**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 27, 2011 - B&B/Scholarship Banquet - Swiftel Center - 6:00 p.m.
May 7, 2011 - SDSU Spring Commencement
May 14, 2011 - SD Feeder Pig Derby
June 10-11, 2011 - Livestock Judging Teams Reunion
October 1, 2011 - Beef Bowl
March 30-31, 2012 - 89th Little International

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**MEAT ANIMAL EVALUATION TEAM**


At the contest in Madison, the team competed against 15 other teams and had a very successful day finishing as the high team overall, 1st in the meats division, 3rd in the market animal division, and 5th in the breeding animal division. Individually, Kern was 3rd overall and 1st in the meats division; Grussing was 4th overall, 4th in the meats division, and 7th in the breeding animal division; and Edleman was 6th overall and 4th in the market animal division.

At the National Contest held in Stillwater, the team finished 4th overall, 2nd in the market animal division, 4th in the breeding animal division, and 6th in the meats division, while receiving 3rd in total beef and total sheep as well as 5th in total swine. The team had a great day in the market animal division, setting a record for points earned, only to have that beaten by Oklahoma State in the same contest. Individually, Grussing was the 2nd high individual, 1st in total beef, 2nd in the breeding animal division, and 4th in the market animal division; Kaufman was 11th overall, 3rd in the breeding division, and 8th in total swine; Kolthoff was 5th in total sheep; and Fruechte was 10th in total sheep.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Biology major Chris Misar successfully defended his M.S. thesis on April 1, 2011. The title of his project was “Evaluation of Yellow-flowered Alfalfa (Medicago sativa L. subsp. Falcate (L.) Arcang.) for Grazing in the Northern Great Plains”. He was advised by Drs. Lan Xu and Roger Gates.

The SDSU Quadrathlon Team traveled to Ames and Des Moines, IA to compete in the regional contest at the Midwest Animal Science Meetings where they placed 9th overall in competition with 14 other universities. Team members included Ann Kolthoff, New Hampton, IA; Katie Wedel, Fairmont, MN; Brittany Strayer, Sebeka, MN; and Josh Lee, Rapid City, SD. Dr. Aimee Wertz-Lutz accompanied them to the contest.

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**GAMMA SIGMA DELTA AWARDS**

George Perry won the Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award for 2011, and Kyle Schell was inducted into this Honor Society of Agriculture at their banquet held at the Swiftel Center on April 12.
The 88th Little International was held on April 1-2, 2011. Lee Sanderson, Lake Preston, SD served as Manager and was assisted by Colton Buus of Lennox, SD. Faculty advisors were Jen Eide and Dr. Gregg Carson.

Award winners included:

- Greg Laleman, Currie, MN, Pete Pritchett Award
- David Buseman, Canistota, SD, High Point Freshman
- Brett Tostenson, Milan, MN, High Point Upperclassman
- Kyle Sommers, Waseca, MN, Champion Overall Showman
- Sarah Sample, Platte, SD, Reserve Champion Showman
- Emeritus Professor, Dr. Lowell Slyter was named the Honored Agriculturist.
- College of Ag & Bio Teacher of the Year nominees included HFLP Instructor, Kimberly James and two ARS faculty members, Drs. Jeff Held and Sara Winterholler. The award was won by Dr. Thomas Schumacher of the Plant Science Department.

Entertainment featured a poultry showmanship contest amongst a wide variety of SDSU personnel including ARS Department Head, Dr. Clint Rusk. He showed us his livestock showmanship skills as he adeptly guided a goose around the Little I Arena.

Pictured above are women from the Department of Animal and Range Sciences who were honored as nominees in the Faculty, Career Service, and Student categories at the SDSU Woman of Distinction Tea on Tuesday, March 29th. The program, is sponsored by the SDSU Women's Studies Committee. Congratulations to Aimee and Brenda who were selected as the winners in the Faculty and Career Service categories, respectively.
AG IN THE CLASSROOM

ARS undergraduates in the Beef Leaders’ Program are pictured with students at the Estelline Elementary School on March 21st as part of their Ag in the Classroom program.

2011 SDSU BULL SALE

The 2011 Bull Sale was held on Friday, April 8th. The sale was managed by the Seedstock Merchandising Class under the direction of Dr. Sara Winterholler and Mr. Kevin VanderWal, Cow/Calf Unit Manager. Block and Bridle Club members served lunch prior to the sale. Bidders from South Dakota, Minnesota, Alabama, and Kansas purchased the 25 bulls.

Sale averages were $3,764 for Angus bulls and $4,300 for the SimAngus bulls. Thanks to the Cow/Calf Unit crew for all their hard work preparing the bulls for the sale and providing a positive experience for bidders on sale day.

NEW GRANDSON FOR CAROL KLEINJAN

Carol and Tom Kleinjan have a new grandson. Lucas Austin Kleinjan was born on March 26, 2011 to Nick and Jennifer Kleinjan of Edina, MN. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

MAY ARS BIRTHDAYS

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CONCERNS

We extend our sympathies to Don Karlstad and his family on the loss of his sister, Dorothy Woestehoff. She passed away March 21 in Henderson, MN.