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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 1-5, 1971 - American Society of Animal Science, Davis.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Bob Ashmore presented two papers at the Annual Histochemical Society Meetings in San Diego on November 17th and 18th.

Jim Elings has been appointed Co-chairman of the Beef Section of the California Livestock Symposium for 1971. Program planning is underway and will include some work with exotic crossbreeds. He will also be working at the International Livestock Exposition in Las Vegas in December as part of the evaluation team for the 1970 show.

Chris Nwosu (M.S., 1967) wrote September 21, from Nigeria where he hopes to get a teaching position at the University of Nigeria. He wants his friends to know he survived the Nigerian conflict (he was Biafran) and that he is safe and well. Chris hopes to return to UCD someday to work on a Ph.D. in Animal Genetics.

The Animal Industry Conference held in Fresno was attended by Jim Clawson, Don Bath, Glen Lofgreen and Jim Morris. Farm Advisors in attendance were Al Mitchell, Chet Perry, Bob Miller, Arron Nelson and Nelson Adams.

Kudos to Animal Science majors who are recipients of undergraduate scholarships: Peter Chiaravanout, Tuition Waiver; Marc Eckhart, James M. McDonald Scholarship; and Betty Teasdale, Regents Scholarship. There are over 100 scholarships awarded in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, including 23 in Pre-Vet, which gives some idea of availability of scholarships. This should be publicized, especially when speak-

ing to potential students. The Elmer Hughes Memorial scholarship this year went to an Ag-Bio-Sci major. See the information posted on the bulletin board relative to filing applications. The Registrar reports 99 majors (37 women and 62 men) in Animal Science, an increase from last year: 9 freshman, 12 sophomores, 40 juniors and 38 seniors. Obviously, most majors are transfers, many from Pre-Vet. How many do you know?

Jim Elings has been appointed Co-chairman of the Beef Committee for the 1971 California Livestock Symposium to be held in Fresno on June 17-18, 1971.

Requests by staff members, or graduate students, for funds from the Intercampus Opportunity budget should be made promptly on the blue "Application for Intercampus Research Grant" form, with adequate supporting explanation of project and detail of budget requirements, and forwarded to the Committee on Research, 267 Mrak Hall. Rules governing this are in Section 60-2 of the Policy and Procedure Manual. These funds can be used for travel to any of the campuses or field stations of the University and for field work based there.

Jim Elings will be attending the International Cattlemen's Exposition, December 2-5, 1970, to serve on the visual appraisal team with Drs. O. D. Butler, of Texas, and Don Good of Kansas. He will also be assisting with the certification of the bulls consigned to the Exposition.

NEWS OF PERSONNEL

Louis Latrille and Fernando Garcia have passed their qualifying exams and will now proceed in their research work with renewed vigor.

Cedric Nott passed his qualifying exam in Genetics on October 20.

VISITORS

Dr. John Vercoe, CSIRO, Rockhampton, Old Australia, Dr. Gordon D. Brown and Mr. Peter A. Lewell, New Brunswick (Canada) Research and Productivity Council, visited in the department November 11 on their way to Thailand to initiate studies on the use of Algae as a livestock feed.

OTHER NEWS

On November 17, 1970, 83 bulls owned by 21 members of the California Beef Cattle Improvement Association started the preconditioning phase of the 1970-71 official CBCIA central bull test on the Whipple Ranch, Shasta County. Eight different breeds are represented, including Horned Hereford, Polled Hereford, Angus, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Charolais, Brown Swiss and Red Angus X Simmental hybrids. The 1971 bull sale is scheduled for September 11, at the Intermountain fairgrounds in McArthur.