

# ANIMAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12 - CBCIA Bull Test and Field Day, Intermountain fairgrounds, McArthur.  
October 5-6 - Animal Industry Conference, Fresno.

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Something should be said about the success of two graduate students in the competition papers at the Western Section, American Society of Animal Science at Logan, Utah. Jerry Mears placed second with his paper, "Glucose NEFA and Insulin Relations to Intake" while Larry Slade placed third with his paper, "Nitrogen Metabolism in Rabbits and Guinea Pigs".

Bill Garrett was unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Section, American Society of Animal Science for the upcoming year.

Boyd Bentley, Moira Tanaka, Gene Mikuckis recently received a promotion to Lab. Tech. II.

Ken Wagon was recently appointed to Academic Staff Budget and Personnel Affairs Committee for 1970-71.

The American-International Charolais Association donated \$5,000 for research to the Double Muscle Project (2477).

Dr. G. E. Bradford will be leaving September 1 to spend 10 months at ABRO and the University of Edinburgh - will be doing research with Finnish Landrace Sheep during this period.

During August, W. C. Rollins, along with other technical committee men of the NC-1, S-10, and W-1 Regional Beef Cattle Project, visited the new U.S.D.A. meat animal research center at Clay Center, Nebraska.

A National Committee on the use of EDP in Agricultural Production has been formed by the USDA. The field of Dairy Science will be represented by Don Bath for the next three years. The first meeting of the committee will be held at the University of Illinois on Sept. 29-30.

J. G. Morris and E. Payne, published a paper entitled "Ammonia and Urea Toxicoses on Sheep and their Relation to Dietary Nitrogen Intake". J. Agricultural Science. (Cambridge) 74:259-71.

Dr. Evans was one of the participants in the Siskiyou County 21st Annual Cattle Tour, Sept. 3rd and gave a talk on "Breeding Management of the Mare". With Fred Senter, Assistant Horse Herdsman, he also demonstrated various roping techniques.

Communications have recently been received from various administrative offices stressing rules regarding proper use of University vehicles. Please make sure you read and understand these rules if you operate a University vehicle. (Copy in office).

Dr. G. M. Spurlock attended the 4th International Wool Textile Research Conference on August 18-27, 1970, held at the Students Union on the Berkeley Campus. There was textile researchers from all over the world. He also attended the California Wool Growers Convention on August 13 & 14 at Fresno, California.

Reuben Albaugh received the California Wool Growers Golden Fleece award for services to the industry. This consists of a lovely golden, tanned sheepskin with a leather emblem on the flesh side indicating the recipient's name. There is also a framed plaque noting the presentation. Colorful and unique, this is one of the most coveted awards because it comes from the livestock producers that we serve.

J. Kris Piper, a junior in Animal Science has been appointed as student representative on the Teaching committee of the American Society of Animal Science for 1970-71, and attended the 1970 meetings in Pennsylvania. Kris will assist in planning the teaching section of the program for national meetings here at Davis in 1971. Comment and suggestions should be passed on to Kris by students as well as staff.

Dr. G. E. Bradford attended the Western Sheep Breeding Laboratory Collaborator's meeting at Dubois, Idaho, 7/17/70. While there he and Howard Meyer, who also made the trip worked with Dr. Clarence Hulet learning the sheep laparotomy technique for ovulation rate and pregnancy determination. He brought back 2 additional Finnish Landrace rams for use at the Hopland Field Station.

#### NEWS OF PERSONNEL

Cathleen Dalzell has filled the Extension position left vacant by the resignation of Beverly Birzele. Cathy "reported for duty" August 1, and is handling the official testing program (DHIR) along with her stenographical duties. She is a "native daughter" born and raised in Oxnard, and came to Davis by way of Fresno State and Sacramento where she worked almost 5 years for Crocker-Citizens Bank. Her husband Ronald is a student in Veterinary Medicine.

Richard Delmas, a new member of the department, commenced his duties as a Lab Tech at the Sierra Foothill Range Field Station, July 1, 1970. Richard, who just completed work for his M.S. at the University of Nevada, will be responsible for seeing that the departments research projects at the Field Station are carried out. He is married and has two children.

Bob, Dan and Gloria Bath and spouse returned to Davis August 1, after a refreshing year's sabbatical at Cornell. All enjoyed and profited from their experiences in New York but are happy to be home again.

VISITORS

Dr. C. J. R. Pritchard from the Department of Animal Science, University of Bangor, Bangor, Wales.

Dr. Norman Tulloh - Faculty of Agriculture, University of Melbourne Australia - gave a seminar on "Growth and Body Composition of Cattle and Sheep".

OTHER NEWS

We wish to welcome Ralph Carter and his good wife Ronaye. Ralph, hired by the Recreation Department has been quite visible at the horse barn and arena since July 1 where he is supervisor of all riding programs. Ralph brings considerable experience to the job as a riding instructor, horse trainer, horse showman and judge.

A series of pens at the Meloland Field Station are being refurbished for use by Agricultural Extension Service personnel in cooperation with Dr. Glen Lofgreen to study methods of receiving and starting feedlot cattle. The pens should be ready for use in mid-August.

If there are any industrial injuries, please report them. They have to be turned in and a accident report has to be filled out.