



Animal Sciences News

Week of May 13, 2012

Bilski Receives Tenure – Anna Grazul-Bilska

Jerzy Bilski, who worked in Animal Sciences for 15 years, from 1993 until 2008, as a research scientist with the reproductive physiology group, was recently granted tenure at Valley City State University (VCSU). Jerzy joined VCSU in 2008 where he has been teaching several courses including biology, microbiology, botany, genetics, and environmental law. In addition to teaching, he has developed a research program supported by the National Institutes of Health focused on the environmental health aspects of coal fly ash utilization as a growth media for plants.



Recent Publications

Einarsson J.I., **K.A. Vonnahme**, E.M. Sandberg, and **A.T. Grazul-Bilska**. Barbed compared with standard suture: Effects on cellular composition and proliferation of the healing wound in the ovine uterus. *Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand*. 2012 May 91(5):613-619.

Rodgers, J.C., S.L. Bird, J.E. Larson, N. DiLorenzo, **C.R. Dahlen**, A. DiCostanzo, and G.C. Lamb. An economic evaluation of estrous synchronization and timed artificial insemination in suckled beef cows. *J. Anim. Sci.* published 14 May 2012, 10.2527/jas.2011-4836, <http://jas.fass.org/cgi/content/abstract/jas.2011-4836v1>.

Thank You from GiGi Anderson

“I want to thank you, RaeAnn Berg, Megan Kortie, Eric Berg, Kasey Maddock Carlin, Rob Maddock, David Buchanan, Roberta Dahlen, Greg Lardy, Kim Vonnahme, David Newman, and everyone from the Animal Sciences Department that made part of my life or experience while I was taking my Master's degree in Food Safety and Animal Science.



Now my goal is to focus on my children's growth and also obtain a challenging position in the area of quality assurance/ food safety and utilize my knowledge of HACCP, and other food safety assessment principles in assuring compliance of the organization with the needed safety specifications.”

Gigi graduated May 11, 2012.

Student with Ties to Animal Sciences Gives Commencement Address

Photo and story adapted from University Relations
article, May 14, 2012

http://www.ndsu.edu/news/banner_stories/undergraduatecommencementspeaker2012/



Alisha Nord, a Wolverton, Minnesota, native, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications, said she was thrilled to have been selected to represent her class at NDSU's undergraduate commencement ceremony May 12.

Her own inspirational story provides a lesson on persevering through obstacles. During the spring semester of her sophomore year, Nord was the **swine superintendent overseeing the Little International Livestock Contest**, which is the largest student-run agricultural event in the state. Nord became sick during the pressure-filled week leading up to the event. Following it, she ended up in the emergency room with a rare form of E. coli infection and spent several weeks in the hospital getting treatment that included blood transfusions. Nord missed about a month of classes and recovery was slow after leaving the hospital.

An active and outstanding student, Nord returned to NDSU and continued her involvement in an array of campus organizations, including **Saddle and Sirloin Club**, NDSU Color Guard, Freshmen Leadership Organization and **Collegiate Cattlewomen's Association**. She also was active in the National Agri-Marketing Association, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and was voted 2011 homecoming queen.

As an Ag Ambassador, Nord represented the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources in prospective student outreach, alumni events and volunteering in the community. In addition, Nord volunteers with Riding on Angels Wings, Relay for Life, **Kiddie Days**, Living Ag Classroom, the Salvation Army, Churches United for the Homeless and the Fargo-Moorhead Dorothy Day House. "Volunteering has been a huge part of my life," she said. "Being active in NDSU organizations has given me many opportunities to help out the surrounding community." Upon graduation, Nord plans to finish her term with the National Junior Angus Association before pursuing a career in the agricultural industry.

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