

NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING: The next Northeast Regional Meeting will be held from 10-13 October 1975 at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The program will consist of several formal symposia as well as traditional and short paper sessions, films, and workshops. There will be ample opportunity for informal discussion and recreation. Regional members will receive a preliminary notification and registration forms by mail. For information write Dr. John Fentress, Department of Psychology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4J1, Canada.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MEETING: Euclid Smith is trying to organize a Southeastern Regional Meeting during the Winter of 1976. Those who are interested and have thoughts on location or other particulars should write him at: Yerkes Regional Primate Center, Field Station, 2409 Collins Hill Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30245.

The Division of Animal Behavior of the American Society of Zoologists invites contributed papers for the ASZ-AIBS meetings in New Orleans, May 30 - June 4, 1976. The deadline for abstracts will be January 5, 1976, and the appropriate forms will be included with the November NEWSLETTER. For extra copies or more detailed information, write to: Mary Wiley, Business Manager, American Society of Zoologists, Box 2739 California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, CA. 91360.

The New York Academy of Sciences will sponsor a multidisciplinary "Conference on Origins and Evolution of Language and Speech" September 22-25, 1975 at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City. The conference will be chaired by Horst Steklis, Stevan Harnad, and Jane Lancaster. For information contact: Conference Department, The New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63rd Street, New York, New York 10021 (212 838-0230).

A group interested in applying quantitative methods to play research was organized at the 1975 ABS meetings in Wilmington. An informal newsletter is planned. If interested, submit your name, affiliation, research interests, and publications (including theses) to Marc Bekoff, Department of EPO Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

BERMUDA PRIMATE CENTER NAMED FOR C. RAY CARPENTER: Dr. Aristide H. Esser, Director of Research of the International Psychiatric Research Foundation announced on behalf of the Board of Directors that their "Primate Center on Hall's Island, Bermuda has been renamed the 'C.R. Carpenter Primate Center.' This Center encompasses a long-term field study of the behavior and ecology of a group of gibbons living in a designed environment. Behavioral data is (sic) collected by direct observation and through the advanced technologies of time-lapse photography and radio telemetry.

In response to Dr. Carpenter's untimely death, this Center which bears his name will stand as a permanent monument to his broad scientific accomplishments and his specific pioneering work with the gibbon in Bermuda."

C. Ray Carpenter was one of the earliest primate behaviorists to make field studies and was helpful in founding the Animal Behavior Society in which he retained membership for the remainder of his life. - - - Jack P. Hailman

FILMS: The following 16mm films on gibbon behavior are available through the Pennsylvania State University, Psychological Cinema Register, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802.

- (1) Gibbon Group Research on Laulanui Island, color, 9 min., sound, by R.J. Paluck and A.H. Esser.
- (2) Gibbon Locomotion, color, 5 min., silent, by A.H. Esser.
- (3) Gibbon Research in a Designed Environment, color, 12 min., sound, by C.R. Carpenter, G. Teleki, L. Baldwin.
- (4) Activity Characteristics of the Gibbon
 - Part I. Ecology and Maintenance Behavior
 - Part II. Locomotion
 - Part III. Social Behavior
 color, different playing times, sound, by C.R. Carpenter.

The films, made in conjunction with Dr. C.R. Carpenter, are with groups of gibbons on islands in Hawaii and Bermuda. Please contact Psychological Cinema Register for rental and purchase fees.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDITOR

This is a summary of the detailed report filed with the Executive Committee at the annual meeting in May 1975. A limited number of copies of the full report are available for distribution to interested members; write to the Editor within one month, after which time extra copies will be destroyed.

Animal Behaviour is being published on time in England, but will continue to arrive by boat about one month later in America. Several years ago the Executive Committee voted not to arrange for expensive transAtlantic airmailing of copies, which would significantly raise dues. Barring shortened English work-weeks, postal strikes and other unusual circumstances suffered by the journal in the past, Animal Behaviour should continue to appear on time.

A series of new mechanisms has been established to allow more time for American authors to receive and return proofs. It is hoped that these new mechanisms will eliminate most of the kinds of difficulties that have plagued recent issues. Authors are requested to return proofs with 48 hours, and to appoint someone to do so in their stead if they are out of town when proofs arrive.

Most manuscripts now receive initial review within 90 days of submission. Final manuscripts appear in print within 9 months of forwarding to England. Therefore a minimum processing time is about 12 months for a well written manuscript; those undergoing extensive revision will take longer to reach print. The minimum time is about the same as that of Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology, and appears to be slightly faster than Zeitschrift für Tierpsychologie and Behaviour.

Several new procedures have been instituted in the Editorial Office to speed processing of manuscripts submitted. These innovations include "form" letters for routine matters, which cut composition time of the Editor and typing time, and a new, detailed set of instructions on the preparation of typescript. Potential authors may obtain a copy of the detailed instructions by dropping a postcard to the Editor. Adherence to these instructions will speed copy-editing, and hence put manuscripts on their way to England more quickly.

During 1973 and 1974 submission rates of manuscripts were about 125MSs/year, but the submission rate is noticeably higher in early 1975. About 21% of the manuscripts originally submitted during 1974 have been accepted for publication, about 45% rejected or withdrawn, with the remainder in various states of revision and processing. During both 1973 and 1974 the acceptance rates calculated in terms of manuscripts on which a final decision has been reached are about 31.5%. This rate appears to be running slightly higher in the early part of 1975.

Two innovations instituted recently appear to be successful. Processing fees are charged to non-members of A.B.S. who submit manuscripts, and several authors in this category have joined the Society in lieu of paying the special fee. Members who volunteered to review manuscripts in their research areas have done an unusually careful and balanced job. The call for volunteers is therefore reiterated: Send to the Editor your name, address, and area of specialty in which you can provide competent and balanced review.

Authors must submit two copies of every manuscript sent for processing, but it is useful to the Editorial Office to have a third copy. In many cases a third copy is not used, but in some cases a third copy will facilitate processing in a number of ways, and hence speed the handling of a manuscript. Therefore, authors are requested, when possible, to provide a third copy on a voluntary basis.

The Executive Committee considered in detail the feasibility study made by former Editor Jerry Hirsch's special committee on beginning a new journal. Although there was general agreement that the Society is headed toward a journal of its own, the present size and growth rate of the Society and the bleak fiscal situation prevent founding a new journal at the present time. The issue, however, will continue to be reviewed periodically as the Society grows.

During discussion of the Editor's report at the annual business meeting, Dr. George Barlow reminded reviewers of manuscripts to express criticisms objectively and with humanity. Because ethology is a young and growing science many authors will be submitting their first manuscripts; these papers may show inadequacies, but the shortcomings should be pointed out with a spirit of helpfulness. Some other suggestions made concerning editorial processing are under study by the Editorial Board. Animal Behaviour belongs to the membership; the responsibilities of the Editor, Editorial Board, reviewers and authors are made easier by continued constructive criticism and ideas from a variety of sources. Voice your questions and suggestions at the annual business meetings or write to the Editor. - - - Jack P. Hailman, Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 53706.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS 15 OCTOBER.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY:Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
January 1, 1974 Through December 31, 1975BEGINNING CASH, JANUARY 1, 1974:

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Mid-Florida, Gainesville, Florida	\$19211.44	
University City Bank, Gainesville, Florida	11023.47	
The First National Bank of Gainesville, Gainesville, Florida	<u>9455.06</u>	
TOTAL BEGINNING CASH		\$39689.97

CASH RECEIPTS:

Regular Membership Dues	\$18295.00	
Student Membership Dues	5269.50	
ESA Subscriptions	3990.00	
ASZ Subscriptions	2025.00	
Interest	1555.46	
Royalties	751.93	
Miscellaneous	<u>457.86</u>	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS DURING YEAR		\$32344.75
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE DURING YEAR		\$72034.72

CASH DISBURSEMENTS DURING YEAR:

Association For The Study of Animal Behavior	\$11112.00	
Salaries	4906.92	
Newsletter	990.25	
Taxes	828.88	
American Institute of Biological Sciences	719.68	
Meeting and Programs	695.25	
Editor	663.32	
Office Expense	580.05	
Treasurer	517.25	
Membership Lists	360.30	
Miscellaneous	239.67	
Dues Refunded	233.00	
Educational Committee	200.00	
Secretary	<u>39.01</u>	
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS DURING YEAR		\$22085.58

ENDING CASH, DECEMBER 31, 1974:

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Mid-Florida, Gainesville, Florida	\$20246.87	
University City Bank, Gainesville, Florida	20247.21	
The Atlantic First National Bank of Gainesville, Florida	<u>9455.06</u>	
TOTAL ENDING CASH, DECEMBER 31, 1974:		\$49949.14

Minutes of the Animal Behavior Society Business Meeting;
24 May 1975; Wilmington, North Carolina

1. President Hirsch called the meeting to order at 1706.
2. President Hirsch thanked host John Williams, his crew, and Program Officer Ed Price for their excellent job on the Wilmington meeting. He noted that there were approximately 630 registrants and 268 formal presentations.
3. Siegel moved and Scott seconded acceptance of the minutes of the 1974 ABS Business Meeting. Passed. President Hirsch noted that the reported appointment of a member-at-large to the Nominating Committee was unconstitutional.
4. President Hirsch reported on actions taken in the 1975 Executive Committee meeting:
 - a) Monetary surplus from the Wilmington meeting will revert to the ABS treasury. The Policy Committee will recommend guidelines for the disposition of any surplus or deficit resulting from future meetings.
 - b) Continued participation of the Human Ethology group at ABS meetings is encouraged but prospects for future splitting or integration of the group will be monitored.
 - c) The 1976 ABS annual meeting will be held on 21-25 June at the University of Colorado, Boulder and hosted by Marc Bekoff and David Chiszar.
 - d) The recommendation of the Policy Committee that ABS continue to have annual, independent North American meetings was endorsed. ABS members were reminded that they may submit papers to ESA and ASZ through the section/division affiliation.
 - e) Despite the growing size of the ABS meetings, there will be no screening or rejection of formal presentations.
 - f) The 1974 financial statement, which is to be published in the August Newsletter, had been circulated and the Treasurer had presented an accounting of income and expenditures for 1975 to date. Funds for travel by the newly-elected Treasurer to Gainesville to facilitate the transition will be allocated. Treasurer Don Dewsbury was commended for his excellent service.
 - g) A revised and updated list of graduate programs in animal behavior is being prepared by the Education Committee chaired by V. DeGhett.
 - h) S. Rebach, Chairperson of the Organization and Bylaws Committee, had presented the revision of the Constitution for discussion. A final draft will soon be mailed to the membership for approval.
 - i) J. Hirsch had reported for the ad hoc committee on the founding of an independent ABS journal. After extensive discussion, the Executive Committee had agreed by consensus that, while founding an independent journal remains a viable option, it is now premature. Editor J. Hailman's efforts to remedy problems with the British publishers and printers of ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR appear now to have been successful, thus obviating the primary rationale for founding an independent journal. Cost increases to members and lack of hard data on projected ABS growth were additional factors in the decision.
 - j) Hailman announced that ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR is now being received shortly after the publication date and should in the future, barring mail strikes. The backlog of manuscripts submitted to the North American editor has been cleared and should not reappear. Monographs which had been accepted for ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR MONOGRAPHS have now all been published in ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR. The journal will continue to receive monograph-length articles. The current review period is about three months; the time taken by authors for revision is highly variable; the lag from final acceptance to publication is about nine months (compared to about 11 months for ZfT, 15

months for BEHAVIOUR, and 12 months for JCPP). Four (3.1%) of papers submitted in 1974 are still out for original review, nine (6.9%) are out for review of revision, 32 (24.6%) await revision from authors, 27 (20.8%) have been accepted, and 58 (44.6%) have been rejected or withdrawn. Hailman noted the success of his call for volunteer reviewers and invited additional ABS members to volunteer. Hailman noted that some reviewers are tardy and thus are not asked again to review manuscripts. Authors would be well-advised to submit an extra copy of their manuscript so that, if an original reviewer did not respond, the manuscript could be sent quickly to another reviewer. It was suggested from the floor that potential reviewers be asked in advance if they were willing to review a manuscript within the prescribed time. Reviewers were reminded to be objective and diplomatic; anonymity should not be used to express caustic sarcasm.

- k) Hailman introduced Gilbert Gottlieb, Associate Editor of JCPP, who called the attention of the ABS membership to a change in that journal's policy. Since 1974, JCPP has actively sought papers where subject species was relevant, i.e. the journal is once again truly comparative. JCPP prefers to publish papers which report on a substantial series of interrelated experiments. In response to questions from the floor, Gottlieb noted that the JCPP rejection rate is 65%, the lag from acceptance to publication is about 12 months, and that ethologists (including ABS members) serve as reviewers.
- l) "Predator-Prey Interactions", organized by H. Ambrose, and "Courtship Behavior in Arthropods", organized by B. Matthews, had been accepted as symposia for the 1976 ABS meeting at Boulder. No ABS funds were appropriated for these symposia but the organizers are encouraged to seek outside funding.

5. Program Officer Ed Price asked for members' comments on the minipaper format. It was suggested from the floor that the printed program of future meetings be cross-referenced to an alphabetical index of authors.
6. Hirsch urged ABS members to increase their input to Executive Committee considerations by making their views known to the Members-at-Large (currently S. Carter, B. Sachs, and R. Warren).
7. Policy Committee Chairperson H.B. Graves announced that his committee encourages the development and maintenance of regional meetings. The next Northeast regional meeting will be held in mid-October at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia hosted by J. Fentress. The next Midwest regional will be held in mid-October at the Gull Lake field station of Michigan State University hosted by J. King. Dewsbury noted that the Treasurer's office will supply mailing labels to organizers of regional meetings at no cost. Requests for labels should be submitted two months in advance and should state zip codes of the mailing area.
8. Membership Committee Chairperson J. Fentress noted increased ABS membership and thanked current members for suggesting names of prospective members.
9. The call for New Business brought no response.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 1748.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin B. Beck

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1976 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1976 meeting of the Animal Behavior Society will be held at the University of Colorado in Boulder June 21-25, 1976. Transmittal forms for contributing papers will be included in the November NEWSLETTER. Information on registration and housing will be distributed with the February (1976) NEWSLETTER. Plan to attend.

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