo bull
- 2 - 5 year old buffalo cows
- 2 - Yearling (approaching 2 years) buffalo heifers
- 1 - Buffalo bull calf - born late July 1969

By character we are:

"O-Boy" I am the 2-year old Bull. I came from Cheyenne, Wyoming. My former address was - Cheyenne Frontier-Days Park. I appeared in the Cheyenne Frontier-days parade in the late summer of 1969. I am as large as the two older cows, but much darker in color. My horns are also larger. I hope to be the father of many N.A.L buffalo calves in the future. At present I am particularly docile and friendly. But as I get older much of this friendliness will disappear. This will be especially true during the "rutting", or breeding season which normally occurs in the fall and early winter of each year.

"Short Horns" I am one of the 5 year old cows, my name indicates which cow I am. I came to N.A.L. from Longmont, Colorado. My original owner was Mr. A. C. Sheley, who is a rancer and Buffalo "Buff" (if you will excuse the expression) in the Longmont area. I am the mother of the smallest of the two heifers, through my attitude toward her has changed since "O-Boy" joined us. I take great delight in chasing the two heifers away from the hay at feeding time. At the time I left Colorado, I was supposedly pregnant (bred is the proper term). I fooled both Mr. Sheley and the folks at N.A.L. by not "delivering" the product. I will remain

the coy lady and not divulge my intentions, along these lines, for 1970.

"Buffy" I am the other 5 year old cow. I am probably the largest buffalo at N.A.L.. "O-Boy" will soon surpass me in this respect. By the way, Oh Boy!!!, is exactly what I said when I first saw him. I have relatively large horns. My pride and joy is the bull calf who is by my side. I gave birth to him in July 1969. Would you believe an 80 pound bouncing baby boy? He was my first calf. His father died of pneumonia in the winter of 1969, at Mr. Sheley's ranch in Colorado. I was very receptive to "O-Boy's" advances during this past rutting season. We'll all be watching in late summer or early fall of 1970 to see how "prolific" buffalo really are.

"Bev and Mev" We are the two smaller females in the herd. Both of us came from Mr. Sheley's herd in Colorado. Of course Mev is the smaller of us. Her mother is "Shorthorns". Bev's mother was sold to another person prior to our shipment from the west. We are "Long Yearling Heifers". This means that we are approaching 2 years in age. We are both developed well enough physiologically that there is a good chance that we are either, or both, bred. LETS HEAR IT FOR "O-BOY".

The final member of the herd is Buffy's baby. A young male (bull) calf. He has a problem. He has no name. At this date he weighs approximately 500 pounds. We would like NAL people to name him. Please submit your suggestions to Bob Hines, 29 Sauk . At this time all we can promise for a prize is 500. pounds of "Buffalo Chips".

For the sociologist they present an interesting study. This small herd already has an established "Peck-Order". This is an indication of the rank of each animal within the herd. It is determined by the relative aggressivness of each animal. In the N.A.L. buffalo herd, "O-Boy" ranks

first. He may eat first at the bunk, drink first and in general bosses all the others. Next in line is "Buffy", she bosses everyone but "O-Boy". Then follow "Short-Horns", "Mev", "Bev" and finally at the bottom of the order is the Bull-Calf. Except for an introduction of new mature animals into the herd, this order or rank is now established for the life of the herd. The possible exception might be the Bull Calf, as he matures, grows larger and becomes more aggressive.

The diet of the Buffalo consists mainly of hay (harvested from existing N.A.L. hay fields). The six head consume about 3-- 50 pound bales per day, during the winter months. In addition to this they are given 4 - 5 pounds of a protein, vitamin mineral and grain supplement, daily. This is in range cube form, a compressed 3/4 inch cube which can be fed on the ground with very little waste. This gives them a nutritional level which makes medical attention almost nil.

Just adjacent to the lot where the Buffalo now live is an area of approximately 13 acres which is seeded to Bluegrass. In early spring this area will be fenced. The area is located along Batavia Road, and extends all the way to Eola Road. By early summer this summer this seeding will be well enough established, and the Buffalo will be turned out to pasture here. As the herd grows, more acres will be made available for grazing, and "the Buffalo will roam". Water is available at the barn, but other than this no additional feed will be furnished from June to October.

Stop on your way by and visit the Buffalo. PLEASE DON'T FEED THEM ,
They are part of our heritage, enjoy them.