Joel Caton Selected for Endowed Professorship –
Joel Caton, professor of animal sciences and co-director of the NDSU Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy, has been selected to receive the Jordan A. Engberg Endowed Professorship.

The Engberg professorship is awarded to a faculty member at the rank of professor with at least eight years of service to NDSU and a balanced academic record of excellence in teaching, research, and service. The award comes with a $5,000 stipend to be used for academic purposes.

Larry Reynolds and Greg Lardy nominated Dr. Caton for the professorship, calling him a cutting-edge researcher whose work has impacted his field of research, his department, college, and NDSU through balanced efforts in teaching and outreach.

Skip Anderson Featured
https://www.asas.org/membership-services/foundation/i-am-an-animal-scientist
Skip Anderson, Animal Sciences sheep herdsman was featured recently in the American Society for Animal Science’s “I Am an Animal Scientist!” segment.

“The goal of the new ‘I Am an Animal Scientist!’ campaign is to give a voice and face to the field of animal science.”

“I am an Animal Scientist because I weave the ‘fibers’ of science and technology with production and business to help feed the world.”
- Steven "Skip" Anderson, North Dakota State University

(Photo by Madeline McCurry-Schmidt)
Char Kuss Joins Staff in Veterinary Technology
Char Kuss is the new administrative assistant for the Veterinary Technology program. She will be housed in Robinson 101, her email is c.kuss@ndsu.edu, and her phone is 231-7712. The following is what Char had to share about herself.

I am married – my husband, Mike, and I celebrated our 40th anniversary this past weekend. We live in South Fargo and have two sons and a daughter) two granddaughters, and three grand puppies. I have been working in Cereal Science and NDSU since October 1995. I really enjoy working with students – they are the best part of working at NDSU. I am very excited to be starting with the Vet Tech program and happy to be associated with the Animal Sciences department.

Caton Appointed Editor
Joel Caton has been appointed to a three-year term as Division Editor for the Journal of Animal Science. In this position, he is responsible for facilitating the scientific review process, working with associate editors, and insuring publication of high-quality science. The Journal of Animal Science is the flagship publication of the American Society of Animal Science. Dr. Caton’s duties began July 15, 2013.

Congratulations to
Professor Emeritus Russ Danielson (4th from right, back row) on receiving the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Legacy Award!
(Photo by ND Cowboy Hall of Fame)
Lamb and Wool Expo – August 2-3, Stutsman County Fairgrounds, Jamestown, ND

Registration is due July 26 – flyer is attached to the newsletter

Activities include: cooking with lamb workshop; working with wool; training a stock dog; presentations on lamb fabrication, lamb quality characteristics, U.S. lamb market, flock health management, future of the sheep industry; lamb dinner on 8/2 and lamb lunch on 8/3; ram consignor sheep show; Jamestown ram and ewe sale; vendor fair; sheep shearing and wool handling demonstration; workshop on alternative sheep grazing systems.

The Expo is sponsored by the NDSU Extension Service and the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association. For more information, contact Reid Redden (701-231-5597).

Tilton Recognized
Dr. James Tilton, emeritus faculty in the Department of Animal Sciences, was awarded the Medallion of the University of Warmia and Mazury for “fruitful and long-standing scientific cooperation with the Institute of Animal Physiology.” The award was presented by the Rector of the University, Professor Dr. Ryszard J. Gorecki at the conclusion of the IX International Congress on Pig Reproduction meeting in Olsztyn, Poland, held June 9-13.

Dr. Tilton has hosted six scientists from the university at Olsztyn. An additional four scientists have worked collaboratively with Drs. Williams, Redmer, and Reynolds. Five of this group of physiologists is presently members of the Institute of Animal Physiology at Olsztyn. Dr. Adam Ziecik is Vice President of the Polish Academy of Science and a consultant to the Ministry of Culture and Science in Warsaw. Dr. Stanislaw Okrasa is presently Chair of the Institute of Animal Physiology. Dr. Anna Grazul-Bilska is a Professor of Animal Science at NDSU.

(Photo by Deb Thomson)
Kyle McLean Joins ANSC
Kyle McLean joined the department last week as a ¾ time Research Specialist and Ph.D. graduate student working with Dr. Joel Caton. Kyle’s office will be in Hultz 121, his email is kyle.j.mclean@ndsu.edu, and his phone is 231-7665. Here is some information Kyle provided about himself.

Kyle grew up in Miles City, MT, with parents Doug and Darla McLean and his younger brother Jaramie. Kyle developed a love for animals at an early age through training horses, competing in rodeos and working on numerous 4-H projects which he showed at the county fair. He attended Custer County District High School in Miles City where he was involved with the National Honor Society, basketball, student council, and FFA. He graduated in 2006.

Kyle attended Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington and received an Associates of Science degree in Animal Science in 2008. He received the Top Hand Award in Animal Science while there. During his time at EWC, he was a member of the rodeo team and a student ambassador. Kyle transferred to Oklahoma State University where he completed a B.S. in Animal Science in 2010. While at OSU, he was a member of the rodeo team and the Cattleman’s Association.

Kyle worked for a year after completing his B.S. and in 2011 he began work on his Master’s degree with Dr. Bob Wettemann in Animal Science with an emphasis on reproductive physiology at OSU. His research focused on the effects of protein supplementation of fall calving cows on the growth and development of the calves. This allowed him to present at the Joint Annual Meeting of the American Society of Animal Science in 2012, the Midwestern Meeting of ASAS in 2013, and the Whiteman Competition. Kyle authored or co-authored five abstracts about his research and assisted teaching in several classes. Kyle is a member of the American Society of Animal Science and the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists.

It’s a Boy!
Congratulations are in order for Scott and Mayte Carter on the recent birth of their son Andre’ Aitor Carter.

Scott was a faculty member in Animal Sciences at NDSU in the mid-1990s working in the swine nutrition area.
Governor’s School Student Presents Poster – Kasey Maddock Carlin
On Friday, July 12, Emily Lothspeich, a Governor’s School student, presented a 10-minute talk and a poster about her research project. Emily is a high school junior from Wyndmere, ND. She worked with Wanda Keller and Christina Schwartz in the Muscle Physiology Lab from June 7 to July 12. Her project was purifying mu-calpain from bovine muscle to be used in future research projects in the lab.

Governor’s School students are required to conduct a research project, write a paper, give a 10-minute presentation, and put together a poster depicting her research.

Print Donated to ANSC
Dr. Paul Berg has donated a print of a mural by well-known artist Frank C. Murphy to the department of Animal Sciences. The original mural was displayed in the Chicago offices of the National Livestock and Meat Board beginning in 1981. Around the time of the Meat Board’s final meeting in August 1995, prints of the mural were made and given to Meat Board directors, staff, and special guests. The mural symbolizes the board’s consumer marketing commitment to the industry and was meant to focus people’s attention on the mission of the Meat Board.

Paul Berg purchased one of the prints, and subsequently had it framed with wood reclaimed from his family home, built in the 1800s. The print is now proudly displayed in the Animal Sciences conference room!

(Photo by Deb Thomson)
Several faculty and staff members represented the department at the Clay County Fair in Barnesville, MN, July 11-14. In the photos, Terry Skunburg explains about the cannulated cow and lets brave fair goers put their hand in the animal’s stomach, Marc Bauer shows fair visitors a wool ball from a sheep stomach, and a young man looks at rumen protozoa through a microscope.

Lisa Christenson and Leah Maertens also had an interactive booth where young people learned more about veterinary technology.