Animal Sciences News

Week of February 26, 2012

Animal Sciences Graduate Seminar – Joel Caton, Coordinator
Speaker: Arshi Reyaz, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: Early Nutritional Impacts on Placental Vascular Reactivity in Response to Angiotensin II and Bradykinin in Pregnant Beef Cows

Date/Time: Friday, March 2, 2012; 3:00 p.m.
Location: Hultz Hall 104

Arshi Reyaz is from New Delhi, India. She came to the United States in 2008. She received her B.S. degree in Biotechnology from NDSU in May 2010. She is currently pursuing her M.S. degree in Reproductive Physiology under the direction of Dr. Kim Vonnahme.

Erin Gaspar Joins Animal Sciences
Erin Gaspar grew up in Maplewood, Minnesota, a suburb of the Twin Cities. She received her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in May 2011 in Animal Science with an Equine Science emphasis. After graduating, Erin moved to Cody, Wyoming, and worked on a performance quarter horse ranch where she performed ranching duties and trained cutting horses. Erin joined Animal Sciences on February 15 as a three-quarter-time Nutrition Research Technician. She will also work on a Master’s degree in ruminant nutrition. Erin is housed in Hultz 135, her phone number is 231-7686, and her email is erin.gaspar@ndsu.edu.

Reminders
March 2 – Incomplete Grades from Fall Semester will convert to “F”
March 12-16 – Spring Break – no classes, but offices remain open
Half semester grade input begins now
Special Seminar

Speaker: Dr. Bernie Rollin, University Distinguished Professor, Professor of Philosophy, Animal Sciences, and Biomedical Sciences, and University Bioethicist; Colorado State University

Topic: Telos: A New Basis for Animal Ethics

Date/Time: Tuesday March 6, 2012; 10:00 a.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104

Dr. Rollin's scholarly interests include both traditional philosophy and applied philosophy. In addition to numerous articles on the history of philosophy and the philosophy of language, ethics and bioethics, he is the author of the following: Natural and Conventional Meaning (1976), Animal Rights and Human Morality (1981, 1993, and 2006), The Unheeded Cry: Animal Consciousness, Animal Pain and Scientific Change (1988 and 1998), Farm Animal Welfare (1995), The Frankenstein Syndrome (1995), Science and Ethics (2006), and Putting the Horse Before Descartes (2011). He also edited the two-volume publication The Experimental Animal in Biomedical Research (1989 and 1995). He is one of the leading scholars in animal rights and animal consciousness and has lectured over 1,500 times all over the world. He is a weight lifter, horseman, and motorcyclist.

Dr. Rollin will also present Putting the Horse Before Descartes at 7:00 p.m., March 6, in Minard Hall 138.

Livestock Judging Team Results – Christen Jackson, Coach

The spring livestock judging season has come to an end. The Junior Livestock Judging Team finished out the season in Kearney, Nebraska, at the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic the weekend of February 25 with their best performance yet. Caitlin Pearson was 9th High Individual in Placings and the team finished 10th in Reasons and 9th High Team Overall.

Paul Nyren to Retire

Paul Nyren, Director of the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center and adjunct faculty member in the Department of Animal Sciences, will retire February 29 after 36 years of service to NDSU. A retirement celebration is planned for Friday, March 2, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the AES Greenhouse Complex at NDSU. The public is welcome to attend the celebration.

Paul’s wife Anne, who has served as the CGREC Operations Officer since 1982, will go to half-time in her administrative post at the end of the month as well.