

February  
2016

“Tails” of Animal Sciences

I hope this month’s “Tails” finds you healthy, happy, and eager for Spring. The days are getting longer and you can feel the sun’s heat on a clear day. That reminds me of my lecture last Monday in ANSC 498 (Integrating Animal Sciences). Do you know that the US EPA reports that agriculture is responsible for only 8.4% of all greenhouse gas emissions in the US? Livestock contribute less than half of agriculture’s total. I ended class with a trick question: do you know what causes global warming? The answer is below.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> marked Spenser’s 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. Fitting that he was born on Groundhog’s Day, and that’s not because of his weather prognostication skills. You may not know that Spenser had major surgery to remove a nasty malignant tumor in Feb. 2014. He was given 6 months to live. You would never know it to see the way he has approached his duties in ASL in the past 2 years since we arrived. His goal is to bring joy to those he meets. Pretty good job for a bird dog in an Animal Sciences Department. I know our students appreciate the love he shares.

I encourage you to scan through the pages of our newsletter. Our faculty, staff, and students continue to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. We had remarkable 8 faculty recognized at the Annual Faculty Awards presentations last month. At the ACES Funk Awards in April, a total of 9 faculty, staff, and graduate students will be recognized for their distinguished accomplishments. Next month our students and faculty will share their discoveries at the Amer. Soc. of Anim. Sci. and Amer. Dairy Sci. Assoc. Midwest meeting in Des Moines. Their accomplishments add to the legacy of this great department. I choose to focus on these positives in this newsletter, rather than dwell on the budget challenges we face because the State has not passed a budget or appropriated funds for higher education.

Steve (and Spenser)

### Animal Sciences Laboratory



**ANSWER:**

Global warming is caused by the sun.



# ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU EAGLE AWARD

David Fischer, former Dairy Specialist for the University of Illinois Extension was awarded the 2015 Illinois Farm Bureau Eagle Award for Excellence. He was presented with this award during the IFB's annual meeting in December 2015. The full article can be found here:

<http://farmprogress.com/story-fischer-shauman-named-illinois-farm-bureau-eagle-award-winners-9-135007>

# MIDWEST REGIONAL ADSA-SAD 2016

Animal Sciences dairy students participated in the Midwest Regional ADSA-SAD 2016 conference in Fort Wayne, IN, February 5-7th. They had the Senior Quiz Bowl Champion Team.

Congratulations!



# STUDENT RECOGNITION

Christina Hanna, a student working with Professor Parsons, successfully defended her M. S. thesis "Phosphorus Bioavailability and Digestibility in Canola Meals Determined by Different Methods".

We wish Christina success as she starts in her new position of poultry farm and processing plant auditor with Farm Animal Care, Training, and Auditing (FACTA).

Congratulations Christina!

Caroline Gonzalez Vega, a student working with Professor Stein, successfully defended her Ph. D. thesis on "Digestibility of calcium and digestible calcium requirements in pigs". We wish Caroline success as she joins Evonik Industries in Georgia as a technical service manager.

Congratulations Caroline!

# FACULTY RECOGNITION

*Faculty Awards and Recognitions  
Presented at the February ACES Faculty Meeting*



## ANIMAL SCIENCES

Anna Dilger	2015 NACTA Educator Award North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture
Ryan Dilger	Future Leader International Life Sciences Institute of North America
James Drackley	Fellow American Dairy Science Association
Neal Merchen	Fellow American Society of Animal Sciences
Roger Shanks	Award of Honor American Dairy Sciences Association
Hans Stein	DSM Nutritional Sciences Award Royal DSM
Matthew Wheeler	Distinguished Service Award International Embryo Transfer Society

# FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENT RECOGNITION

## THE COLLEGE OF ACES AND PAUL A. FUNK RECOGNITION AWARDS

APRIL 11, 2016

### 2016 Award Recipients

Sandra Rodriguez-Zas	Paul A Funk Recognition Award
Rodney Johnson	Spitze Land-Grant Professorial Career Excellence Award
Anna Dilger	Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching
Phil Cardoso	Faculty Award for Excellence in Extension
Janeen Salak-Johnson	Karl E. Gardner Outstanding Undergraduate Adviser Award
Robert Knox	John Clyde and Henrietta Downey Spitler Teaching Award
Pamela Utterback	Professional Staff Award for Excellence
Myra Sully	Staff Award for Excellence
Brad Daigneault	Louis V. Logeman Graduate Student Teaching Award

# CLERY LIAISON TIPS

Here are a few guidelines/tips/FAQ that will help with determining what travel should be reported:

- 1. Per the Clery CAM Policy Compliance Procedures, Clery Liaisons will be responsible for “registering locations where students go on university-sponsored travel, provided that (a) the duration of travel lasts three nights or more; or (b) there is repeated use on an annual or more frequent basis of a specific location used for accommodations (e.g., hotel, inn, hostel).”*
- 2. The University **has** to make the reservations or arrangements for the travel to be reportable. If a student makes their own hotel reservations, this would **NOT** be reportable. Even if the University reimburses the student for the travel upon their return, if the University did not take part in making the arrangements then there is no written agreement between the University and the hotel/location, therefore **NOT** reportable.*
- 3. This is **NOT** applicable to faculty/staff travel. **ONLY** students (which include Grad Students).*
- 4. This travel is not based on the totality of the trip, but the actual length of stay at one specific location. For example, a professor takes a class on a 8-day trip to California. They stay one night at a hotel in Nebraska on the way there, stay 6 nights at the hotel in California, and then one night in Oklahoma on the way back. The only location that would need to be reported would be the California address.*
- 5. If the same hotel is used every year this location would be reportable. For example, a staff member takes students to Chicago for a weekend museum tour and they stay at a specific hotel every year. Even though the travel is not 3 nights or more, they use the same hotel repeatedly, so we would consider this frequently used.*
- 6. It does not matter with what funds the travel is paid for. If the University arranges the travel and has that ‘written agreement’ with the lodging location, and it meets the time requirements, then it is reportable.*

For additional information see the Division of Public Safety website:

<http://www.dps.illinois.edu/cleryact/index.html>

# SPRING 2016 ACADEMIC DEADLINES

## March 8 (2:00PM)

- Faculty deadline for reporting midterm grades for freshmen

## March 11

- Deadline to drop UG POT 1 course via [Student Self-Service](#) without grade of W
- Deadline to drop GRAD POT 1 course via [Student Self-Service](#)
- Deadline to remove UG incomplete grade from previous semester to prevent change to F grade
- Deadline to elect credit/no credit or change credit/no credit to regular grade basis in UG POT 1 course
- Deadline to file intent to use Campus Grade Replacement option in a UG POT 1 course
- Deadline for UG to withdraw from Spring 2016 semester without grade of W
- Deadline for LAW students to drop semester course without grade of W

## March 14

- Priority registration Time Tickets (earliest registration times) for Summer and Fall 2016 available on [Student Self-Service](#)
- POT B courses begin (non-traditional courses may begin earlier or later)

## March 18

- Deadline to add UG POT B course
- Deadline to add GRAD POT B course via [Student Self-Service](#)
- Deadline for all students to drop POT B course for refund if reducing assessment range

## March 19–27

- Spring Break

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