

Win or lose, Sitz feels it's how you run course

By Paula Ditrack

Sometimes you win and sometimes you don't, but Nebraska state fair exhibitor Ardell Sitz agrees that either way leads to excitement.

Sitting astride his large brown and white pinto mare, Sitz warily eyed the obstacle course he was expected to guide his horse through.

Sitz, of Indianola, Iowa, started the day with a win when his mount, Executive

Lady, was named Champion Mare of the Pinto show Tuesday.

But, the trail class that afternoon presented more of a challenge than either he or his wife expected.

During a horse show trail class riders are expected to ride their horses through such ticklish situations as through boxes of water, around cones and through tires, Mrs. Sitz said the obstacles and patterns

for every trail class differ but she added that the Tuesday Pinto trial class was the "toughest one I've seen."

Executive Lady shys

Executive Lady calmly cooperated as Sitz opened, rode through and shut a gate. However, she shied before stepping on a board floating in a box of water, and as Mrs. Sitz said, "had balled things up" by the end of the course.

"I doubt if Ardell even places," Mrs. Sitz said. She explained that both she and her husband were thinking of more than afternoon than showing Executive Lady.

Their daughter, Sherry, who also was entered in the afternoon competition had yet to arrive on the grounds. A state patrol man contacted Mr. and Mrs. Sitz at 5 a.m. Tuesday. The horses Sherry was to bring to the show were missing from the pasture.

The Sitz family has been showing horses at the Nebraska state fair for seven years. This was the fifth and last year Executive Lady would be shown. She has been bred and Sitz is making plans for the mare he will show next year, he said.

Calling her one of the family, Mrs. Sitz said Executive Lady never would leave their farm. She said they bought a couple of spotted ponies for their daughters 20 years ago and then the "hobby had turned into a business."

They now keep 11 horses and raise colts for sale, she said.

Likes Nebraska

Mrs. Sitz said she likes Nebraska because "the people are friendly." She added that the layout of the fairgrounds is more convenient for horse exhibitors than the arrangements at other places.

She said her family kept pintoes because "we just like spotted horses."

Agreeing that loud colored horses are attractive, Roger Mass of Denton, Neb. said the state fair show drew more than 150 pintoes. The horses came from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma as well as Nebraska.

Mass said the Nebraska chapter of the National Pinto Horse Association consists of about 70 families.

A member of the Nebraska charter, Kris Jefferies of Waverly, is the first runner-up to the National Pinto Queen. The contest was last July.

Jefferies said "I have to show them," but she admitted that at times she wondered why she keeps showing horses. She said things sometimes get confusing.

Mrs. Sitz agreed that confusion is a part of horse shows as she nervously eyed the clock waiting for her daughter.

Sherry arrived on the grounds at about 3 p.m. in time for her events.

Program updates faculty

By Gail Stork

Along with current plans to improve the Nebraska Union, remodel classrooms and increase the capacity of utilities at UNL, there now is a program for revamping teachers as well.

The Faculty Development Fellowships, approved by the NU Board of Regents last Nov. 20, are designed to "update, renew, broaden, retrain and strengthen existing faculty at UNL," according to the Policy for Faculty Development Fellowships at UNL.

Michael Turner, president of the UNL faculty senate, said the fellowship program is the first formal development program NU has provided for its permanent faculty members. He said since faculty members are the university's major investment, "it only makes sense to maintain this precious resource."

The purpose of the fellowships is to allow faculty members to engage in research, artistic activity or the study of teaching or professional innovations to increase their contribution to UNL.

The fellowships allow the fellows one semester leave at full pay, or an academic year at half pay, said Larry Andrew, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs. He said none of the research materials, equipment or necessary travel are financed by the program.

"In essence what they (the fellows) are getting is time," he said.

Fellowships awarded

Sixteen members of this "precious resource" at UNL received fellowships in June, about one of every fifteen eligible faculty members, Andrews said.

Fellowships awards went to: A. Robin Bowers, John Braeman, Hui-Ying Chung, James K. Cole, Mark J. Hammer, James C. Kimberly, William J. Long, John C. Meakin, David M. Nicholas, James L. Roberts, Norman R. Simon, Alvin J. Surkan, George E. Tuck, Leslie T. Whipp, Arthur B. Winter and Peter J. Worth.

Fellowship awards were made on a competitive basis at the college level, following general guidelines specified in the fellowship policy, Andrews said.

Each applicant's written proposal is judged "with due regard to the benefits to be derived by both the faculty member and the university," according to the policy.

"They (the chancellor and faculty members) evaluate your idea, your ability to carry it out, then give you the time to get it done," Turner said.

Most of the fellowships went to faculty members with research already underway, so the semester will be devoted to completion of the project, Andrews said.

Replacements necessary

Departmental scheduling must be considered along with the application, Andrews said. Because of the university requirements concerning the fellowships, no regular courses may be deleted in the absence of a fellow, he said.

Not all departments are able to arrange a colleague or substitute to replace the instructor in time, leaving some of their instructors ineligible for that semester's program.

Robin Powers, professor of English currently teaching Shakespeare, will pursue his research on the Elizabethan period during his second semester fellowship, he said.

Bowers said the chronic problem with research in this area is that the necessary books are in European libraries, the reason for needing a full semester away from teaching to get the project done.

Bowers said some of his work will lead to publications, but everything he learns will filter down to his students when he resumes teaching Shakespeare.

"It (the research) is a developmental aspect in terms of my teaching," Bowers said.

Bowers described the fellowships as "NU's version of the sabbatical leave with an element of competition involved."

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