TRAVELS

Milt Thomas attended the IBBA breed improvement committee meeting in Oklahoma City on September 23-25 and the ASAS Executive Committee meeting in Minneapolis on October 12-13. He will be traveling to Cuidad Obregon on November 4-7 to discuss research opportunities between ITSON and NMSU.

Sarah Veeder will attend the NARHA national conference in Fort Worth, Texas on November 16-21 for the purpose of obtaining certification as a mentor to continue helping students with instructor certification in therapeutic riding.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

The livestock judging team, comprised of Andrea Stapp, Brock Graham and Jessica Swapp, have been busy this fall. The team was in Albuquerque on September 12 to conduct a training session for 4-H and FFA teams and again on September 17 when the participated in the Jerry Hawkins Memorial Judging Contest. On September 19 the team participated in the Tri-State contest in Amarillo. On September 26 and October 3, the group conducted judging contests at the El Paso County Fair and Southern New Mexico State Fair, respectively. The team competed at the State Fair of Texas on October 5 and received the 5th place team award. An alumni judging contest was held on October 24 during Homecoming in the Livestock Pavilion.

FACULTY POSITIONS

Interviews are currently underway for the vacancies in Ruminant Nutrition and Reproductive Physiology. To date, Dr. Ryan Ashley (Colorado State University) and Dr. Nathan Long (University of Wyoming) have been on campus for the Reproductive Physiology position with Dr. Ronaldo Cerri (University of California, Davis) will interview on October 28-29. For the Ruminant Nutrition position, Dr. Eric Scholljegerdes (North Dakota State University) and Dr. David Sanson (Central Arkansas University) have completed their interview process and Dr. Elaine Grings (International Livestock Research Institute) will be on campus on November 9-10.

An offer has been made on the Companion Animal position and the Vegetation Management and Equine positions are currently on hold.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Animal and Range Sciences was well represented at the 2009
Homecoming with two recipients of Distinguished Alumni awards. J. B. Pruett, who received his degree in animal science in 1962 received the Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences honor. He was named an outstanding graduate for his graduating class in his college and was inducted into the Sam Steel Society in 2001.

William “Bilo” Wallace received the Office of International and Border Programs award. He earned his degree in 1968 and manages the Corralitos Ranch near Casas Grandes and currently serves as president of the Union Ganadera Regional of Chihuahua, a cattle growers association.

Scott M. Shafer, who received his BS in animal science in 1972 and his MS in 1973, is currently with Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo. Scott received the Animal and Range Sciences departmental Distinguished Alumni recognition, and serves on the Corona Range Livestock Research Center advisory board and is active in numerous civic and business organizations in Carrizozo.

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Fleeces from the West Sheep Unit received 1st, 2nd, Reserve Champion and Champion honors in the Farm Flock Division at the New Mexico State Fair Wool Show. The Corona Range Livestock Research Center had fleeces place 1st and 2nd in fine wool, 2nd and 3rd in ½ blood ewe, 1st in 64’s ewe lamb and 2nd in ½ blood & coarser ewe lamb in the Range Fleece Division at State Fair Wool Show.

Thanks to all that supported the Animal and Range Sciences Graduate Student Association (ARSGSA) “Brisket Sale”. Over 100 briskets were sold with proceeds to be used for graduate student travel to scientific meetings.

Congratulations to Stephanie Hicks and Roy Johnson on their marriage on October 17 in Hobbs, New Mexico. Stephanie is a work-study student in the departmental accounting office.