Graduate Seminar – David Newman, Coordinator
Graduate Seminar is completed for Fall Semester.

Student Product Show Held – Spencer Wirt
Fundamentals of Meat Processing, ANSC 344, held its student product show on Tuesday, December 8, in Shepperd Arena. For their final project, each of the students in the class was given the task of creating a seven pound batch of their own sausage to present to the judges (Austen Germolus, Justin Crosswhite, William Ogdahl, Loren Baranko, Bayleigh Antonson, and Tessa Keller). The 35 student class was split into three groups. Students in group 1 created a smoked bratwurst, Group 2 a summer sausage, and Group 3 a snack stick. The winners in each group were (pictured L to R): Group 2 – Isaac Holman, Group 1 – Matt Dinse, Group 3 – Tim Rasmussen. The winners of the three groups were then judged against each other, and the “Overall Masterpiece” winner was Tim Rasmussen.

Plaques for the winners were made by William Ogdahl and Spencer Wirt.
Friday Afternoon Club – Kendall Swanson, Coordinator
Friday Afternoon Club is completed for Fall Semester.

Errata
The following information was inadvertently left out of last week’s newsletter. At the Beef College on December 3 in Bismarck, Lauren Hanna presented “Research Interests in Genetic Improvement of Beef Cattle;” Alison Ward presented “Using Vitamin A to Improve Marbling;” and Joel Caton presented “Role of Maternal Nutrition on Endogenous Retroviruses, Placental Formation, and Nutrient Transport During Early Gestation.”

Vet Tech Club held a White Elephant and potluck meeting on December 3. Students made tie blankets for the shelter animals in the Vet Tech program’s care. (photo by Kari Bolgrean)

Recent Publication
**Hanna Serves on USDA Panel**
Lauren Hanna recently served on the USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s Peer Review Panel for the fiscal year 2015 NIFA Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships Program.

“The Fellowships Program is intended to promote advances in U.S. food, agriculture and forestry. Supporting the many components of agriculture under the constraints of a growing population, pressure on natural resources, and the challenges of climate variability and change requires research, education, extension, and integrated programs that increase agricultural and natural resource sustainability. This peer review panel was responsible for reviewing and evaluating the proposals submitted for the FY 2015 program. We take great pride in the excellence reflected by this panel, and the expertise and dedicated efforts of Dr. Hanna contributed greatly to the quality of the review process.” – Ray Ali, National Program Leader

**Christenson Accepted Into NSF Project**
Lisa Christenson has been accepted in the first two-year cohort of the NSF-funded Gateways-ND STEM education project team.

The program will include 10 days of active learning-based workshops, the formation of supportive faculty learning communities, and a robust research program to document the nature of the teaching, as well as student learning gains as a result of the team’s work together.

The **NDSU Western Team** was Reserve High Point Team on both Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6, at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls competition. *(photo by Mattia Gunkelman, coach)*

**Good luck with finals next week!**