Animal Sciences Seminar
Speaker: Dr. Erika Berg, PhD, Assistant Professor
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Topic: Why is the Outside of a Horse Good for the Inside of a Man (or Woman or Child)?

Date: Friday, January 21, 2011

Time: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104

Dr. Erika Berg received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science from Purdue University in 1994 and 1995, respectively, and her Ph.D. in Animal Science from the University of Missouri in 2006. She has taught horseback riding to people with disabilities since 1997 and earned her national instructor certification in therapeutic horsemanship in 1999. Dr. Berg oversees the Minor in Therapeutic Horsemanship program that is offered through a collaborative effort between the Department of Animal Sciences at NDSU, the College of Education and Human Services at MSUM, and Riding on Angels’ Wings Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program in Felton, MN.

Safety Reminder
A number of people have fallen just outside of Hultz Hall in recent weeks. If you fall anywhere on campus, or even if you nearly fall, you should fill out either a Near Miss form or an Incident Report (http://www.ndsu.edu/police_safety/safety/IncidentReporting.htm) within 24 hours of the event. In addition, if you sustain an injury, you should typically go first to the Occupational Health clinic on 12th Avenue North.
Hat and Mitten Drive
NDSU Collegiate Cattewomen is hosting a winter hat and mitten drive. You may donate new or gently used items. There is a Christmas tree and present box available in Shepperd Arena for your donations; or you can leave them with Holly in Hultz 100. All donations will go to the Homeless Health Services. The hat and mitten drive will go from Wednesday, January 19, through Friday, January 21.

Class Roster Photos Available
Instructors may print class rosters with photos of the students included. In Campus Connection, click on Self Service, Faculty Center, Class Roster, then select “Include photos in list” before printing.

Advising Resource Center Opens – Excerpted from email, Kevin Shawn, NDSU Student Government
The NDSU Advising Resource Center (ARC) is now open in the Gunkelman Room on the Memorial Union’s main level next to the Student Activities Office. The center is not designed to replace or supersede traditional advising, but rather to supplement the academic needs of students in the following ways:

- Answer basic questions about general education requirements
- Connect students to their academic advisor
- Help understanding NDSU policies
- Guidance on how to add/change a major/minor
- Referrals to academic resources across campus

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The phone number is 231-8662 and the email is ndsu.arc@ndsu.edu (available January 21).


William George Fargo, for whom Fargo, N.D., is named, was born at Pompey, N.Y., on May 20, 1817, the oldest of 12 children.

His education at a rural school ended when he was 13 and he went to work for a contractor delivering mail on horseback twice a week over a 40-mile route.

He later worked in the grocery business and then went to work as a freight agent for the Syracuse & Auburn Railroad where he became acquainted with express operations through the Pomeroy & Company, which was the pioneer express company operating west of Albany, N.Y. The Pomeroy Company was established by George Pomeroy, Crawford Livingston, and Henry Wells.

When Wells wanted to expand the company west of Albany, he was told by another express man that, “If you choose to run an express to the Rocky Mountains, you had better do it on your own account: I choose to run an express where there is business.”

However, Wells’ new express company was a success, and Fargo went to work there as a messenger in 1842. In 1844, Fargo and Wells became partners.
In 1846, Wells sold his interest in the company to William A. Livingston and he and Fargo became partners. In 1850, several express companies were consolidated as the American Express Company.

Fargo made his home in Buffalo, N.Y., where he served as mayor for two terms from 1862 to 1866.

In 1868, he built a mansion in Buffalo described as the “most elaborate and costly private mansion in the state,” outside of New York City. The house occupied two city blocks and had a tower five stories high. When it was being built, Fargo asked that the home contain wood from all of the states. It was the first home in Buffalo to have an elevator. The house was demolished in 1900.

Fargo was a lifelong Democrat. He was against secession during the Civil War, and he paid part of his employees’ salary when they were drafted.

Fargo died in his home in Buffalo on Aug. 4, 1881. At his death, he was a director of the American Express Company and of Wells, Fargo & Co. He had been a director and vice-president of the New York Central Railroad Company and had an interest in the Northern Pacific Railroad. He also had an interest in many manufacturing companies.

Fargo had married Anna H. Williams in 1840. They had eight children with only three of them living to adulthood.

It is not known whether William G. Fargo ever visited his namesake city.