34th Annual Little International at the University of Connecticut

Mounted on ESTELITA, Miss June Potter of Dartmouth, Massachusetts accepts the championship equestrian trophy from Dr. Howard C. Raven, winner of the 1964 Block and Bridle Alumni Award. June showed the yearling Promenade to win the blue in the horses in hand class.

STORRS — Morgans are a popular part of every Little International at the University of Connecticut. Shown in hand and under saddle, they are used for novelty events as well. This year they were ridden in an obstacle course, musical chairs, and a water relay race.

The Morgan’s versatility and reliability are well seen in the many and varied uses to which they are put at the University. Used in special training and handling classes, they also spend many hours under saddle in riding classes.

Each spring the student Block and Bridle Club cooperates with the Animal Industries Department to sponsor the 2-day Little International Livestock and Horse Show. All the animals used are from University herds and are fitted and shown by students.

There just aren’t enough horses to go around for the popular in-hand class, and competition is always high to draw an animal for the event. The barns are busy the month before the show as students swap secrets on how to best prepare a horse for the big event. The task is doubly difficult at this time of year when all the animals are shedding their winter coats. It takes a lot of time and effort to put on the desired high gloss.

The two top riders from the three equestrian classes compete for the coveted championship trophy.

This year Miss June Potter of Dartmouth, Mass., placed first in both the equestrian and in hand events.

Mr. Lloyd Marks of Peabody, Mass., judged the horse events in this year’s show.

The many events at the show include classes for cattle, sheep, and swine as well as horses. They offer students a chance to apply classroom teaching and gain practical experience in training and showing.

Daryl Hatch, U. of C. horseman, drives judges Lloyd Marks (horses) and Nick Colbin (sheep), into the arena on Saturday morning. The back seat driver is Daryl’s poodle, Dollar.

A four horse hitch of Morgans at the University of Connecticut shows spectators what horsepower used to be.