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PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications include the following:

“Associations of DNA polymorphisms in growth hormone and its transcriptional regulators with growth and carcass traits in two populations of Brangus bulls,” **M. G. Thomas**, R. M. Enns, **K. L. Shirley**, **A. J. Garrett**, and **G. A. Silver**. Genetics and Molecular Research 6(1):222-237.

“Validation of commercial DNA tests for quantitative beef quality traits,” A. L. Van Eenennaam J. Li, R. M. Thallman, R. L. Quaas, M. E. Dikeman, C. A. Gill, D. E. Franke, and **M. G. Thomas**. Journal of Animal Science 85:891-900.

“Long-term vegetation productivity and trend under two stocking levels on Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland,” **Godfrey Khumalo**, **Jerry Holechek**, **Milt Thomas**, and Francisco Molinar. Rangeland Ecology Management 60:165-171.

“Influence of body condition and bovine somatotropin on estrous behavior, reproductive performance, and concentrations of serum somatotropin and plasma fatty acids in postpartum Brahman-influenced cows,” R. Flores, M. L. Looper, R. W. Rorie, M. A. Lamb, S. T. Reiter, **D. M. Hallford**, D. L. Kreider, and C. F. Rosenkrans, Jr. Journal of Animal Science 85:1318-1329.

“Case Study: Impact of morbidity in finishing beef steers on feedlot average daily gain, carcass characteristics, and carcass value,” **J. W. Waggoner**, **C. P. Mathis**, **C. A. Löest**, J. E. Sawyer, F. T. McCollum, and J. P. Banta. The Professional Animal Scientist 23:174-178.

NEW STAFF

Joining the staff as Tech Support Coordinator is Kristian Robles, a NMSU graduate in journalism. He previously worked for KRWG-FM. Kris is located in Knox 206 and his phone number is 646-5088.

AWARDS DAY

The annual Awards Day was held on April 19, with Clint Löest, assistant professor in ruminant nutrition, receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award. Service awards were presented to:

Five Years: Sam Fernald, Clint Löest, Gail Silver, Mark Wise

Fifteen Years: Mark Petersen

Twenty Years: Julie Basile

Twenty-Five Years: Howard Rose

Thirty-Five Years: Calvin Bailey

VET SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

The following students have been accepted for veterinary school beginning in the fall of 2007:

Kari Atkinson – Colorado State
Brandi Hayes – Colorado State
Shanna Hardin – Colorado State
Brandon Herron – Colorado State
Desiree Laredo – St. George



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SPRING/SUMMER GRADUATES

Students who will be completing requirements for graduation during the spring or summer semesters include:

Animal Science:

Leslie Abercrombie (**Honors**)
Britton Bradberry
Marsha Bryant (**Honors**)
Chelsea Daugherty
Jared Decker (**Highest Honors**)
Kathryn Dickson
Shanna Hardin (**Honors**)
Brandi Hayes (**Honors**)
Brandon Herron (**Honors**)
Clint Hopper
Christina Houpt
Crystal Kinsel
Desiree Laredo
Stephanie Lopez (summer)
Letitia Mee
Erika Morales
Patrick Otis
Cherrell Owens
Sofia Padilla
Nicole Peck
Kristi Peters (**High Honors**)
Jenna Pisel (**Honors**)
Clinton Powell
Jessica Smith

Range Science:

Arthur Ariaz
Thomas Casados
Alicia Garcia
Lenora Hawkins

Graduate Students – Animal Science

Jill Benavidez (MS, summer)
Ashley Garrett (MS, summer)
Kimberly Richardson (MS, spring)

Beau Schilling (MS, summer)

Graduate Students – Range Science

Sherri Buerdsell (PhD, spring)
Ralph Fink (MS, spring)
Jose Franco (MS, spring)
Joaquin Gallegos (MS, spring)

STUDENT AWARDS

Animal Science students receiving the Dean's Award of Excellence include Leslie Abercrombie, Marsha Bryant, Jared Decker, Brandon Herron, and Jenna Pisel.

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Sympathy is expressed to Ron and Sue Parker on the death of his mother on April 13, 2007 in Albuquerque. She would have been 97 on April 17.

Nancy Jack, a NMSU graduate who received her MS in 1990 and PhD in 1992, was awarded the "Jack G. Justus Teaching Award" and the "John W. White Outstanding Teaching Award for the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences" at the University of Arkansas. Nancy is an equine science instructor at UA.

Congratulations to Adriane Wise, daughter of Mark and Barbara Wise, on receipt of the NMSU Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award this spring.



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