Swanson Promoted – Ken Grafton, Chris Boerboom, David Buchanan

Congratulations to Kendall Swanson who has been promoted to professor with tenure, effective July 1, 2015. Kendall conducts research on beef cattle nutrition and teaches nutrition courses. His research program focuses on improving the efficiency of feed utilization and reducing the environmental impact of beef cattle production systems; better defining nutrient metabolism and energy use of gut tissues and the whole animal; examining the effects of nutrition on pancreatic function, examining the impacts of diet and management systems on feeding behavior; and assessing alternative feeding programs to reduce feed costs in finishing cattle, growing cattle, and wintering beef cow feeding programs. He also mentors graduate and undergraduate students.

Meet the New Beef Unit Manager

Billy Ogdahl is the new Beef Unit Manager, effective June 2, 2015. Billy’s phone numbers are 701-799-0528 (cell) and 356-3279 (Beef Unit). His email is william.ogdahl@ndsu.edu.

“Hello, I'm Billy Ogdahl. I'm from Buffalo, MN, where I played hockey (like every good Minnesotan) and graduated from high school. Upon graduation, I chose to attend NDSU. While at NDSU, I was involved in the Saddle & Sirloin Club, student government, Blue Key Honor Society, and worked as a student employee for the Animal Sciences Department. I received my undergraduate degree in Agricultural Economics in May 2015.

When I'm not working with cattle, I enjoy working on cars, shooting guns, hunting, and fishing. I am fortunate to work at such a great university and for such an exciting department! I plan on using the knowledge and skills I have learned to actively contribute to the continued success of the Beef Unit and NDSU Animal Sciences.”
In the News
Lisa Christenson was featured in an article about pet insurance and the peace of mind it offers pet owners in an article in the Grand Forks Herald on May 26. The complete article is available online at http://www.grandforksherald.com/accent/family/3752336-insurance-gives-pet-owners-peace-mind.

Green and Gold Gala
The department’s scholarship fundraiser for 2015 is the Green and Gold Gala which will be held on September 19. You and your family are invited to cheer on the NDSU Bison football team during a watch party at the Fargo Air Museum and to join us for a banquet and live and silent auctions following the game. The auctions will raise money for the Animal Sciences Scholarship Endowment. Cost is $25 for the watch party and $35 for the banquet. To register or for more information, visit www.ndsualumni.com or call Lisa Dubbels at 701-231-7657.

Noon-5:00 p.m. Appetizers and cash bar (Gouda meatballs, chicken drummies, chili from Side Street Grille & Pub)

2:30-5:00 p.m. NDSU vs. UND football watch party (chips/dip, tortilla chips/salsa, pretzels)

5:00-7:00 p.m. Social hour

7:00-8:30 p.m. Banquet (prime rib, rosemary potatoes, vegetable, salad, dinner roll, dessert by Animal Sciences Carnivore Catering)

8:30-9:30 p.m. Live and silent auctions

9:30-11:00 p.m. After party

If you are interested in seeing the game in person, register by June 30 for a chance to win two seats at the game with Paul Berg, professor emeritus of animal science.
Equine Industry Tour (photos from ANSC Facebook page by Tara Swanson)

Ten undergraduate students in Animal Sciences 496, Equine Industry Tour, spent a week traveling in Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska touring equine facilities and visiting with industry professionals, including Rocky Mountain Equine Hospital, YO Equine Ranch, King’s Saddlery, CSU Orthopedic Center and Reproduction Lab, Complete Equestrian Vaulting, Robin Hayes Cutting Horses, Eagle’s Wing Therapy and Rehab Center, Littleton Equine Hospital, Cinch Outlet, U.S. Wild Horse & Burro Facility, and Pitzer Ranch.

The instructor for the course is Tara Swanson.
Meet Blaine Novak
Blaine Novak grew up on a family livestock, grain, and feed distributing operation in Fordville, North Dakota. Their registered Angus cow herd was the primary focus; however they were also active with feeder hogs and horses. He completed his B.S. at North Dakota State University during the spring of 2015 and will be studying Animal Behavior under Dr. Sarah Wagner in the following terms. Blaine’s office is in Hultz 108. His email is blaine.novak@ndsu.edu and his phone is 231-7630.