Week of August 21, 2011

**Welcome Back Picnic – Tara Swanson**
The Welcome Back Picnic for Animal Science, Equine Science Pre-Vet, and Veterinary Technology students will be held on Monday, August 29, in Shepperd Arena starting at 5:30 p.m. A meal will be provided by Carnivore Catering and students will have the opportunity to meet faculty and learn about our student organizations. Volunteers are needed to serve the meal. We hope to see the department well represented at the picnic!

**New Graduate Student – Phil Steichen**
“My parents, Gary and Shelley, raised me on a beef and dairy farm near Hitterdal, Minnesota. I have one older brother and an identical twin. In high school, I was active in FFA, football, baseball, and band.”

“I started my undergraduate career at NDSU in mechanical engineering. After two years, I changed majors to animal science. During my undergrad, I worked mainly with Dr. Vonnahme and at ANPC and picked up additional hours with Dr. Newman and the Farm Shop. I graduated in May 2011.”

“I started my Masters program immediately after graduating. I lived at Central Grasslands Research Extension Center in Streeter, North Dakota, this summer. My project there focuses on comparing artificial insemination to natural service systems in beef cattle. My major advisors are Dr. Carl Dahlen and Dr. Bryan Neville.”

Phil’s office is in Hultz 108 and his phone number is 231-7630.

**Alumni News** – Bison Briefs, Summer 2011, Vol. 52, No. 2, Pg. 6, 11
Quentin Stevick, AD ’76, animal science, recently returned from Uglich and Golovino, Russia, where he went to calve 150 Angus heifers exported from AltaExports, Canada, to Agrofirma Russia. Stevick sent a photo of himself, his translator and farm workers holding a North Dakota state flag that he had previously displayed at the summit of Mt. Fuji, Japan, in 2009.

**Deceased – Ray Stangler**, age 90, BS, ’41, animal science, farmed near Lucca, N.D., retiring in 1988. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, VFW, American Legion, and Farm Bureau. He lived in Valley City, N.D.

Have a great Fall Semester!