Veterinary Technology Program: From Beagles to Bison Barkers – Stacey Ostby

As many of you know, the Veterinary Technology Program housed in Robinson Hall has had beagles since its inception in 1976. The program started with four dogs – Bob, Carol, Ted, and Alice. The beagle population has since grown to around 30 dogs at any given time. The beagles were bred and raised within the program. Most dogs remained for around three to six years and assisted the students with hands-on learning of restraint, radiography, and venipuncture techniques, as well as general veterinary medical care and needs. When their years of much appreciated service were complete, they were adopted out to loving homes. Our beagles have drawn many crowds to the outdoor pens and could often be heard baying halfway across campus. The general student population was able to “rent a beagle” in exchange for their Bison Card and spend some much needed time snuggling, walking, or just laying around with a dog. The beagles enjoyed this just as much as the thousands of students who, over the last 30 years, passed through the door asking to walk or play with a beagle.

For the last two semesters, the program has been gearing up for a change, moving from working with an in-house population of beagles to working with local rescue organizations to assist homeless dogs. The program, coined “Bison Barkers,” assists local homeless dogs by bringing them out of the pound, sterilizing and vaccinating them, placing AVID microchips, and providing general medical care and addressing their personal needs. The dogs are then placed back with the rescue organization and made available for adoption. Bison Barkers started last fall with four dogs, just as the beagles did so many years ago, and will grow to 18 dogs being housed in Robinson Hall this fall. The dogs will be all ages, shapes, and sizes and offer our students a realistic learning experience to prepare them for the many critters they will encounter in veterinary practice. The Bison Barkers program assists both the community and our students; and we are looking forward to the many ways we can continue to work together as a team. We welcome faculty, staff, and their families to visit the Bison Barkers this fall. Please speak with one of the instructors in the building to find out which dogs are available for play times and best suited to the people in your party. Beagles to Bison Barkers is just another step toward the future in the growing Veterinary Technology Program!!

The remaining six beagles are available for adoption; so please stop by for a visit and meet one at Robinson Hall.
**Grazul-Bilska to Give Lectures in Poland**

Dr. Anna Grazul-Bilska has been invited to present six lectures and nine seminars in her area of expertise within a program entitled, "Expanding and improving educational offers addressed to persons outside the university and increasing the quality of teaching and competence of the academic community." The program is carried out under the Operational program "Human Capital," co-financed by the European Union under the European Social Fund. She will make her presentations during a one-week workshop at the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland, from May 25 to June 1, 2011.

The University of Warmia and Mazury is located in the northeastern part of Poland. It has over 1,830 academic faculty and over 40,000 students, including full-time, part-time, graduate, and postgraduate students (http://www.uwm.edu.pl/pl/str.php?b=2).

The titles of Dr. Grazul-Bilska’s lectures are:

- Assisted reproductive technology in human medicine
- Assisted reproductive technology in animal production
- Angiogenesis in the reproductive system
- Developmental programming: Effects of maternal diet on fetal ovarian development
- Gap junction function in the reproductive system
- Role of epigenetics in placental development during early pregnancy

The titles of her seminars are:

- The system of higher education in the USA: How to get enrolled into an American university (undergraduate, M.S., Ph.D. and/or postgraduate programs)
- Research methods applied in life sciences: Current issues
- Stem cells
- Cloning technology
- Transgenic animals
- Xenotransplantation
- Genome projects
- Assisted reproduction in mammals: Current issues

**Magolski Publication – Kim Vonnahme**

Mr. Jim Magolski’s manuscript entitled, “Maternal nutrition during pregnancy influences offspring wool production and wool follicle development,” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Animal Science. Co-authors include J.S. Luther, T.L. Neville, D.A. Redmer, L.P. Reynolds, J.S. Caton, and K.A. Vonnahme. This is Jim’s first publication as a first author. Congratulations!
**BBQ Boot Camp Booklet Wins Award**

The BBQ Boot Camp booklet, created by Flint Communications, was awarded a Judge’s Choice Award for Collateral Material – Book Design at the 2010 American Advertising Federation Awards held February 25 at the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo.

More than 530 entries were judged by a panel of out-of-state judges who chose the award winners from across the state of North Dakota. In addition to 72 Gold and 94 Silver ADDY Awards, 3 Judge’s Choice Awards and one Best of Show were chosen.

**Dates and Deadlines**

May 23 – Last day to Add via Campus Connection for Summer Session
May 23 – Last day to Drop for Summer Session
May 30 – Holiday – Campus closed

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Memorial Day
Monday
May 30