Friday Afternoon Club for Spring Semester – Kendall Swanson

Our view is that Friday Afternoon Club went very well this semester. We learned a lot and believe the faculty, staff, and student participants did also! FAC will resume in spring semester. However, we also need your help. We (Kendall and Larry) have been organizing FAC for the department for several years now. This fall semester we not only organized FAC but made 80% of the presentations! So, we are asking everyone to consider presenting in FAC whatever exciting, new research, research area, or “big picture” or philosophical reading(s) you come across. All you will need to do is send us the paper(s) you want to discuss and then present the paper(s) in FAC. We will organize the formal and not-so-formal events as we have in the past. This is a great opportunity to present cool and fun stuff in a relaxed environment and to interact with others in the department. We are interested in any topic related to animal sciences or science in general. If you are not sure a topic is relevant, just shoot us an email and we let you know what we think. Also, if you would like to help as a co-organizer, please let us know.

Our first FAC for spring semester 2016 will be on “The Academic Career,” discussing such things as impact, how teaching and research are intertwined, timeline for tenure and promotion, balancing professional and personal lives, accomplishments of some of our faculty in the context of these types of things, what it takes to become a University Distinguished Professor (using Larry and also Steve Smith from Texas A&M as examples). We will try to find an article, but do not have one in hand yet; however, we have several in mind that discuss such issues.

Hotels for Little International

The following hotels each have a block of rooms available for any friends, family, and alumni who will be attending Little International. When calling the hotel, say that you are reserving under the block for NDSU Saddle & Sirloin Club on the weekend of February 12 and 13, 2016.

- Candlewood Suites – 1831 NDSU Research Park Drive; 701-235-8200; 20 rooms available for 2 night stay; specify choice when calling; reserve by January 17, 2016
  - 5 rooms with 1 queen bed – $105/night
  - 4 rooms with 2 queen beds – $125/night
  - 2 suites with a queen bed and pullout sleeper - $135/night
- Days Inn – 1507 19th Avenue North; 701-232-0000; 10 rooms available for 2 night stay; reserve by January 22, 2016
  - 10 rooms with 2 queen beds - $92.99/night
Research Profiles – Alisha Nord, Public Information Officer, Ag Experiment Station
The North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station created the Research Profile website in 2013 to highlight the great research taking place on the NDSU campus and at the Research Extension Centers throughout North Dakota. As most research information gets published in journals where not many people get to see all of their good work, not to mention they aren’t easy for the public to read and understand, the profiles are meant to give a “layman’s term” overview of one topic each researcher is working on. There is also a link that goes to a more in-depth pdf version if the reader wants more information. To date, the following Animal Sciences researchers have been featured on the site: Anna Grazul-Bilska, Kim Vonnahme, Vern Anderson, Chris Schauer, Eric Berg, and Kendall Swanson. The profiles are available at https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/research/research-highlights-and-profiles.

Recent Publication
Schroeder, J. Using inoculants effectively.

SPAM Award Recipient Named – text and photo by Deb Peters
At the annual department potluck on Thursday, December 17, Kendall Swanson presented the department’s traveling SPAM (Spirit, Pep, And Motivation) award to Loren Baranko. He said Loren’s contacts with prospective and new students continues to foster the sense of “family” that the department is known for. Loren is now charged with naming the next recipient of the SPAM award. Previous recipients of the SPAM award include: Moos, Ewes & More Committee, Tate and Shannon Eck, Dale Redmer, Wanda Keller, Jodie Haring, Kim Vonnahme and Anna Grazul-Bilska, Jim Kirsch, Sarah Underdahl, Gerald Stokka, and Kendall Swanson.

Winter Break Hours
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Condolences to the family of Enoch Thorsgard, 98, of Northwood, North Dakota, who passed away on Wednesday, December 16. Enoch was a cattle rancher and former state legislator who was named as the Saddle and Sirloin Club’s 79th Little International Agriculturalist of the Year. The complete obituary for Enoch is available at http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/region/3906085-updated-enoch-thorsgard-northwood-rancher-businessman-dies-98.

I Wish I had a Horse Camp – NDSU Equine Science Facebook Page
The NDSU Horsemen’s Association hosted their fall I Wish I Had a Horse Camp on Saturday, December 12 at the Equine Center. Over 40 youngsters were introduced to horse care and riding at the event.

The story about the NDSU Meat Lab will run on Agweek TV on Saturday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday, December 20, at 11:00 p.m on Channel 6 in Fargo. Watch for it!