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State President Greetings

By Chris Quamme

Greetings, my name is Chris Quamme. I am currently attending my third year in college. My first two years of school I attended Williston State College where I am originally from, and now I am attending Dickinson State University. A majority of my interests revolve around agriculture and the outdoors. I really enjoy hunting, fishing, and different competition shooting events.

PAS has been a great experience for me so far. I have been in it since my first year of college. It wasn't until that point that I had learned of PAS. That is why my plan is to inform more high school students about PAS. I know that many people say that they will never forget a certain camp or organization that they were part of, but this is really true for me with PAS. I have met many good friends through this organization and many memories that I will surely never forget.

The state convention shall be one to look forward to this year. We will be having a great number of competitions including the popular ag. sales competition. Also there will be a couple of new events added to the list. Great food and events will be held at the hotel with the college bowl Wednesday night. The new state president and state secretary will be elected, which I encourage all of you to run for these positions to really show us your great leadership skills.

I would also like to encourage as many of you as I can to consider going on the national convention trip. This trip is a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of people. Last year we traveled to

Idaho Falls, Idaho. All who competed did well in their own divisions including the N.D. beef specialist competition and our own John Deere group. This year the national conference will be held in Fort Worth, Texas. Traveling arrangements are not 100% yet but are being considered. Have a good year and hope to see you all at state.



State Secretary Hello

By Jessica Thompson

My name is Jessica Thompson from Arnegard, ND and I am currently at junior at Dickinson State University. I am majoring in nursing because of my love for people and I find that it is a very challenging career!

FFA was a big part of my life growing up. I was active in the Watford City FFA program for four years, and I took advantage of what they had to offer, by participating on the livestock and horse judging team, as well as participating in public speaking and demonstration contests. FFA helped shape the person I am today, and I am happy to have an organization like PAS to continue my passion to be involved with agricultural issues.

I have been a member of the North Dakota PAS for three years now, and am currently serving as the 2007-2008 PAS Secretary. Being able to represent the PAS at a National level was a continuance of my dream, because I see so many more opportunities to promote PAS at such a level. It is an honor to represent such a rewarding student organization, and the students involved are what make it so.

The DSU chapter is very involved on campus and was proven when the chapter received the Club of the Year award from the university, just this past year. Our members represent our chapter well at the state and national level and I am so glad to be apart of it. My favorite contests to be involved in are Ag Sales and Livestock Specialist.

Anyone involved in PAS would not hesitate to say that it is one of the best collegiate organizations that anyone can take part in. Being a nursing student, some kids wonder why I am taking part in an agricultural program, and I tell them "just because my degree is not "Ag" bound, my heart's still tied to the value of agriculture!" One important thing for students to know is that when applying for jobs after college, employers never doubt the ability of students who were involved on campus. PAS is just one organization to get involved in, but of every club I have ever participated in, PAS without a doubt exceeds the rest.



BSC PAS/Ag Club

By Jessica Hauge, Reporter

“A Busy Fall For BSC PAS”

The BSC PAS club has been very busy since the beginning of the school year. Within the second week, we had our new officers elected and were well on our way to a new and exciting year. The out come of the officer election brought Walker Sabin out as president. Adam Balk was elected vice president, Haylee Wax as secretary, Kari Heaton as Treasurer, Jessica Hauge as reporter, and Paul Renner and Joe Odermann as the club’s board of governor representatives.

From the start, the officers decided that they were going to have a successful year. Many club events were planned and we also decided to be more active in our community and complete more community service projects over the year.

The first activity our club had was a celebration of officer election and a mixer barbeque. The barbeque gave all of the members of the club a chance to get to know one another better and it also gave old friends a chance to reunite from the summer. Hamburgers were grilled and members had a great time socializing. The new officers also got a chance to get to know each other better as well as the other members in the club.

After the opening barbeque it was time to get down to business and begin planning the annual fall trip. The advisors this year decided it was time to travel to North Central North Dakota, so from there it was up to the members and officers what we wanted to see. So together, the advisors came up with a broad spectrum of stops and tours.

The trip was held during National PAS Week on October 2-3 and the first stop was in Harvey at the Dakota Prairie Organic Flour Mill. The group toured the mill and learned a lot of information on the production of organic flour and worldwide marketing. Next was the Engstrom Bean and Seed Plant near Leeds. A full tour was given and we were off to Kenner Simmental Ranch also near Leeds. Kenner’s Simmental operation was a large operation that had a lot of technology incorporated into it. Kenner Farms, a separate entity to the ranching part of the operation, was also very interesting. The night was spent on Lake Metigoshe at the Quilt Inn. Day two lead us to the future sight of a sow farrowing operation, Turtle Mountain Pork, located west of Bottineau. The farrowing buildings were currently under construction when the tour was taken, however, it was amazing to see the layout of the building. Next it was on to Pete Artz’s and Gabe Thompson’s embryo transfer ranch near Antler. A better part of the morning was spent there learning about embryo transfer and the layout of Pete’s yard and facilities. We finished the two-day tour at Feland Farms, also near Antler. This was quite an experience from the John Deere custom combining and combine repair operation, to the home-made self-propelled spraying unit, and it was obvious that anyone who worked here was not afraid of getting their hands dirty. Also, the extensive Camaro collection was also fun to see.

After the fall trip the club focused again on community service activities and various things that would bring the club together. There have been numerous suggestions for community service projects, but one in particular that sparked our attention. Early in the school year, a member of our club’s father passed away in a tragic motorcycle accident. James Leier, who was a freshman at BSC, then returned home to take over his family farm. With such a big responsibility, the club contacted James to see if there was any way we could help. James has given us a few tasks that he figured would be most helpful, and the club is still awaiting anything more that he has to do.

The club has had numerous meetings and time to get to know one another, and October 30th, a club Halloween party took place. Members of the club prepared barbeques, salads, desserts, and much to have an evening together. After gathering in BSC’s tech shop, the group enjoyed a great supper, had a pumpkin carving contest, bobbing for apples, and a costume contest. A great night was had by all, and it was a wonderful opportunity to just be a club.

In the upcoming months the BSC PAS plans to continue with community service projects, prepare for State PAS, National PAS, and resume with monthly club nights. We have discussed bowling, and a winter activity consisting of various activities in the snow however, that is, if North Dakota gets snow this year. We are working on fundraising by selling raffle tickets. Up for raffle are a shotgun, a .243 rifle, a quilt, an air-blown art picture, and jewelry.

As you can tell we have had a busy year so far and it has been enjoyable getting to know all the new members and being able to do all of the activities. We hope to continue our success to the end of this year!



DSU PAS/Ag Club

The Dickinson State University Post-Secondary Agricultural students are off to another great year! As usual the club has a busy year planned! The club's major fundraiser was not available this fall, but students compromised and found another way to raise money for their upcoming events. The students took advantage of cleaning the football stadium after several games, and made it fun while doing so. The club also has taken on another year of selling sandbags to local residents for those slippery winter months!!

The club is also adjusting to a new advisor, but she is doing great and the club is having a lot of fun!! For recreational activities the students have come up with fun, exciting ideas. To start out the semester a pot-luck and sand volleyball game took place, where students got down in dirty on the volleyball court after enjoying a good meal! The members also participated in a scavenger hunt around the town one night after a meeting. The kids split up into teams, which helped the new members get to know the returning members. A two-hand touch football game was also held one evening with hot chocolate to drink afterwards.

This fall we are starting to get ready for the State Convention in January, and already students are getting ready to pack their bags for the three day event-filled conference! The club is hoping to get all the freshman students signed up in Career Planning and Ag sales, and it is looking good. Along with getting prepared for state, the members are trying to get rolling on planning their big event for February, the Roughrider Judging contest. It is a lot of work, but the students love every minute of it.

The members of the DSU PAS Club are excited to begin another semester this coming January with many more events to come. Though the DSU PAS/Ag Club is a just one of many clubs on campus, it is part of a growing organization with students making a huge difference!

NDSCS PAS/Ag Club By Dørrek Ostby

After the State Contest in Minot, six students from NDSCS traveled to Idaho Falls, Idaho for the national PAS conference. Derek Ostby participated in the Animal Production Career Planning program and also served as one of the three auctioneers at the National PAS fundraising auction. Derek also participated along with Brandon Murch in the Crops Specialist Contest. Bobbie Jo Manikowski participated in the Equine Specialist Contest. Jessica Schwab participated in the Agriculture Technology Career Planning program. Bryan Bork and Austin Emerson took 1st Place in the Ag Machinery Service Technician Awards (AMSTA) contest earning themselves Plaques and Cash Awards. Brian Bork also received high individual in the AMSTA contest.

This was a very successful year for the NDSCS PAS students. They worked hard and did well at the state and national competitions. Derek Ostby Served as this past year's Chapter PAS president and he would encourage anyone interested in agriculture to give NDSCS a try and also join a great organization - PAS.

We are also saddened to report that Jessica Schwab, from Lisbon ND, one of our very active members was killed as the result of an automobile accident in November.

ND PAS Travels to IDAHO

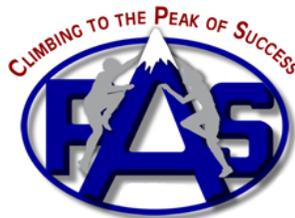
At 6 am on Monday morning March 12, the charter buss loaded near the greenhouse on the west side of the Tech Center on the NDSCS campus with Dr Anissa Wilhelm and 6 students aboard. On it's way across the state, the bus would stop at Fargo, Mandan and Dickinson to pick up the rest of the members and advisors heading to the National PAS Convention in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Our first stop in Bozeman, Montana, found us at a nice hotel, a meal at the local oriental buffet and a quick nights rest before a morning of skiing at "Bridger Bowl". Both novice and experienced skiers enjoyed a day of "Spring Skiing" and even those that did not ski enjoyed the view from the Great Lodge.

We then traveled south to Idaho and our destination at the Shilo Inn and Le Ritz Hotels in Idaho Falls. After getting settled in our rooms, getting registered and organized we jumped right into a full schedule for the conference. With many orientation meetings, college bowl rounds, interviews and tests, everyone was kept busy with competitions and meetings. There were also some fantastic tours to areas such as the Idaho Sheep Experiment Station, Riverbend Ranch, Larsen Potato Farms, Melaleuca Company, and the Teton Flood Museum, Teton Dam and Elk Ranch. There were also workshops on topics such as GPS, Internships, Bio-mass energy, Renewable energy sources, community service, leadership, and Collegiate Lifeknowledge. Entertainment included a trip to a Rodeo in Pocatello, a dance, a concert by the Bar J Wranglers and a motivational address from "America's #1 Cleaning Expert" Mr. Don Aslett.



North Dakota PAS members earned some outstanding awards on the National level again this year. In the Ag Machinery Service Technician Awards program, the team of Brian Bork and Austin Emerson from NDSCS won 1st place team and Brian was the High Individual. Each earned \$550 cash awards and Brian earned another \$500 for High Individual. The team also won a \$1000 grant for the NDSCS program for tools or training aids. The Bismarck and Dickinson chapters were recognized with the Gold Chapter Award for growth and program excellence. In the Employment Interview event, KaSondra Klein, NDSU placed 2nd and received a \$50 cash award in the Natural Resources division. In the Live-stock Specialist program, the Sheep team of Kim Spears - NDSU, Becky Dukart and Kyle Krebs - DSU, placed 2nd and received a \$150 cash award and plaque. The Beef Team of Calli Wold, KaSondra Klein - NDSU and Jessica Thompson - DSU, placed 1st and received plaques and \$300 cash plus KaSondra also won \$100 for high individual honors. Jessica Thompson and Chris Quamme served as our official Delegates. Other members attending included; Derek Ostby, Jessica Schwab, Bobbie Manikowski and Brandon Murch—NDSCS; Kris Novodvorsky, Andy Johnsrud, Rusty Makelky, Antoine Giaonnatti, Jeremy Huether and Sean Forester—DSU; Corey Lauth - WSC and State Advisor Doug Vannurden. PAS National Board member Brad Tews and AMSTA coordinator Larry Ascheman of NDSCS also traveled to the conference.



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WSC PAS

Last year Williston State College had approximately 15 PAS members attend state. We had a great showing there and nearly everyone received an award for the contest they participated in. The highlight of the state convention for us was that the new State President for 2007 was elected from WSC, Chris Quamme. Chris has been greatly missed this year as he finished here at Williston and is currently attending Dickinson State College to finish his bachelor's degree.

Shortly after the state convention, we hosted the photo contest at the National Hard Spring Wheat Show here in Williston as we do every year. This is something that we have been in charge of for many years and plan to continue. The Photo Contest is a highlight for those that attend the show. It's a lot of work setting up and taking down but we enjoy doing this for the Agriculture Community!

Before we knew it, the school year was coming to an end Wayne Berry, Agriculture Professor and PAS Advisor for 30 plus years retired. He was a great instructor and wonderful asset to the Williston State College Program. He'll be greatly missed by the program but we still see him around!

The new school year was a time to meet the new instructor/advisor, Kim Murphy and to start a re-building year. Our numbers are low this year as we lost approximately 13 members last year to graduation and only gained two new members! We started off the year by cleaning the ditches along the highway that the PAS club adopted years ago. We also had a game night before finals week as an end of the year fun night. All members are planning on attending state this year and we will again be hosting the Photo Contest at the National Hard Spring Wheat Show in February.

2007-2008 Membership

BSC.....	41
DSU	20
NDSCS	8
NDSU	38
WSC.....	6

Dues

ND PAS currently has 113 members! Additions/Memberships will be accepted until February 8. State & National PAS dues are \$20 per member. This is a unified dues package. Please use the National PAS Roster available through the National PAS website www.nationalpas.org (click on "Membership") to report your members – do not send the roster to the national organization – send it to state advisor Doug Vannurden at dvannurd@nd.gov.

PAS Mission

The National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization provides opportunities for individual growth, Leadership, and career preparation

Upcoming Events

2008

- Jan. 23 – 25 – ND State PAS Convention – Minot International Inn
- Feb. 8 – Deadline: discounted dues & affiliation for spring students due
- Feb. 22 – National PAS Hotel Reservations due
- Feb. 22 - National PAS Conference Registrations due
- Mar. 12 – 15 National PAS Convention – Dallas/Ft Worth, Texas

www.nationalpas.org

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- Yearly Calendar
- PAS Week Information
- PAS Logos & Forms
- PAS Recruiting Brochure
- The Comprehensive Guide to Starting your Chapter
- National PAS Handbook
- Career Program Information

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www.nd.gov/cte/post-secondary
(click on Agricultural Education)

NDSU PAS / CFFA
By Whitney Haux

It is another exciting year for NDSU PAS. This year we have grown to 35 members. Last spring officers were elected for the 2007-2008 school year and are as follows: Sarah Seefeld- President, Andrew Dosch- Vice President, Jayme Fiesel- Secretary, Luke Vangsness- Treasurer, Whitney Haux- Reporter/ CASAC, CSO representative; Ron Johnson-Sentinel/ Philanthropy chair, and advisor Brent Young. Our club has been very busy this fall and one thing the club has focused on is Fantasy Ranch. This is a club fundraiser that started off in October and ended in November. Each contestant paid a fee to be in the program. In the online program each person received \$10,000; four heifers, and one bull in the breed of their choice. Contestants had the opportunity to run their fantasy ranch the way they would run a normal ranch, with chances to breed, show, and sell cattle however they wanted to. Top three in different areas of the contest were awarded cash prizes, and were announced at the club Christmas party. Also, State Convention is fast approaching and members are busy preparing for several events that will be participated in. We look forward to seeing many of you in Minot at the convention!