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INTERIM DEPARTMENT HEAD

Two candidates, Dean Hawkins and Tim Ross, submitted their applications for the interim department head position. Each presented a seminar on their background and vision for the department and voting by faculty and staff was done by secret ballot. Dean Catlett accepted the results of the vote and appointed Tim Ross as Interim Department Head for Animal and Range Sciences. He officially began his duties on August 21.

TRAVELS

Derek Bailey spoke at the Hubbard Feeds Beef Focus Conference in Sioux Fall, South Dakota on July 24-27. On August 6-8, he presented a seminar, "Modifying livestock grazing behavior to benefit wildlife and meet land management objectives at the Nebraska Grazing Conference in Kearny, Nebraska. He visited Amman, Jordan from August 13-20, meeting with USAID personnel regarding a NMSU/USAID joint international joint project.

Clint Löest, Chris Allison and Jerry Hawkes traveled to

Johannesburg, South Africa on a student recruitment trip.

Sergio Soto-Navarro attended the Aspen Perinatal Biology Symposium in Aspen, Colorado on August 23-29.

Kirk McDaniel will attend the 9th International Conference on Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasion in Perth, Australia on September 14-25.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

The following students have joined the graduate program in the department:

Howard Beuhler (PhD, McDaniel)

Rocky Burrows (MS, Fernald)

Ciara Cusack (MS, Fernald)

Kasey DeAtley (MS, M. Thomas)

Tomas Kaminenski (MS, Baker)

ARSGSA


Newly elected officers of the Animal and Range Sciences Graduate Student Association are:

President: Lily Hill

Vice-Pres.: Dustin Yates

Secretary: Travis Mulliniks

Treasurer: Sara Kuykendall



GSC Reps: Johnathon Walsh
Alfonso Islas
Volunteer Coordinator:
Ely Camacho
Social Chair: Sergio Valverde
Permits: Cole Gardner
Computers: Rocky Burrows

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Kim Kane, research specialist for Dean Hawkins since 2000, has been accepted to the School of Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University. She began her studies on August 14. Kim received her Ph.D. in reproductive physiology with Dr. Hawkins in 1999.

Samantha (Sam) Cortez, a work-study student in the departmental accounting office for the past 4 years, completed her degree in education in May and has been hired as a 5th grade teacher in Vado. She worked as an Accounting Tech Clerical Assistant over the summer months.

