Graduate Defense Seminars

Speaker: Haipeng Yu, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: The Exploration of a Four-Platform Standing Scale in the Application of Measuring Temperament in Beef Cattle

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 17; 12:30 p.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104

Haipeng Yu is originally from Shandong Province, China. He received a B.S. degree in veterinary medicine from Qingdao Agricultural University in July 2013. Haipeng is working on an M.S. in animal science under the direction of Dr. Lauren Hanna focusing on animal breeding and genetics.

Speaker: Jordan Hieber, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: Temperament Evaluation in Beef Cattle: Understanding Evaluator Bias with Subjective Measurements of Docility Score, Temperament Score, and Qualitative Behavior Assessment

Date/Time: Friday, May 20; 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104

Jordan Hieber is originally from Ubly, Minnesota. She graduated from NDSU in May 2014 with a B.S. degree in animal science. She is working on an M.S. under the direction of Dr. Lauren Hanna studying animal breeding and genetics while focusing on temperament evaluation in cattle, specifically evaluator bias and subjective measurements.
In Memoriam – William D. Slanger
William D. Slanger, was born October 9, 1944, in Baker, Montana. He passed away Friday, May 6, in his home in Fargo under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Bill grew up on a small ranch in Montana and graduated from Billon Beaverhead County High School in 1963. He obtained a B.S. in animal science from Montana State University in 1967, and M.S. and PhD. degrees from Cornell University in 1972 and 1975, respectively. He was hired as an assistant professor of animal science at NDSU in 1975. He worked his way through the professorship ranks to full professor in 1987. He later served as interim dean of the Graduate School for five years and in 2000 became director of Institutional Research and Analysis. From 2003 through 2007 he was an examiner and then senior examiner for the national Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. Bill was named professor emeritus in the Department of Animal Sciences in July 2015.

Bill married Marie Marchington on July 11, 1970. Bill is survived by Marie, sons Robert (Carrie), James (Gretchen), and Daniel; and grandchildren Mack and Ellie Slanger and Mason Slanger, brother George and nephews Brian and Marc Slanger.

A memorial service will be held in June.

Faculty Promotions/Tenure Granted
Congratulations to the following faculty who have received notification of promotion and tenure effective July 1, 2016. Pictured below left to right, they are:

David Newman and Carl Dahlen who were promoted to associate professor with tenure. Sarah Wagner and Kim Vonnahme, who previously received tenure, were promoted to professor.
Equestrian Teams Have Successful Season
Western Equestrian Team coach Tara Swanson is proud to announce that NDSU had three riders qualify from regionals to move on to semi-final competition at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio, on March 19-20. Those riders were Courtney Bolstad, Megan Haugen, and Sarah Garrison. Riders earned their trips to semi-finals by placing first or second in their respective classes. At semi-finals, Garrison and Haugen received honorable mention recognition and Bolstad placed fourth, securing her a spot to compete at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Horse Show which was held in Lexington, Kentucky, May 5-8. At that show, Courtney (pictured at right with Tara Swanson) finished 8th in intermediate horsemanship!

Rodeo Team coach Tate Eck is proud to announce that, based on total points scored throughout the entire season, two members of the Rodeo Team will represent NDSU at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming, on June 12-18. Competing will be Kasey Dressler (left), who was the reserve champion in saddle bronc riding, and Evan Thyberg (right), who finished tied for second place in tie-down roping.

Congratulations and good luck in the finals!
The ANSC 344, Fundamentals of Meat Processing, class held its second annual product show recently. The students applied all the information they learned throughout the semester to create their own meat products. The students also had to create a marketable name for their products and formulate a USDA approved label.

The class was split into three classes: snack sticks, ring sausage, and smoked bratwurst. The products produced for this semester’s competition had lots of variety. Some highlights from the product show were: a cinnamon snack stick, a BBQ snack stick, a Philly style ring sausage with fresh onions and green peppers, a cinnamon ring sausage, a tangy mustard jalapeno bratwurst, and a very flavorful country style bratwurst with cheddar. A champion was chosen in each class. Then those champions were judged against each other for the “Overall Meatsterpiece.” The winners for each class (pictured above left to right):

- Ring Sausage Champion and “Overall Meatsterpiece” – Casey Helgoe for “Rise and Shine Breakfast Sausage”
- Bratwurst Champion – Thomas Osterbauer for “The Midwesterner,” a country style bratwurst with cheddar cheese
- Snack Stick Champion – Colten Lee: “Peppery Meat Stick with Cheddar Cheese”

A big thank you to the following graduate students and faculty who came to help judge the show – Justin Crosswhite, Laura Bachmeier, Leo Liu, Lexie Siomka, Heather Sun, DeMetris Reed, Rex Sun.

Yum!