CASNР alumni honored at annual reunion

September 25th marked the date of the annual College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association (CASNRAA) Football Reunion. Held jointly with the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences (CHRFS), the event attracted 170 alumni and guests to the Wick Alumni Center for the morning program and luncheon.

Three outstanding leaders in the agricultural industry received awards from the CASNRAA, which were presented by Mr. C.L. Garey, a former member of the CASNRAA Board. Honored this year were Dr. Leslie F. Sheffield, Mr. Byron D. Sadle, and Mr. Jack Maddux.

Named Alumnus of the Year was Dr. Leslie Sheffield of Lincoln, Nebraska. Coordinator of Outreach Programs, UNL Water Center/Environmental Programs, Dr. Sheffield holds three degrees from CASNR—a BS in Agronomy in 1950, and an MS in 1964 and PhD in 1971, both in agricultural economics. Dr. Sheffield is widely recognized as an irrigation management specialist and has had a distinguished career at the University of Nebraska as a pioneer in water management and use. His leadership and patient. Even though we felt strongly about the positive ramifications of such a program, the test year was going to decide its future. Well, to make a long story short, we evaluated, made adjustments, had gotten even more excited and are up and running for the second year.

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* To familiarize current students with the Alumni Association to encourage future alumni participation.

The first no-till farming that is widely used today for conservation tillage was adopted on his farm with the assistance of the UNL Extension Service. He served on the UNL College of Agriculture Advisory Committee while Elvin Frolik was dean of agriculture. He also served as host for members of the 1938 class at their 50-year reunion.

A Colorado State University graduate, Jack Maddux of Wauneta, received an Honorary Life Membership in the CASNR Alumni Association. Maddux is a nationally recognized leader in the beef cattle industry. His effectiveness as a spokesman for the livestock industry is demonstrated by his leadership roles in the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, his service on advisory committees to the West Central Research and Extension Center, and his affiliation with the Ag Builders and Ag40 Group. Maddux also has served as chair of the Livestock Production Task Force of Agriculture 2001 for the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Also participating in the Reunion program were Dean Donald M. Edwards of the CASNR and Dean Karen E. Craig of the CHRFS, who gave updates on recent changes within their colleges.

Congratulations to the award winners! Nominations for the 1994 awards will be due August 1, 1994. Please contact the Alumni Association for information and a nomination form.

ASAP begins second year

Last year the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association (CASNRAA) instituted a 1-year experimental student/alumni mentoring program which we coined the ASAP Program—short for Alumni and Students Associating Professionally! It started knowing that year one was going to be a test, and that our first students and mentor alums would need to be flexible and patient. Even though we felt strongly about the positive ramifications of such a program, the test year was going to decide its future. Well, to make a long story short, we evaluated, made adjustments, have gotten even more excited and are up and running for the second year.

The objectives for establishing the ASAP Program were as follows:

* To give future employers a view of the outstanding caliber of students at CASNR and to give students a direct contact for future employment possibilities.
* To develop interpersonal relationships between professionals and students.

Last year the ASAP Program was made up of seven students and their mentors. This year we have 43 students to match with mentors, and nearly every major within the college is represented by the participating students. The students were solicited from the sophomore class. We have tried to solicit our mentors so that their career and education match the student and mentor to be matched for at least one year; longer would be great.

The program was kicked off with an October 12 organizational meeting at the Wick Alumni Center. Don Hutchens, Executive Director of the Nebraska Corn Board, was the featured speaker at the informal event, where students and mentors had an opportunity to meet and get acquainted. Jan Kaufman of the Nebraska Human Resources Research Foundation assisted with some ice-breaking activities, and several representatives of the Alumni Association and the College also participated in the program.

Finding 43 mentors to work with the interested students has been a challenge—but one we have been happy to have to deal with. It has taken a lot of time and effort on the part of many people to get the ASAP Program off the ground for this important second year. It is very exciting for the CASNRAA Board to see this program taking off so strongly, but we will need additional support from alumni in the Lincoln area to keep it going in the coming years. If you would like to be included in our data bank of potential mentors, please complete the form on page 2 and return it to the Alumni Association office.

Your support will be greatly appreciated by the Alumni Board and by a student eager to learn from your experience.

Thanks.

Dallas Kime,
ASAP Chair
Energetic students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources are buzzing around East Campus again this fall! Our enrollment continues to grow and has reached 1375 undergraduates this fall compared with 1320 last fall and 1119 in the fall of 1989 (the year of a 20-year low in enrollment). When adding the enrollment in agricultural and biological systems, engineering, the increase has been from 1146 in the fall of 1989 to 1480 in the fall of 1993 for an increase of about 30%. Graduate enrollment has increased from 490 in the fall of 1989 to 572 in the fall of 1992 to an estimated 550 in the fall of 1993. This represents an overall increase of 12 percent. While we do not have the official enrollment by majors, the increase has been somewhat uniform for all majors with anticipated larger increases in agribusiness, animal science, biological systems engineering, biochemistry, environmental studies, fisheries and wildlife, agronomy, food science, horticulture, mechanized systems management, biometry, veterinary science and water science. The students’ enthusiasm and vitality invigorate those of us who find the summer campus more quiet and renew our effort to provide quality education opportunities for these students.

The Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources has made a major commitment to cultural diversity. Alma Ramirez has been recently hired jointly between the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the State 4-H Office for the purpose of increasing career opportunity awareness in agricultural sciences and natural resources to minority youth. A separate study will appear in the next issue of The Sower about Alma. The minority student enrollment in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has been less than one percent for undergraduate and three percent for graduate enrollment. Our goal is to increase the minority enrollment to at least six percent to reflect the minority population of Nebraska.

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis has been given full approval for continued operations by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. At the July 1993 meeting of the commission, the

Diversity and change

Greetings from Waverly! It’s my pleasure to be writing as your new Alumni Board President. My name is Tamara (Ruth) Althouse and I’m an ’83 graduate with a degree in agricultural journalism. My husband Steve (’83) and I farm in the Waverly area, just northeast of Lincoln, and have three daughters: Claire, a 7-year-old first grader; Emily, 5, a kindergartner; and Hannah, almost 3, my full-time sidekick. We keep busy with a variety of activities within our church and community, and feel we have the best of both worlds with our rural lifestyle and proximity to Lincoln and Omaha.

I have learned a great deal since I first joined the Alumni Board in 1990, but two things that have been most striking to me can be classified as diversity and change. While Steve and I are happily making our living farming, we represent a minority of our classmates—less than 25 percent of CASNR alumni are involved full-time in farming or ranching. Perhaps it’s just that the agricultural industry is so diverse in itself, or perhaps a degree in agriculture prepares us for a wide variety of careers, but regardless, the diversity of our alumni continues to amaze me. And as I re-explore the campus now and compare it to just 10 years ago when we graduated, the changes are stunning. Yes, many of the buildings have changed physically, but the really important changes have been within the curriculum and the multitude of new offerings the College is making to students today. There are majors available now that simply didn’t exist a few short years ago—and students have the option of beginning their college career at a smaller or closer school and then transferring with ease and confidence to CASNR to complete their degree. Students with interests in landscape design, biosystems engineering, food science and technology, and a near endless list of other career possibilities will find much to excite them at CASNR today—and up to the alumni both to encourage them to visit the campus and to preserve the quality of our college by showing our support physically, financially, and legislatively. The Alumni Association is a wonderful way to support your college and maintain ties with an important part of your past, while at the same time ensuring a bright future for the industry and those involved in it.

Thank You: As you may know, service on the CASNRAA Board is voluntary—we receive no reimbursement for our time or travel expenses, and pay our own way to all events. Being self-employed and living so close to Lincoln, where most of our functions are held, this is really not such a big consideration for me personally. But most of our members commit a significant amount of time and expense to participate—often taking time off from their work or other responsibilities. It takes a lot of dedication and enthusiasm. I’d like to thank three people who recently completed their terms on the CASNRAA Board: Paul Kenney of Amherst, Mark Kubik of Auburn, and Mark Moravec of Grand Island (who served two terms and also was our representative on the UNL Alumni Association Board). Also retiring from the Board was Gary Garey of Sycamore. Gary served two terms on the Board including a term as President, followed by a term as our representative on the UNL Board. We thank all of these gentlemen for their service and dedication to the CASNRAA Board.

Welcome: It’s also my pleasure to introduce our new board members, who began their 3-year terms July 1. Dr. Raymond Ward (’59) of Kearney, Sheila O’Connor (’87) of Lincoln, and Willow Holubek (’82) of David City join our Board, bringing a variety of experiences and interests with them. We also welcome Jason Voss of Davenport and Missy Girard of Osceola as our student representatives. A complete listing of board members can be found elsewhere in this publication; feel free to contact any one of you with your comments or suggestions.

Special Note: The CASNRAA Board also wishes to extend very special thanks to Mr. Dave Parrish, long-time editor of The Sower, for his dedication and devotion to this publication. Dave has recently retired as editor and we wish him all the best. The CASNRAA Board will handle editorial responsibilities for the time being. Let me hear from you!

Tamara Althouse, President
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A hot “tip” on a cold night...

January 29, 1994

Ag Hall (Fairgrounds) 5:00pm Registration Buffet Program
Bob Devaney Sports Center 7:00pm Nebraska vs. Oklahoma Men’s basketball

NOTE: A basketball mailing will be sent to Alumni Association members in Nebraska. If you don’t receive one and are interested in attending, call Alice Kadavy at (402) 472-2841.
ALUMNI NOTES

JAMES D. (JIM) METZGER is retired after a career that included soil conservation, farm management, real estate and insurance. From 1955-1967 he served as an irrigation advisor to Turkey and Jordan for the Agency for International Development. Now living in Sonoma, Calif., Jim was recognized as Volunteer of the Year in 1987, and he was given the title of ALCALDE (Honorary Mayor).

EARL HEDLUND received the UNL Alumni Achievement Award and attended his 55th reunion in May. Retired after 35 years in the Air Force, Earl and his wife keep busy with gardening, travel, golf, and volunteer service, plus six children and their families. He reports that he still tries to raise wheat on the family farm near Chappell, and enjoys keeping up with Nebraska activities from his home in Annandale, Va.

MYRON KEIM spent four years after graduation on a soybean fellowship at Rutgers University. He and his wife, Katharine Shawyer, ’40, CBA, have two sons and seven grandchildren. Myron spent his career in the fertilizer and potash business, including 19 years as Head Agronomist with V-C Fertilizer, and retired in 1980 from Utah Potash Co. as Eastern Regional Manager. He lives in Richmond, Va. and keeps busy with his garden, Nebraska farms, church, choir, bridge, travel and stocks—which he says is his favorite hobby.

WILSON E. FIELD III still lives on his farm at Tecumseh, Neb., although his son has taken over the farming operation. Wilson owns and operates Field Ford Mercury in Tecumseh.

TED WARD of Lincoln is a Veterans Education Specialist for the Nebraska department of Education and was recently named as the first inductee into the Northeast Community College (Norfolk) Agriculture Advisory Committee’s “Hall of Fame.” A long-time member of the committee, Ward’s portrait now hangs in the Ag & Allied Health Building in recognition of this honor.

KENNARD POHLMAN of Omaha is founder and president of Midwest Laboratories (formerly A & L Mid West Laboratories). The company discontinued its affiliation with the national A & L group in July. It is one of the largest independent laboratories in the U.S., with 75 employees and over 40,000 sq. ft. of facilities devoted to quality analytical services for agricultural and environmental testing. His wife, Beverley (Swoboda, ’62) is also actively involved in the operation of the laboratory.

ROGER A. STEWART, JR., has lived in Naperville, Ill. for 15 years. He has been golf course superintendent at Stonebridge Country Club of Aurora, Ill. since 1988. Stonebridge is the host for the Ameritech Senior Open—a PGA Senior event that is televised on CBS each July. Married with three children, Roger previously spent 10 years as course superintendent at Riverside Golf Club.

DELFORD and Sara (Hinds) ’75, Teachers College, SCHLAKE farm in the Blue Springs, Neb. area. They have three children, Becky, David and Brent, and Delford serves as President of the Gage County Farm Bureau.

GREGG CLASSEN has worked for Rain and Hail Insurance Service, Inc. since 1977, as a crop adjuster, field supervisor and assistant division manager. In 1989 he was promoted to Division Manager of the Great Plains Division Office located in Omaha. Gregg says he keeps in touch with a number of UNL grads, and is now a “farmer (of sorts)”, as his family owns a corn and soybean farm near Adel, Iowa, where he enjoys working on the weekends.

KEVIN C. WOLTEMATH is in charge of show and sale cattle for Gibbet Hill Farm, which is a family-owned farm located in Groton, Mass.

GEORGINA JONES of Huntsville is currently working on a PhD in food science and technology at Alabama A&M in Normal, Ala.

MICHAEL SCHOLZ moved back to Lincoln in January of 1993. He is currently an area manager for Van Diest Supply Co. of Webster, Iowa, and works with ag-chemical dealers in southeast Nebraska.

What have you been up to since graduation?

The ALUMNI NOTES section of The Sower continues to be the best-read part of our effort to keep alumni informed about CASNR, UNL and ag grads. Studies over the years have shown that information published about alumni for alumni is, indeed, well-received. Everyone wants to know about former classmates.

You may have, in the past, received a request for information about yourself in the mail. If you did, and responded, take another minute to update us all on what’s been happening in your life. If you received a request and did not respond, it’s time you did.

If you have NOT received a request for information about yourself, your career (s), your family, your interests and your observations about college life on East Campus, consider this a formal request; a few minutes of your time and a 29-cent stamp can/will make The Sower more enjoyable to your friends and classmates.

Reminiscences about college life, as well as photos, are welcome, too! (Be sure to include your class year and major(s).)

Name
Class year _________ Major _________
Address
City/State/Zip
Your news

Please and return this form to: The Sower, CASNR Alumni Association, Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R Street, P.O. Box 880216, Lincoln, NE 68588-0216.
New CASNR student ambassadors named

Student Ambassadors for the 1993-94 term have been announced by the Dean’s Office. The Ambassador program has many purposes, some of which are:

1) To generate awareness about agricultural sciences and natural resources careers;
2) To recruit students for CASNR through campus and outreach activities;
3) To serve as student representatives on committees and attend designated functions for the CASNR;
4) To assist in integrating the business and education communities;
5) To create an awareness of current or needed student services;
6) To foster communication between students, faculty, and administration;
7) To develop personal leadership and communication skills.

Students selected to serve as Ambassadors and their hometowns are:

Bart Beattie—Sumner, Neb.
Michelle Heftie—Wisner, Neb.
Scott Heinrich—Blue Hill, Neb.
Bryant Knoerzer—Elwood, Neb.
Kim Mehl—North Platte, Neb.
Dawn Moody—Scotia, Neb.

Student Ambassadors are available to speak or appear at events. Contact the Dean’s Office (402-472-2201) for further information.

Beth Franz retires

After devoting nearly 22 years to students, faculty, and staff in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Dean’s Office, Beth Franz retired on August 20, 1993. The plaque presented to Beth stated:

"The faculty, staff and students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources recognize Beth P. Franz for her staunch commitment and generous spirit in contributing to the academic environment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, August 26, 1971-August 20, 1993."

We all wish Beth well as she starts her “retirement” years and know that her family and friends, and community and church groups will continue to benefit from Beth’s diverse talents.

RESUMES RECRUITMENT: To Recruit:
1) Summer or part-time employees
2) Intern or co-op students

Contact:
Student Employment and Internship Center
345 Nebraska Union
P.O. Box 880495
Lincoln, NE 68588-0495
402/472-1452

To Recruit:
1) Graduating students
2) Alumni

Contact:
Career Planning and Placement Center
University of Nebraska—Lincoln
230 Nebraska Union
P.O. Box 880451
Lincoln, NE 68588-0451
402/472-3145
402/472-3553 (FAX)

Resume Referral Services:
Student Employment and Internship
402/472-1452

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