Graduate Seminar – Eric Berg, Coordinator
There is no seminar this week or next week.

Animal Sciences Grad to Receive Bolley Award – Greg Lardy and Wayne Schluchter, Alumni Awards Selection Committee and Scott Handy, Chair, Alumni Association Board
Rodger Johnson (B.S., animal science, ‘65) will be honored at the Alumni Awards Celebration dinner on May 6 with the Henry L. Bolley Academic Achievement Award which honors NDSU alumni who have excelled in the area of academics through teaching, research, or administration. Rodger had a distinguished career as a faculty member at the University of Nebraska in the swine genetics area (see his bio below).

Rodger will be spending some time on campus as part of the award festivities which will allow for time to meet and interact with him. More details on the schedule of activities will be forthcoming at a later date.

“Rodger K. Johnson, BS ’65, animal sciences, is a world-renowned expert in swine genetics who has impacted the swine industry through his efforts to improve production and the quality of pork. Holding the title of Professor Emeritus of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Johnson published more than 125 peer-reviewed research papers during his outstanding career.

Johnson was a faculty member at Oklahoma State University from 1973-78. He then joined the faculty of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he rose through the ranks to be named the Irv and Wanda Omtvedt Professor of Animal Science in 2003.

Johnson’s numerous honors include the Rockefeller Prentice Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics in 1988 and the American Society of Animal Science Morrison Award in 2013. He also received the Darrell Nelson Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Master of the Swine Industry from National Hog Farmer, and Outstanding Graduate Alumnus from Oklahoma State University.”
Cupcakes & Canvas Event Scheduled – NDSU Collegiate Cattlewomen

The NDSU Collegiate Cattlewomen are bringing Love & Cupcakes to Fargo to host an evening of painting, fun, and education about the beef industry.

The event is planned for Friday, February 27, from 6-9 p.m. in the Birch and Walnut Room at the Baymont Inn & Suites, 3333 13th Avenue South, Fargo. Cost for the event is $40 per person (payable at the door). You must register for the event in advance at [http://loveandcupcakes.org/cupcakes-canvas/cattlewomens-event-in-fargo/](http://loveandcupcakes.org/cupcakes-canvas/cattlewomens-event-in-fargo/). There are only 30 spots available.

When you arrive for the event, the host for the evening will greet you at the door and help you get set up to enjoy an evening of painting. The canvases are lightly outlined, so you don’t need to be an artist to participate. The host will give you step-by-step guidance and tips. While painting, enjoy one of the delicious cupcakes and learn a bit more about the beef industry.

Little International Preparations Underway

Preparations for the 89th Little International are already underway! Catalogs were mailed out on January 30, the second rub on hams for the ham curing contest was completed on Monday, February 2, and the public speaking contest was held Thursday night. PQA training for participants in swine showmanship has been held, as well as demos on dairy clipping, beef fitting and showmanship, and sheep showmanship.

This is your reminder to purchase your Ag of the Year banquet tickets soon. Tickets are available from Megan in Hultz 102 at a cost of $20. They must be purchased by Monday, February 9, and must be paid for at the time of purchase.

89th Little International Schedule of Events

Friday, February 13
8:00 a.m.  FFA and 4-H Livestock Judging Contest – Shepperd Arena
8:00 a.m.  Hippology Contest – North Dakota Horse Park
8:30 a.m.  FFA Agriculture Sales Contest – Fargodome
9:00 a.m.  FFA and 4-H Agronomy Contest – Memorial Union
9:30 a.m.  FFA Small Animal Care Contest – Memorial Union
2:00 p.m.  Contest Awards Ceremony – Shepperd Arena
5:00 p.m.  Agriculturalist of the Year/Hall of Fame Social – Holiday Inn
6:00 p.m.  Agriculturalist of the Year/Hall of Fame Banquet – Holiday Inn

Saturday, February 14
8:00 a.m.  Morning Show, Showmanship Preliminaries – Shepperd Arena
9:00 a.m.  Agriculture Engineering Show – Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering
12:30 p.m.  Alumni Luncheon – Loftsgard Atrium
5:30 p.m.  Night Show, Showmanship Finals – Shepperd Arena
10:00 p.m.  Dance in the Chips with The Roosters – Shepperd Arena

Plan to join us for any or all of these events!
Ag Ambassadors Looking for New Student Representatives

Ag Ambassadors are undergraduate students selected to represent the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources in student recruitment and at selected college-related events for alumni, scholarship donors, industry leaders, and others. They also serve as student advisers to the dean. New members are selected through an application and interview process based on scholarship, communication skills, enthusiasm, honesty, and knowledge of the college and university.

Applicants must be enrolled as a CAFSNR undergraduate or a major in an interdisciplinary program that includes agriculture and have a minimum college GPA of 2.75. They must also be willing to make a one-year minimum commitment to the organization.

Students interested in becoming an Ag Ambassador should complete the application form available at http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/academics/ndsu-ag-ambassador and return it to Morrill 316 by Friday, February 20. Interviews for open positions will take place in early March.

CHAPS Program Update Underway

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The Cow Herd Appraisal Performance Software (CHAPS) program is undergoing a facelift to help the beef industry more completely utilize the program from conception to consumption.

NDSU Extension beef specialist Kris Ringwall, along with Joseph Latimer, NDSU Computer Science Department, and Lauren Hanna, NDSU Animal Sciences Department are working to give producers a “more modern look.”

Genetic monitoring through a flexible database structure, which allows for evaluation and investigation of traits, is something Lauren Hanna is looking to incorporate into the CHAPS program. Such a change could be used to analyze the frequency of a simply inherited trait or allow selection of complex traits. The research and implementation of these tools will be accomplished by working with historical data submitted to CHAPS along with more current data volunteered by producers.

The Career Expo provides an excellent opportunity for employers to connect with students to discuss or interview for current and/or future career-related employment and coop/internship opportunities. Last year, 299 employers and over 1,700 students and alumni attended the event.

2015 Career Expo
Tuesday, February 10
1-4 p.m., Fargodome
Yummm....

BAKED POTATO BAR!
WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 11
SHEPPERD ARENA
4:30 - 6:00PM

MENU FEATURES A BAKED POTATO WITH ALL THE FIXINS’ INCLUDING BEEF CHILI AND CHEESE, DESSERT AND DRINK.
DONATIONS BENEFIT THE NDSU COLLEGIATE CATTLEWOMEN AND THE PROMOTION OF BEEF EDUCATION IN NORTH DAKOTA. WE’LL SEE YOU THERE!

NDSU collegiate cattlewomen
Congratulations to the Sheep Unit on their 5th IACUC Gold Star Award!