ALLRED TO RETIRE

Kelly Allred, professor of range science, will retire effective June 30, 2010. Dr. Allred joined the department in 1979 and has taught the range grasses and plants courses as well as coached the Plant Judging Team. His area of interest and research has been in the area of plant taxonomy and grasses of the southwest and he has also served as an Extension Plant Identification Specialist. Kelly received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in botany at Brigham Young University while his PhD was earned in range science at Texas A&M University. He was awarded the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Teaching Award of Merit while at NMSU.

PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications are as follows:


TRAVELS

Clint Löst and Reid McDaniel attended the Plains Nutrition Council meeting in San Antonio, Texas on April 22-23.

Dennis Hallford attended the W-112 regional research meeting in Davis, California on May 16-18.

At the strategic planning meeting of the USDA-ARS Brahman research program held May 19-21 in Brooksville, Florida, Milt Thomas presented a seminar, “Genomic research of bovine reproduction: from hair to calves.”

Laurie Abbott will meet with range scientists and managers in Adelaide and Port Augusta, Australia to tour rangelands in that
country on May 17-June 13 as part of her sabbatical leave.

Attending the 16th Wildland Shrub Symposium on May 18-20 in Logan, Utah was Andrés Cibils. He gave a presentation titled “Sapling overstory-understory relations on one seed juniper (Juniperus monosperma [Engelm.] Sarg.) encroachment sites in New Mexico.” Dr. Cibils will be visiting Mali (West Africa) on May 24-June 10 to work with Winrock International on a USAID-funded project working with small goat farmers on improving the use of cassava in feeds for small ruminants in the area of Ségou.

CORONA FIELD DAY

The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center will host “Half Day of College” at the center on Thursday, June 10 with registration beginning at 9 am. Classes offered include “Solar and wind energy for the landowner – options, costs and returns;” By-product feedstuffs – nutrition, costs and concerns;” and Animal Health – Trichomoniasis (Trich). For more information or directions to the ranch, contact Shad Cox (575-849-1015 or shadcox@nmsu.edu). Lunch will be provided.

STUDENT NEWS

The following Animal and Range Sciences students have been selected as 2010-2011 ACES Ambassadors: Katherine Cox, Kayla Hinrichs, DeLane Luce, A’Lora Norris, and Shannon Norris.

Receiving the departmental “Distinguished Graduating Senior” medallion at the Sam Steel reception were Leslie Barmann (Cimarron), Brock Graham (Melrose), Nick Padilla (Isleta Pueblo), Logan Potts (Clovis), and Andrea Stapp (Roswell). A special recognition was also given to Stacey Madson, departmental secretary and NMSU animal science alumnus, who received her master’s degree in business administration.

The NMSU Pre-Vet Club elected officers for the 2010-2011 academic year. These include Jourdan Washburn (President); Chris Gomez (Vice-President); Aurora Torres (Secretary); Courtney Smith (Treasurer); Cora Hollomon and Sylvia Torres (Historians); Tirza Fielder and Karen Roop (ACES representatives).

Congratulations to Staci Stanbrough, animal science senior, recipient of the 1st Brooks and Dunn Endowment NMSU Rodeo Team Scholarship.

SPRING 2010 GRADUATES

Front Row (L to R): Lauren Martinson, Christabel Castro, Maria Martinez-Perez, Leah Lankförd, Andrea Stapp, Leslie Barmann, Joe Armendariz, Kacie Deines

Second Row (L to R): Brock Graham, Lizette Porras, Lori Richardson, Christina Bean, Naomi Martin, Nick Padilla, Melissa Christensen, Curtis Chee

Back Row (L to R): Dr. Tim Ross, Warren Edaakie, Logan Potts, Zach Ozborn, Kelley Hendricks, Sam Rowan, Patrick Pachta, Russell Johnson, Thomas Mendez