Graduate Seminar – Sarah Wagner, Coordinator
Information is not available at this time. Watch for announcement next week.

Zimprich Retires (photos by Deb Peters)
After more than 44 years as the department Swine Herdsman, Ron Zimprich (shown below with his wife Cheryl) officially retired on January 8. A retirement party was held in the department on January 12. Ron served as one of the advisors for Saddle & Sirloin Club from 1985 to 2009 and will be honored as the Agriculturalist of the Year at the Little I Banquet on February 12. Banquet tickets are available in Hultz 102.

Career Expo
A Career Expo for agriculture, business and liberal arts majors will be held Tuesday, February 9, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Fargodome. The Expo provides an opportunity for employers to connect with students to discuss or interview for current and/or future career-related employment and co-op/internship opportunities. Last year, 295 employers and over 1,500 alumni and students attended the event. This year students from 15 North Dakota and Minnesota schools and NDSU have been invited to participate. The fair is not open to the general public. For more information, go to the NDSU Career Center site (https://www.ndsu.edu/career/).
**Animal Sciences in the News**
Research on reducing the variation in pork quality which is being conducted by David Newman was the subject of an article in the National Hog Farmer. The research began with the National Retail Benchmarking Audit in 2012, and the research team just completed the second round. For the full story go to [http://nationalhogfarmer.com/marketing/2015-research-review-reducing-variation-pork-quality](http://nationalhogfarmer.com/marketing/2015-research-review-reducing-variation-pork-quality).

**IT Vice President to Visit Department**
Information Technology vice president Marc Wallman will meet with any interested faculty, staff, and graduate students on Friday, January 22, at 2:00 p.m. in Hultz Hall. Possible topics for discussion include:
- What IT services do you currently use and like, and what IT services that are offered do not fully meet your needs?
- What should the IT division be doing, that are we not doing?
- NDSU’s Student Success Collaborative, the advising platform of the Education Advisory Board, with which NDSU is partnering to facilitate positive student-faculty advising interactions and raise retention and graduation rates on campus
- Anything else the faculty and staff might want to discuss.

Additionally, anyone who met with the vice president last year, can review issues brought forth at that time to make sure they have been or are being addressed as possible.

**Upcoming Event – Dairy Cow College**
Dairy Cow College is a joint educational effort for dairy producers and industry personnel. It is sponsored by the NDSU Extension Service and Midwest Dairy Association in cooperation with the NDSU Animal Sciences Department and the Extension offices in Barnes, Dunn, Emmons, McIntosh, Morton, Oliver, Stark/Billings, and Stutsman counties. J.W. Schroeder will be the presenter at this year’s sessions. He will be joined by Extension agent Jackie Buckley in the Morton County session. Dairy Cow College is free to the public. The program starts at 11 a.m. at all locations. Dates and places are:

- February 1 – New Salem
- February 2 – Dickinson
- February 3 – Linton
- February 4 – Jamestown

For more information, visit [http://bit.ly/dairycowcollege](http://bit.ly/dairycowcollege) or contact J.W. Schroeder at 701-231-7663 or [jw.schroeder@ndsu.edu](mailto:jw.schroeder@ndsu.edu).