

# ANIMAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11-12, 1970 - California Livestock Symposium, Fresno, California.

September 11, 1970 - CBCIA Fall Field Day, McArthur, California.

September 12, 1970 - CBCIA Central Bull Test Sale, Intermountain Fairgrounds,  
McArthur, California.

## THE CHAIRMAN SAYS

The department expresses its appreciation to the California State Horseman's Association and especially Mr. George Cardinet for the successful presentation of the University of California Equine Benefit Horse Show on April 25 and 26. Kudos are due Warren Evans for his coordination activities and especially to his Horse Production class for excellent work on the ring crew and in other services.

Kudos, also, to the crew responsible for the animal alumni news letters. Ken Wagon has agreed to assume responsibility for shepherding future issues of this as well as the monthly letter.

## VISITORS

Dr. Charles Parsons (M.D.) will be working with Dr. Ashmore for the next two years. Dr. Parsons is supported by a special NIH Post-Doctoral Fellowship and will be doing research to complete his Ph.D. at Harvard University.

John Byn Owen of Downing College, Cambridge England visited the Department on April 23 to discuss sheep research.

Dr. N. M. Kieffer, Animal Geneticist at Texas A & M, visited with members of the double muscle project (2477) and inspected the cattle.

NEWS OF PERSONNEL

Werner Stielau has been named Professor and Head of the Department of Animal Science at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Rube Albaugh has never been thrown from a horse but a chair threw him on his patio and he suffered a cracked vertebrae. Hospitalization was not required, he has been recuperating at home the last two weeks and is making satisfactory progress.

On his trip to Cal Poly, Dr. Ronning dropped in for a brief visit and a cup of coffee with Joy Beal who was most eager to hear about the activities of everyone in the department and sends her greetings to everyone. Joy is Office Manager at the Hunter's Inn, a Best Western Motel, in Santa Maria and would be pleased to have anyone who happens to be traveling in that area drop in for a chat. She wonders why the girls in the office are not better correspondents than she is.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. Ronning has received approval for 3/4 time relief from academic and administrative duties during July 1 through September 30, 1970 (mini-sabbatical). It is anticipated that critical departmental administrative matters during this period can be attended to during an average of two hours per day. The remainder of the time will be devoted fully to matters concerning the teaching of Animal Science 1 and related animal science subject matter.

Will Moger and Dr. Geschwind have a paper in the February issue of General and Comparative Endocrinology titled "Investigation of the Cross-Reaction of Rat Prolactin with Antisera to Ovine Prolactin."

Dr. Ashmore will present a paper at the Pacific Slope Biochemical Conference in San Diego in June, titled: "Characteristics of Mitochondria Isolated from Normal and Dystrophic Chick Skeletal Muscle".

Late in May, W. C. Rollins will meet with the Research and Performance Committee of the AICA in Houston, Texas to advise on an Educational Program for Beef Cattle Selection.

Dr. Ronning recently enjoyed visits with animal scientists and other colleagues at San Luis Obispo and Fresno and brought back greetings from several mutual friends on those campuses.

Jim Elings attended the annual meeting of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) in Kansas City, Missouri, April 9 and 10. BIF is made up of member organizations including state BCIA's and beef breed associations, working toward a goal of standardizing beef cattle performance evaluation programs. Our own CBCIA program is still one of the most complete and sophisticated programs being used by cattlemen.

University of California Equine Benefit Horse Show. This show was sponsored by the California State Horseman's Association Equine Coordinating Committee and presented and managed by the Oakland National Horse Show. Proceeds from the show are to be used to reduce the fee for students enrolled in the equitation classes (Recreational Riding Program).

The show was successful in that about 500 top riders and horses were exhibited during the two days of competition. The English Division was held Saturday, April 25th and judged by Miss Elia Thorsen of Santa Barbara. Mr. Robert Vargas of Sacramento announced the English Division. The Western Division was held on Sunday. It was judged by Mr. Richard Shrake of Oregon City, Oregon and announced by Mr. Ed Hill of Oakland. The Dressage Division was judged by Col. Han Moeller of Los Altos, California. It was a Class B show for Pacific Coast Hunters, Jumpers and Stock Horse Association and a Class C show for American Horse Show Association. The show was also approved by California State Horseman's Association and California Dressage Association for high points.