Week of May 27, 2012

Jena Peine Joins ANSC Staff
Jena Peine has been hired as a three-quarter time Ruminant Nutrition Laboratory Technician in the Department of Animal Sciences. In addition to working in the lab, Jena will be working toward her M.S. degree under the direction of Dr. Joel Caton.

Jena grew up in the small town of Vermillion, Minnesota, where she was very involved in 4-H and showing livestock. She graduated in May from NDSU with majors in Animal Science and Microbiology and a minor in Chemistry.

NDSU Riders Place in National Competition – Tara Swanson with Ellen Crawford, NDSU Agriculture Communication, May 25, 2012, Photo NDSU Agriculture Communications
The two members of North Dakota State University’s equestrian team who advanced to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association’s national competition in Raleigh, North Carolina, May 3 to 6 brought home honors.

Shannon Voges, a senior from Courtland, Minnesota, competed in the American Quarter Horse Association High Point Western Rider event, which showcases the top rider from each region throughout the U.S.

Twenty-four riders participated in this event. They were required to compete in two phases: horsemanship and reining. Scores from the two phases were combined for a final placing. Voges ranked fourth in the horsemanship phase and 13th in the reining phase. She finished the competition overall in eighth place.

Hannah Beyer, a junior from Rapid City, South Dakota, competed in advanced horsemanship and finished in ninth place. She was one of 12 riders in this event.

“Everyone’s goal at the beginning of the year is to qualify for the national show,” says Tara Swanson, the team’s coach. “Shannon and Hannah worked hard to get to that point and then had stellar performances once they made it to North Carolina. As a coach, I couldn’t be more proud of the team this year.”
Spring Semester Commencement – NDSU Registration and Records
Following are the Animal Sciences students who participated in Spring Semester 2012 Commencement.

**Bachelor of Science Graduates**
- Laura A. Anderson, VETS
- Joseph J. Linneman, ANSC
- Jessie K. Bateman, ANSC
- Gus W. Magnuson, ANSC
- Christina R. Bergman, VETS
- Lindsey A. Martinsen, VETS
- Jamison E. Boehler, VETS
- Tiffani A. Meyhoff, VETS
- Krista M. Cella, ANSC
- Rachel G. Mitchner, VETS
- Nichole M. Chapel, Equine, ANSC
- Erica I. Nelson, ANSC, Equine
- Jessica J. Davis, ANSC
- Keri A. Niederman, ANSC
- Emett C. Diede, ANSC
- Heather J. Olek, ANSC
- Lindsey M. Dolezal, VETS
- Andrew M. Otto, ANSC
- Callie A. Eisenbeisz, VETS
- Jena L. Peine, Microbiology, ANSC
- Jaclyn M. Eldredge, Equine, ANSC
- Kelsey J. Phelps, ANSC
- Jamie G. Erickson, VETS
- Gary A. Price, ANSC
- Mandy M. Erickson, VETS
- Katie J. Ramberg, ANSC
- Samantha K. Fabbri, Equine
- Kelsey L. Rheault, VETS
- Briana L. Ferguson, ANSC
- Katie A. Smith, VETS
- Alisha M. Freitag, ANSC, Equine
- Katherine L. Sorensen, ANSC
- Alyse R. Haas, ANSC
- Marguerite A. Stanley, Equine
- Amanda L. Hanson, VETS
- Jessica H. Steward, ANSC
- Beth T. Hendricks, ANSC
- Rachel M. Stewart, ANSC, Equine
- Logan D. Hoffmann, ANSC
- Natalie A. Sturlaugson, VETS
- Kelsey A. Holm, ANSC
- Jamie M. Sulflow, VETS
- Danielle Hoyum, VETS
- Kacey L. Thielbar, Equine, ANSC
- Amanda M. Johnson, VETS
- Ashley N. Timian, ANSC, Equine
- Sheila M. Kaliher, VETS
- Michelle A. Ustipak, VETS, Anthropology
- Eric J. Kleman, ANSC
- Shannon M. Voges, Equine, ANSC
- Marcie R. Kohler, VETS
- Micaela R. Wallace, VETS
- Janelle A. Lanoue, ANSC, Equine
- Sara K. White, Equine
- Laura E. Larson, VETS
- April R. Wiedrich, VETS
- Emily M. Lasher, ANSC
- Ian H. Zimmerman

**Master of Science Graduate**
Sharnae I. Klein, ANSC

**Doctor of Philosophy Graduate**
James D. Magolski, ANSC
Kim Lohse Marries
Congratulations to Kim Lohse, NDSU Sheep Unit Assistant Shepherd, and Tyler Rupp who were married Saturday, May 26, at Fargo Baptist Church.

Tyler is from Ellendale, North Dakota.

Kim and Tyler will be living on their small farm near Hickson, just south of Fargo.

China Travelogue
Members of the ANSC Global Food Production Systems Study Abroad group, led by Drs. Carl Dahlen and David Newman, continue their travels in China. Following are some photos and highlights from this past week’s activities.

On Tuesday the group traveled to the Chinese Agriculture University (CAU). It is the oldest institution of higher education in the area of agriculture in China. Only 2 of the 49 students our group met came from a farming background. The American and Chinese students found they had a lot in common.

Everyone was pretty well blown away upon driving up to the Great Wall of China on Wednesday. They went to the BadaLing portion which is the highest part of the Great Wall. Imagine this – an almost vertical climb, lots of people, and uneven and varying height stairs.
After the Great Wall, the group went to a restaurant/visitors gift shop that made porcelain trinkets. They ate some fairly exceptional food and did some shopping and then went to the Beijing Olympic Park where the 2008 Olympic Games were held. At a traditional tea shop samples of different kinds of tea were enjoyed. The lady that showed hosted the tea was very good and a wonderful time was had by one and all.

The group visited the Huaxia dairy farm on Thursday. The farm has just over 8,200 cows (4,700 lactating). Many Chinese do not drink milk because of recent concerns about melamine. The farm is very well operated and they saw many different practices taking place such as a large worm farm. The worms help to compost manure and are also sold to cosmetic companies!

Hosting the group were Christopher Darling and Stewart Qui from Land O'Lakes. After the tour of the dairy farm, the group headed to a Land O'Lakes feed mill located about 300 km further south. A special guest was Wayne Ausk, a North Dakota (Chaffee) native and NDSU graduate, who was able to take a day and tour with the group. He has been living and working in the Beijing area for about four years and owns his own company there.

On Friday, the group left Beijing to go to the “small” city of Xi’an with a population of only 8 million people. The temperature in Xi’an in summer averages over 100 degrees F.

The first stop of the day was at the Big Wild Goose Pagoda which is a Buddhist temple over 7 stories tall built of bricks and no cement. The temple was built 1,300 years ago. The students also visited the Provincial Museum and the city wall of Xi’an which was built 600 years ago to protect the city from enemies.
The focus on **Saturday** was agriculture production; specifically pork. Much of the day was spent visiting operations of Besun, a vertically integrated swine production company based in Yangling, China. Pipestone (a Minnesota company) has played an integral part in helping Besun with facility designs, herd health, employee training and general management.

The tour concluded in the afternoon with a stop at the local implement dealer. Here the group saw 2- and 4-row planters, 1 bottom plows, and tractors that mimic lawn equipment waiting to go into the fields. It was absolutely amazing to see the contrast between the cropping systems of the U.S. and rural China.

**Sunday** started early with a bus trip to the Terracotta Warrior Museum which is considered the 8th Wonder of the World. The museum consists of three different "pits." The first pit is the largest of the three with around 6,000 clay soldier and horse statues. These statues were built to help protect the very first emperor (Qinshihuang) during his afterlife. Of all of the soldiers that were created, none of them were the same. The second pit contained many archers but was the least excavated of the three. The plan by the Chinese government is to first finish the excavation and restoration of the estimated 6,000 soldiers in pit one before finishing excavation of the other two pits.

Back in Xi’an, the group stopped at a small art museum where the manager showed different paintings and carvings that were created over the last 10,000 years in China. Many of these depict the life of rural Chinese farmers.