



# Animal Sciences News

**Week of April 10, 2011**

## **Animal Sciences Seminar Guest Speaker**

Speaker: Rachel Mottet, Graduate Research Assistant  
NDSU Animal Sciences

Topic: The Role of Lipoic Acid on Progesterone Clearance in the Ovariectomized Ewe

Date: Friday, April 15, 2011

Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104



Rachel Mottet is a Wisconsin native and grew up in a town outside of Milwaukee called Waukesha. She received her Bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences with an Equine Emphasis in 2008 from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Her interest in research began as an undergraduate when she took part in an independent study abroad program. In her time overseas, she spent six months working for a foxhunting pack in England and explored equine practices in nine different countries. Upon returning to the U.S., Rachel became actively involved in research at UW-RF and was awarded a grant to do an undergraduate project investigating the efficiency of the body condition scoring system in horses. While doing this project, Rachel met Dr. Erika Berg who is now her Master's program advisor. Rachel is planning to graduate with an M.S. in Animal Sciences with an emphasis in Reproductive Physiology in June 2011.

## **Shepperd Media Cart Reminder – Eric Berg**

Instructors using the Shepperd Arena classroom are reminded to return the media cart to the locked media closet if they are instructing the last class of the day. The computer was left out in the classroom on the weekend.

## **Farewell Coffee**

Melissa Eslinger has accepted a position as Academic Assistant in the office of the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Sciences.

Cake and coffee to thank her for her service to the department and wish her well will be held Tuesday, April 12, at 10 am. Melissa's last day will be April 15.



### **Cats Win at Show – Sarah Wagner**

On April 2 and 3, members of the Veterinary Technology Club exhibited two cats from the Veterinary Technology program at the MinnKota Feline Club Cat Show at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds in West Fargo. The selection, preparation, and grooming of the cats by the club members was rewarded with several top 3 placements in a class of 29 cats. In addition, the students provided information to Cat Show attendees about Veterinary Technology and NDSU. Congratulations to the Veterinary Technology Club!



**Natalie Sturlaugsen, Jenny Heib, Mary Ravnaas**



**Cats – Royce, Carlisle**

### **Weigl Announces Retirement – Bob Weigl**

*Bob Weigl will retire from NDSU on June 30, 2011, after 35 years in the department. He will be honored at the Staff Recognition Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Plains Room at the Memorial Union.*

“I began my graduate studies in Animal Science in the fall of 1971 thanks to Dr. Jim Tilton who had faith in my ability to succeed in completing a Master’s degree and also Dr. M.L. Buchanan, then department Head, who agreed to let me study here. Upon completing the M.S. degree, I began work in the Nutrition Lab as a technician under Dr. Duane Erickson. I enjoyed the experience of analyzing forages, but was very grateful to become Dr. Tilton’s lab technician in 1976. The thrill of being a part of major research projects involving embryonic mortality in sheep and improving reproductive efficiency in swine was rewarding enough; but the opportunities to meet and work with producers and fellow scientists and to forge friendships with so many students I met was beyond my greatest expectations.”



“I could never express in words how much I have treasured the experiences, heartwarming friendships, and opportunities for personal and professional growth which have been so much a part of my life here. I will miss the happiness of the students I have been privileged to associate with and the satisfaction of working with the best faculty and staff in the field of Animal Science. I will continue to live in Fargo; and I will always be proud to call NDSU my Alma Mater.”

### **Gamma Sigma Delta Award Winners – Greg Lardy**

Two individuals from Animal Sciences will be recognized at the April 14 Gamma Sigma Delta Award Ceremony.

Gamma Sigma Delta is an organization whose objectives are the advancement of all phases of agriculture, the maintenance and improvement of the relations of agriculture and related sciences to other industries, and the recognition of the responsibilities of those engaged in all aspects of agriculture to humankind. The Society seeks to encourage high standards of scholarship and worthy achievements in all branches of the agricultural and related sciences, as well as a high degree of excellence in the practice of agricultural pursuits.

**Jim Magolski** is the GSD Graduate Student Award winner. This award recognizes outstanding achievements by a graduate student in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources at NDSU. Jim's leadership skills, teaching aptitude, and strong research record were noted in his award nomination.



**Paul Berg** was named the winner in the Distinguished Service category. The Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Service Award recognizes outstanding service to NDSU and agriculture in the state of North Dakota. Over the years, Paul has logged countless hours serving students, livestock producers, and stakeholder groups throughout the region with his dedication to teaching, outreach, and professional service by sharing his time and expertise.



### **Tammi Neville Receives Recognition**

Tammi Neville has been selected by the NDSU Staff Senate to receive a Staff Recognition Award for outstanding service. Tammi will be presented with her award by President Bresciani at the Employee Recognition Luncheon on Tuesday, April 12. Tammi will receive a cash award, as well as tickets to an NDSU sponsored event of her choice. Tammi was nominated by Dr. Kim Vonnahme.



### **Kim Vonnahme Receives Distinguished Lecturer Award**

Dr. Kim Vonnahme was selected as the 2011 Distinguished Lecturer by the Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology Graduate Program at the University of Florida. Each year, the AMCB holds a research symposium in which students share their research. A Distinguished Lecturer from another university is invited to attend for a formal seminar and to facilitate interactions with students. The 2011 symposium was held April 1 and 2, in Steinhatchee, Florida. Information about this and past symposia is available online at <http://www.animal.ufl.edu/amcb/ResearchSymposium.shtml>.

