



Animal Science News And Announcements *September, 2007*

1. **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU:** The purpose of the Animal Science Student Newsletter is to keep ANSC students informed! Please email Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu if you have suggestions as to topics or news items you would like included in future issues.
2. **INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE:** The Lutz Children's Museum located in Manchester, CT (~ 20 minutes from campus) has internships available in the following areas: Humanities/Arts Programs, Animal Programs, Science Programs, Early Childhood Programs, Director's Intern and Store Management. The Lutz staff is willing to modify internships to meet the individual needs of qualified applicants. Qualifications include completion or enrollment in a topic related college degree program. For more information, please visit www.lutzmuseum.org.
3. **NOTICE TO STUDENTS:** In the last academic year, there were a number of instances, campus wide, of students attending classes without being registered in the course. This, of course, is not fair to all the students who are registered and paying, as well as those who were denied registration and may have followed procedures for wait-listing. Students may access the procedures for late registration through the "Failure to Register" section of the undergraduate catalog, and are responsible for following them. Faculty have been made aware of the Senate By-Laws regarding improper registration or failure to register and will provide the name(s) of students not found on their class list to the Registrar's office.
4. **REGISTRATION WORKSHOP:** The College of Agriculture & Natural Resources will hold "Prepare for Registration Night", a registration workshop for students, on Wednesday, **October 17, 2007** at 6:30 p.m. in the W. B. Young Building, Room 100. This workshop will teach students the steps to successfully register for courses for the Spring 2008 semester. There will be a demonstration of the PeopleSoft – Student Administration System. Prepare for Registration Night is geared toward new freshmen and transfer students but all CANR and RHSA students are welcome to attend.
5. **WORK STUDY DEADLINE:** Students who currently have Work Study funds are reminded to secure a Work Study job by the deadline of **October 12, 2007** or risk losing funding. Positions are still available in the Department of Animal Science including the Dairy Bar, Horse Barn, Kellogg Dairy Center, Poultry Barn and Dr.

Andrew's lab. Contact Jen Simoniello, Administrative Coordinator, at Jennifer.simoniello@uconn.edu if you are interested in employment in the Department of Animal Science.

6. **DR. ANDREW IS BACK!**: Dr. Sheila Andrew is back from her Spring '07 sabbatical. Students who were assigned a substitute advisor in her absence may resume seeing Dr. Andrew for their advising needs.
7. **SHARE CLUB NEWS**: If any clubs or sororities/fraternities want to publicize meeting dates/events or share general news with Animal Science students, just send an email to Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or phone at 486-1088 and she'll place your announcement in the next ANSC Newsletter.
8. **SPORTHORSE TOURNAMENT**: The Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament 2007 will be held October 31 through November 4, 2007 at the Oncenter Complex in Syracuse, NY. There will be an exciting line-up of Clinics and Demonstrations including "Raising the Bar the Madden Way" by Equitation Trainer, Frank Madden and Olympic Gold Medalist, Beezie Madden on October 31st. A Professional Seminar Day designed to provide the latest information to help ensure an optimal environment of health and well-being for horses will be held on November 1st. Full-time student tickets are \$15.00. Tickets for special events range from \$7.50 to \$25.00. For more information, visit www.SyracuseInvitational.com.
9. **BEEF LIVESTOCK JUDGING COMPETITION**: Farmfair International, Canada's Premier Livestock Showcase will hold a Youth Showcase Beef Livestock Judging Competition on November 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Post secondary classes are open to students from accredited colleges and universities. Team members must be enrolled students in good standing at their respective institutions. The entry application must be signed officially by the team coach or advisor, certifying that all team members are eligible for entry in this contest. An entry fee of \$100 per team will be charged for entering this contest. Individual contestants can enter for a fee of \$30. Enter online at www.farmfairinternational.com by **September 30, 2007**. For a complete list of general rules and regulations, stop by the Animal Science main office, room 107 in the George White Building.
10. **INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE – EXOTIC ANIMALS**: Black Pine Animal Park is accepting applications now for their winter internship (**October 1st deadline**). Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or older and preferably enrolled in an undergraduate program of study such as biology, zoology, or a related field. Applicants must be self-motivated, responsible, and able to work well with others. The application can be found at www.blackpineanimalpark.com/internships.htm. Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and two letters of recommendation with their application. There are also opportunities for Spring Internships (February 1, 2008 deadline) and Summer Internships (April 1, 2008 deadline).
11. **NATIONAL DAIRY SHRINE PIONEER**: Each year National Dairy Shrine honors living or deceased "pioneers" of the dairy industry. One of this year's honorees is Dr. Bob Foote. Dr. Foote was born on a Connecticut dairy farm and has spent his career dedicated to researching the limits of dairy reproduction, then teaching practical solutions. He received his Ph.D. at Cornell University in 1950 and began his research there, exploring new methods to process semen. His early research

and continued exploration throughout his career led to the discovery of more efficient methods of semen harvest, processing, and analysis; the application of antibiotics to semen, and development of semen extenders; more advanced estrous detection methods in the female, embryo transfer, and, eventually, cloning. His methods are now standard practice in A.I. organizations and dairy operations across the globe. Dr. Foote's pioneering spirit and dedication has extended beyond his professional life and continue on to this day.

12. **EMERITUS ANSC FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD:** Dr. William A. Cowan, emeritus faculty member and former Dept. Head of Animal Science for 32 years, was presented with the 2007 Agricultural Adventurers Award at the Eastern States Exposition on May 17, 2007. Dr. Cowan was selected for this award based on his exceptional contributions to New England agriculture.
13. **COLLEGE OF AG T-SHIRTS FOR SALE:** College of Agriculture and Natural Resources T-shirts are now for sale! T-shirts are \$15 each. T-shirts may be purchased (cash or check accepted) in the Academic Programs Office (W.B. Young Building, Room 211). Please make checks payable to the "University of Connecticut". Agriculture and Natural Resources T-shirts make a great gift for friends and family, graduating students, alumni, student workers, and co-workers! If you would like to see what the t-shirt looks like, visit <http://www.myagnr.uconn.edu/T-shirts.html>.
14. **EQUINE INTERNSHIP – KENTUCKY:** The Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) Program located in Lexington, KY is a non-profit organization that provides paid internship opportunities for college students or recent college graduates on Central Kentucky Thoroughbred horse farms. Application deadline for Spring sessions is October 31st. More information about the KEMI program can be found on their website at www.kemi.org. ANSC students have participated in the past. Contact Jen Simoniello at Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or 486-1088 for more information.
15. **AGR FRATERNITY:** Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) is a professional fraternity open to those in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Engineering, Biological Sciences, and several other fields. AGR holds several events each year including a pig roast, formal dance, bonfires and other social events. AGR is a very active fraternity and if you have an interest in such things as sports, snowmobiling, off-roading, or the outdoors, this may be the fraternity for you. For more information, please email Jordan.Takvorian@uconn.edu or call 978-602-2553. You may also visit their website at www.uconnagr.com.
16. **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:** The Throlson American Bison Foundation will award three scholarships, one for \$2,000 and two for \$1,000, to three outstanding college junior, senior or graduate students studying bison or fields related to the bison industry. The program was established to recognize, encourage and promote leadership among future bison industry professionals. For more information, visit www.bisoncentral.com or email info@bisoncentral.com. Application deadline is October 1, 2007 and scholarships will be announced no later than November 5, 2007. Funds will be sent to your school no later than November 25, 2007.

17. **DAIRY OPPORTUNITIES IN ITALY:** Students are invited to attend a seminar to be presented by Dr. Sheila Andrew on October 5, 2007 at noon in room 209 of the George White Building. Dr. Andrew's talk will be "Cheese production and student opportunities in dairy in northern Italy."

18. **CLUB NEWS:**

U.C. MORGAN DRILL TEAM: Try-outs were held on September 14th for 4 open spots on the UConn Morgan Drill. The turn out was overwhelming with 30 riders competing for the openings. Congratulations to Brittany Banning, Elizabeth Casserly, Megan Charity, and Megan Mooney who were selected to ride on the team after very careful consideration.

The UConn Morgan Drill Team will host their annual "Fun Show" on Friday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. (the night before Little "I") at the Horsebarn Hill Arena. Students who already ride in the UConn Horse Practicums can ride in the Fun Show as well as students with their own horse. Horse draw will be held one week before the show. There will be prizes for championship classes and ribbons for all other classes. The entry fee is \$5 per class, \$1 secretary fee. For more information contact Liz.Ackell@uconn.edu.

On October 7, 2007 the Drill Team will be performing for the Cornucopia crowd when the Polo team takes an intermission.

On October 14, 2007 a select few horse and rider teams will march in the Homecoming parade.

DRESSAGE TEAM: The Dressage Team will be holding a bake sale at the UConn Morgan Drill Team Fun Show. Profits will benefit Dressage Team. The team's show schedule for this semester is:

9/29 University of Vermont (Away)
10/13 University of Massachusetts (Away)
11/17 Mount Holyoke College (Away)
All shows start at 10:00am.

POULTRY SCIENCE CLUB: Big E Omelet Demonstration!

The UCONN Poultry Science Club will be at the Big E on September 22 and 23, 9a.m. - 9p.m. in the Connecticut State building. Come learn to make an omelet and have it come out right every time. They will be making the usual vegetable, cheese, and meat filled omelets as well as dessert omelets. You can have a free bit of omelet and learn something about cooking when you stop by. If this sounds like a cool event and you want to see what else the poultry club has to offer, contact gabrielle.howe@uconn.edu for more information.

DAIRY JUDGING TEAM: The Dairy Judging Team members competing at the Big E this year were Rachel Leone, Rachael Garland and Stacia Twarog. Rachel Leone was 5th high individual in Holsteins

At the Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Harrisburg, PA, team members were Stephen Bspuda Jr., Rachel Leone, and Stacia Twarog. There were 19 teams in this contest, the most ever. Steve Bspuda had perfect scores

on both Holstein classes, Rachel Leone had a perfect score on Jersey 3 year olds, and Stacia Twarog had perfect scores on Ayrshire cow and Brown Swiss cow classes.

DAIRY CLUB: The Dairy Club will be bringing 10 cows (5 Holsteins and 5 Jerseys) and 8 heifers (4 Holsteins and 4 Jerseys) from UConn's dairy barn to the Big E for a production herd display from September 27 to September 30, 2007. They will also have a display at Cornucopia.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM: The UConn Equestrian Team will host an Intercollegiate Horse Show on campus at the Horsebarn Hill Arena on Saturday, Oct 20th. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please email Robyn.O'Toole@uconn.edu.

19. **LITTLE INTERNATIONAL SHOW:** The Little "I" Show will be held on Saturday, October 27th at the Horsebarn Hill Arena. The show will start at 8:30 a.m. and run all day. Stop by and show your support for the Animal Science Block & Bridle Club - oldest running club on campus. It's free and open to the public. Animal Science students will compete in showing dairy and beef cows, sheep, horses, pigs, and poultry. It's fun to watch. The schedule of events will be available on the Animal Science web page a week before the show.
20. **NAVIGATING CAREER NIGHT:** The College of Agriculture & Natural Resources and the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture will hold "Navigating Career Night" on **Tuesday, October 30th** from 12:00-12:45 p.m. in the W.B. Young Building, Room 207-208. This event is a preparation for Career Night to provide students with tips on how to communicate with potential employers and other career representatives in a career fair setting. The workshop will be co-presented by Career Services and Natasha Bangel (Animal Science alumnus). RSVP to Katie Upson, 486-2920 or Kathryn.Upson@uconn.edu.
21. **CANR/RHSA CAREER NIGHT:** The College of Agriculture & Natural Resources and the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture will hold its third annual Career Night on **Thursday, November 1st**, from 5:30-7:30PM in the Wilbur Cross Building, North and South Reading Rooms. Alumni and other professionals representing over 40-50 careers in the fields of agriculture, natural resources and allied health sciences will be in attendance and eager to discuss your career options with you. In addition, experts on resume writing, interviewing, study abroad options, and pursuing graduate school will be available. RSVP to Katie Upson, 486-2920 or Kathryn.Upson@uconn.edu.
22. **SCHOLARSHIP- STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE BEEF INDUSTRY:** Applications are being accepted for the Beef Industry Scholarship Program, sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF) and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME). Ten scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to students pursuing careers in the beef industry. Full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a two-year or four-year college for 2008-2009 are encouraged to apply. A full description of the scholarship program and submission requirements can be found at the National Cattlemen's Foundation website: <http://www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org/schoBeefIndustryScholarship1948.a.spx> or by calling 303-850-3388. All entries must be postmarked by **October 5, 2007**. For more details students can stop by room 107 in the George White Bldg.

23. **ATTENTION STUDENT CLUBS/TEAMS:** Student organizations (ANSC clubs & teams) are required to re-register with the Department of Campus Activities, Center for Student Involvement for the 2006-2007 academic year. Clubs that do not re-register will not have an account in the Student Activities Business Office and can not make reservations for space. The on-line re-registration form is located online at <http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/vdStuOrg/index.cfm?fuseaction=regorg>. Any questions about organization re-registration can be directed to the Center for Student Involvement at 486-6588.
24. **FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITY - YALE:** When you are ready to search for a job after graduation, don't forget to consider Yale University. The Yale Animal Resources Center at the Yale University School of Medicine announces positions in veterinary technology at one of the world's leading research and educational institutions. The Center provides technology and health care services for animals. For a brief description of job duties, benefits and qualifications, stop by the main office room 107. Interested persons should contact Emilia Hogan at emilia.hogan@yale.edu or send a resume to: Veterinary Clinical Services, P.O. Box 208016, New Haven, CT 06520-8016
25. **HUSKY BUCKS – UCONN DAIRY BAR:** Students can use their Husky Bucks to purchase delicious UConn ice cream from the UConn Dairy Bar, located behind the George White Building.
26. **DECEMBER GRADUATES:** If you are planning on graduating this December, please **contact your advisor** now to review and submit your plan of study. Students are invited to stop by the George White Bldg. Room 107 to pick up a copy of “*Steps To A Successful Graduation*” sheet prepared by the Degree Auditor, Office of the Registrar.
27. **RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS:** A new Learning Resource Center has been established for student educational technology help. Students can now get help for Vista, e-portfolio and other computer technology competencies. Students may call the LRC at 486-1187 or visit on Level One of the Homer Babbidge Library. Current LRC hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Saturday – closed).
28. **HUSKY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:** The Husky Ambassador program is looking for volunteers. The Husky Ambassador program offers prospective students the opportunity to “shadow” a current UConn student. Volunteers can choose to spend just a few hours or an entire day with prospective students - even an overnight. If any club/sorority/fraternity members or Animal Science students are interested in volunteering please email Jen Simoniello at Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or call 486-1088.
29. **STUDENTS APPLYING TO VET SCHOOL:** A couple of resources are available in the Animal Science main office for students applying to vet schools. One of these resources is a write-up by a former student about their experiences with applying to vet schools. We also have sample interview questions from different universities. If interested, please stop by the Animal Science main office in the George White Building, room 107 for a copy of these items.