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Arnold, Gingery receive 1994 Alumni Awards

Saturday, October 29, 1994 was a great day to be in Lincoln, Nebraska! The sky was brilliant blue, the Huskers were red hot, and the atmosphere at the Wick Center was warm and pleasant as alumni and Natural Resources (CASNR) and the College of Agricultural Sciences (HRFS) gathered for their annual Football Reunion and Awards Program.

Over 150 alumni and friends enjoyed an early breakfast buffet before the program, which included College Updates from Dean Donald Edwards - CASNR, and Dean Karen Craig - HRFS. Many of the items Dean Edwards reported to the group can be found in his column printed elsewhere in this issue of The Sower. CASNR is showing increases in enrollment and in the number of companies interviewing on campus, both strong indicators of the quality of the institution and its students, and of the opportunities available to CASNR graduates.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association (CASNRAA) 1994 Alumni Awards. Dr. Raymond Ward of Kearney, Awards Committee chairman, presented the Alumnus of the Year Award to Dr. Roy Arnold, of Corvallis, Oregon. Arnold, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of Oregon State University, is a native of Lyons and a 1962 graduate of the University of Nebraska. He earned his master’s degree and doctorate from Oregon State and joined the UNL faculty in 1967 as assistant professor of Food Science and Technology. He later served as associate professor, professor, department chair, and dean and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Dr. Arnold served five years as Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNL before returning to Oregon State in 1987.

Receiving the 1994 Award of Merit was Robert O. Gingery of Lincoln. Gingery is a native of Filley, and received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from UNL in 1942 and 1952. Starting his career as a teacher, Gingery is now retired from Farmland Industries, where he was division general manager. Always involved in civic affairs, Gingery has been active in such organizations as the Nebraska Ag 2001 Committee, the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association and the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, and has served as president of Partners of America, Capitol City Kiwanis, Nebraska Ag Builders and the Nebraska Council for Public Relations in Agriculture.

Following the awards presentation, Dale Bacon of Lincoln “haunted” the audience with a few tales of supernatural occurrences on the UNL campus. And of course, many of the alums then had the opportunity to attend the NU-Nebraska football game. (Final Score: NU 24, CU 7) It was indeed a great day to be in Lincoln, wearing red, and proud to be a UNL alumnus!

Note: The CASNRAA Board of Directors will be accepting nominations for the 1995 Alumni Awards (Alumnus of the Year, Award of Merit and Honorary Life Membership) prior to August 15, 1995. Please contact the Wick Alumni Center for information and/or a nomination form.

ASAP Program kickoff held October 20

The ASAP (Alumni and Students Associating Professionally) Mentoring Program officially kicked off the year with an informal dinner held at the Wick Alumni Center on Thursday, October 20. Response from the sophomore class was excellent again this year, and 26 students have been paired with a local professional in the student’s career area.

This program, now in its third year, offers students an opportunity to gain first-hand information on their chosen career, and hopefully gain some valuable insight and advice as they continue planning their academic course. The program is intentionally open and unstructured, allowing the student-mentor teams freedom to arrange meetings according to their own schedules. Past participants have found the ASAP program to be helpful, enlightening and fun.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor to a CASNR student, please call the Wick Alumni Center, 402-472-2841, for further information.

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on Saturday, October 29, 1994, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association held their annual fall reunion. This year it was held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln/Wick Alumni Center in conjunction with Homecoming and prior to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln/Colorado football game. As special recognitions and awards were presented and acquaintances renewed, one must be impressed with the accomplishments of the graduates from the University of Nebraska College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is your college — past, present and future! Many times we refer to the Institute of Agricultural and Natural Resources (the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources) as having world-class programs, faculty and students. Yesterday's students are today's alumni; today's students will soon join the ranks of alumni. Yesterday's world class students have done well; we believe the same will be said for the current. Let me introduce you to today's students:

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Why are we concerned about attracting and retaining high quality students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources? During the past two years about 60% of the companies coming to interview students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln came to the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. This fall the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources had the largest career fair in its history as 53 companies came to talk with College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources students about internships and careers following graduation. Why is this of significance? During the past several years, and we anticipate this trend will continue, over 70% of all graduates from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources took jobs in Nebraska. Many of the others that take jobs outside Nebraska take jobs that have a positive influence upon the economy of Nebraska. We anticipate the job market to remain strong. The graduates from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources have a significant impact upon the economy of Nebraska.

Enrollments continue to increase as we implement new majors and minors, improve current curriculum, continue to provide quality teaching and advising in modern state-of-the-art learning facilities, and the job market remains strong. An important component to this increase is the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources’ newly implemented transfer programs with community, state and private colleges and universities — referred to as “From Start to Finish.”

Most important to the increase in enrollments in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is the continued support of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources alumni. Your encouragement for young people to select a major in the college, provide job opportunities for graduates and financial support through scholarships, fellowships, internships and other gifts have made the difference.

As we look to the future, we need your continued guidance, encouragement and support. During the months and years ahead, we will continue to develop strategies and action plans; and visioning as to what the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources should be doing in the future.

In future issues of The Sower, I will share with you how you may be an active participant in strategic planning and visioning for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources outreach program whereby academic programs are taken to the “students” regardless of location, and new multi-media teaching facilities.

Please visit your College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources soon. Many changes have occurred, more will be forthcoming.

Don Edwards, Dean
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Student Ambassadors

Nine students are serving as Student Ambassadors for the 1994-95 school year. The Student Ambassadors are chosen through an application and interview process each spring. They work in the CASNR recruitment and placement office, which is housed in the Dean’s office.

The Student Ambassadors have many responsibilities while serving for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The overall goal of the Ambassadors is to generate awareness about agricultural sciences and natural resources careers to potential students, current students, and community leaders. One of the biggest actions which the program takes is recruiting of incoming students to the University. Ambassadors attend career fairs, agricultural expos, and high schools to promote the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

The Student Ambassadors also work with University administration to create an awareness of needed or current college student services, and help foster communication between administration and students. Additionally, they work on projects such as Biology Career Workshop, High School Scholars Research Program, and Red Letter Days. Other responsibilities include mailings to general studies majors and incoming students. The top prize winner received a $2,000 research grant, and third place a $1,000 research grant. Second place received a $1,000 research grant, and third place a $1,000 research grant. HSSRP was held on Saturday, October 22, 1994.

Teen-Holiday

Saturday, October 22, 1994 was the date set for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to host the Homestead Girl Scout Council on the Teen-Holiday. The event began at 8:15 am and concluded at 11:30 am. There were 530 Girl Scouts ranging from 4th to 6th grades on campus that day who experienced what CASNR has to offer. Forty-seven students, staff, and faculty members were on hand, serving as guides, helpers, and presenters.

High School Scholars Research Program

The High School Scholars Research Program (HSSRP) involves high school juniors and seniors in a science competition held on East Campus. Twenty-four students applied for this opportunity to present research that they have worked on during their high school years. Twenty students from Nebraska, Wyoming, and Missouri were selected to participate in the program, and the top ten applicants will present their symposiums. Faculty members judged the symposiums and interviewed the students. The top prize winner received a research grant of $2,000, and full tuition scholarship. Second place received a $2,000 research grant, and third place a $1,000 research grant. HSSRP was held on Saturday, November 19, 1994.

Ag Career Day in York

On October 12, 1994, the First National Bank of York hosted three hundred high school students at Ag Career Day in York. Several individuals from CASNR gave presentations to the students, including Larry Larson, Kathy Anderson, Glenn Hoffman, Durward Smith, Mike Kocher, Cindy Camback, Jack Schinstock, Del Hemsha of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, and Dee Griffin of the Great Plains Vet Education Center.

Red Letter Days

Fall Fridays mean busy days for the recruitment office at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources — as many as 150 students will attend Red Letter Days this fall! Each Red Letter Day is an opportunity for high school students who are interested in the University to come to campus. The students and their families are given an opportunity to come to East Campus in the afternoon while they can sit in on an information session given by the CASNR Student Ambassadors. The Student Ambassadors also lead on tours of East Campus and answer questions from a student’s point of view.

If you know of a student who may be interested in attending the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at UNL, please contact the Office of the Dean, 402-472-2201, for recruitment information.

Placement Library moves

The Placement Library for CASNR has moved from 103 Ag Hall to 318 East Campus Union. This location makes the library easier for students, alumni and employers to access, and is near the on-campus interview rooms. The library is home to over 300 company files, company binders and videos, books on career planning and job hunting, current job listings, and a TV and VCR. The office was newly furnished in January 1994 by the Nebraska East Union; this fall a new computer was purchased with funds from the UNL Parents Association. This computer currently contains the Federal Opportunities Career Information System (FOICS) and the Nebraska Career Information System (NCIS). Office hours for the East Campus Career Services Center were increased to 30 hours/week in the fall of 1993, resulting in increased student usage of 217%. Office hours are 9am to noon Monday through Friday, with afternoon hours (1-5pm) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The phone number is: 402-472-8273. Next time you’re on campus, stop in and visit!

Company attending CASNR Career Day 1994:

- Advance Personnel
- Ag Career Consulting
- Agronomic Associates
- American Cyanamid
- Archer Daniels Midland
- Asgrow Seed
- Cargill
- Cargill/Nutrenbru Feed Division
- Cenex/Land O Lakes
- Central
- Christensen Farms
- Ciba Corporation
- Collingwood Grain
- Country General
- Continental Grain/North American Grain
- Continental Grain/Wayne Feeds
- Crop Pro-Tech
- Crop Quist
- DeKalb Swine Breeders
- DowElanco
- Earl May Seed & Nursery
- Elanco Animal Health
- Elanco Animal Health
- Excel Corporation
- Farm Credit Services
- Farmland Industries
- Ford New Holland
- Golden Harvest/J.C. Robinson Seed

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40-Year Honor Class:
1954

Norman L. Anders, General Ag, is vice president/ag loan officer of the Sherman County Bank in Loup City, Neb., and says he has spent his life making loans to farmers and ranchers. He and his wife, Glenda, have three daughters and six grandchildren who bring them great joy. A Big Red fan, Norman is looking forward to retiring in 1996.

Denzil O. Clegg, General Ag, lives in Granbury, Texas, where he is a real estate agent. Denzil retired in 1989 after a career with the Extension Service in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Texas and with USDA in Washington. He and his wife Beverly have five children and six grandchildren who live in wonderful places for traveling: California, Colorado, Illinois, North Carolina, and Connecticut. Denzil encourages all “smart kids” looking to relocate to give him a call!

Merton L. “Cap” Dierks is a rancher and veterinarian at Ewing, Neb. He and his wife, Gloria, have four children: Jon, Tom, Christopher and Stephanie — all graduates of UNL. Cap graduated from Kansas State University Veterinary College in 1961, at which time he returned to Ewing to start his veterinary practice. Elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 1986, he will begin his third term in January, 1995.

Delmar O. Fangmeier lives in Tucson, Ariz., where he is a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at the University of Arizona.

David B. Fitz, BS - Ag Econ, MA - Ag Econ, lives in Cedar Park, Texas (Austin area), where he is involved in custom wood carving, wood working, and decorative painting. David is retired from USDA, where he was in charge of Federal Marketing Orders in California, Arizona, and Hawaii. He and his wife have two grandsons in the Dallas area and one in Indianapolis.

Jerry L. Jensen, Agronomy, is the retired CEO of Jensen Milk Transport, Inc. He lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Cal Kuska, Ag Journalism, lives at Highland Ranch, Colo. Cal and his wife Fran have been instrumental in establishing composting programs at the Air Force Academy, City and County of Salt Lake, Utah State University, Longmont Foods, a 1,000 acre certified organic vegetable grower and many feedlots and dairies. They have also established many municipal backyard composting programs, building understanding for larger scale programs. The Kuska’s publish a newsletter, Composting Age, consult nationwide and overseas, and present programs on the subject.

Wayne Moody, General Ag, is a District Sales Manager for NC+ Hybrids Co., of Lincoln, Neb. He is responsible for sales in a portion of Nebraska, all of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana and has been with NC+ for 20 years. Wayne and his wife, Norma, have three children and a granddaughter. Wayne is a retired USAF Reserve pilot, and has financial interest in a family farm at Auburn, Neb.


LeRoy V. Peters, Agronomy/Botany, retired in January 1989 after a career as a crop breeder. Working with a variety of crops, including sorghum, millet, corn and soybeans, Peters worked both with USAID and private seed companies, with assignments in Uganda, Botswana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Belize before retiring in Porca City, Okla. The Peters’ have six children, and while home-teaching was necessary during the first five years in Uganda, they all attended boarding school in Rome, Italy. Peters strongly believes their efforts were successful in both Africa and Central America, as several scientists were trained and new crop varieties were developed and released to the farmers.

Charles W. Schuerman, Ag Economics is retired and lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Evertt W. Spackman, Entomology, is retired and living in Lasrme, Wyo. He worked for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture from 1954-1968 and then at the University of Wyoming as extension entomologist from 1968-1990. Everett and his wife, Eunice, have four sons spread over the U.S., and are active in a local genealogy society, with their church, reading, gardening and woodworking.

Dale Van Vleck, Technical Science, retired as professor emeritus from Cornell University in 1988 after 31 years in New York. He returned to Nebraska for a joint appointment with UNL and USDA Meat Animal Research Center, and has been author or co-author of several textbooks. Van Vleck received an Honorary Doctor of Science from UNL in 1986. He now lives in Lincoln.

25-Year Honor Class:
1969

Gary E. Fetch, Biochemistry, is a computer analyst living in Omaha with his wife, Marilyn, and teenagers Leanna and Tony. After graduation from UNL, Gary enlisted in the US Army Security Agency and was trained to be a translator/interpreter in the Vietnamese language. He served a ten-month tour in Vietnam. Following his military service, Gary studied computer programming and began working for Mutual of Omaha, where he has been for 21 years.

James D. Free, Food Science, is a dentist living in Bennet, Nebraska. He and his wife have seven children and a grandchild “pending.” James says he has been “blessed beyond merit.”

Roland L. Jensen, Animal Science and Ag Economics, is a farm manager and real estate salesman with Farmers National Company, working in southeast Nebraska, southwest Iowa, and northwest Missouri for the last 20 years. His hobbies include collecting toy tractors, yardwork, hunting and fishing, and attending Big Red games. Roland and his wife, Carla, have three children, Eric, Amy and Megan; the family lives in Nebraska City.

Marshall H. Jurgens, Animal Science, is a professor at Iowa State University in Ames, where he advises and teaches undergraduate students and conducts research on swine nutrition research. He and his wife, Kathy, co-own and operate a swimming pool and spa business, as well as serving as advisors for Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Kappa, respectively. They have two children, Elizabeth and David, both of whom attend UNL.
Cliff Knispel, Ed Agriculture, is a farm manager and ag consultant living in Ogalalla, Nebraska.

Dale T. Lindgren, Horticulture, is a professor of Horticulture at the University of Nebraska West Central Research & Extension Center in North Platte, Neb.

Mark Nyfele, Wildlife, is a farmer at Columbus, Neb., where he raises corn, sweet corn, and “critter corn” (for squirrels). His wife Sharon (Sowder) is a private marriage and family counselor. They have three children: Debbie, ’94 -UNK; Tracy, a junior at UNL; and Scott, a senior at Columbus High.

Paul Underwood, Ag Education and Mechanzed Ag, farms at Exeter, Neb., and is co-owner and president of McCool Fertilizer Co. Paul taught Vo-Ag, I and Young Farmers at Geneva from 1969-1978, and has served as president of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association. He and his wife, Cheri, have three young children. Paul says he enjoys “family, friends, sports and the customers we do business with.”

Stan Wallen, Ag Honors, lives in Albany, Calif., where he is General Manager/Vice President of the First Space Mix Co. of San Francisco. Stan has worked for the US Army Veterinary Food Inspection Service, earned his PhD from Iowa State, worked as an academic and a commercial laboratory manager. He also has worked in the meat and poultry industries. Stan’s wife is Soosan Lit Kouhi, and they have four children: Rebecca Ann, B.J., Pirooz and Roshann.

Dennis Wilkins, Ag Economics, is a farmer at Kennard, Neb. Dennis married Charlene Alishor in 1973, and they have four children: Brett, Ben, Brittany and Brianne. He has been a member of the Arlington School Board for ten years, and the Arlington Education Foundation for seven years. Farming since 1971, Dennis has been active in soil conservation and recycling, and enjoys traveling and sports — especially watching his kids play, stock car racing and baseball.

Other Class Notes:

34 James D. Metzger recently sent The Sower a copy of his autobiography. It is a thorough and beautifully documented history of his life and career, and he expresses great gratitude to the University of Nebraska, the College of Agriculture, and the Extension Service for assistance throughout his life. Metzger was assigned as Flood Control Engineer to the Civilian Conservation Corp at Fairbury, Neb. in August, 1934, later going on to work in Turkey, where irrigation and other technology was developed to fit local needs. Jim and his wife, Verna, live in Sonoma, Calif.

35 R.C. Kinch, Agronomy, earned his MS in 1936 and began working as a seed analyst for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Kinch was professor of Agronomy at South Dakota State University in Brookings from 1945 until 1966, at which time he became professor emeritus. Kinch lives in Brookings, S.D.

47 Samuel C. Wiggins retired from the USDA/CSRS in 1992 after more than 11 years of service. Prior to that, he was chair of the Department of Plant and Soil Science at the University of Vermont. In addition, Wiggins held the positions of associate professor and assistant professor at Oklahoma State and Iowa State, respectively. He writes that he is now part owner and manager of a public golf course in Vermont during the summer.

82 Dan Lindstrom, Animal Science, earned his J.D. from UNL College of Law in 1986 and began his practice in Kearney, Neb. Dan is now a partner in the law firm of Jacobsen, Orr, Nelson, Wright, Harder & Lindstrom, P.C., where he represents various agricultural and agribusiness clients. Dan is married to the former Carol Swanson, and they have three young children: Sam, Will and Kate.

90 Stacy Jo Lempka, Animal Science, attended Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, graduating in May of 1994. Stacy is currently an associate veterinarian at Portage Park Animal Hospital and Dental Clinic in Chicago, Ill.

Michael E. Scholz, Ag Economics/Animal Science/Agronomy, works for Van Dieten Supply Company as area manager. Michael recently married Pam Gilbert and they are expecting their first child. They live in Lincoln, Neb.

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 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, 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 stamp 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].)

Please clip and return this form to: The Sower, CASNR Alumni Association, Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R Street, P.O. Box 880216, Lincoln, NE 68588-0216.
Graduation Celebration: Saturday, December 17

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association invites all graduates, their families and friends, and fellow alumni to attend the Graduation Celebration Breakfast on Saturday, December 17th. This event, held prior to commencement exercises each May and December, honors all CASNR graduates and gives families a great place to gather on this special day. Continental breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30 am at the Beef Barbecue Pit just east of the Devaney Center on the State Fairgrounds. This is an informal event—a chance to visit with faculty, friends and family. Please join us at 402-472-2481 for more information or to make reservations.

Welcome, new alumni!

The CASNR-AA welcomes 30 August graduates of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to the ranks of “alumni.” Our congratulations and best wishes to the following degree recipients:

B.S. in Agricultural Sciences
- Julie Ann Arnes
- Barton Everett Beattie
- Roger Alan Boveen
- John Levi DaMoude
- Gerald James Demuth
- Jan Marie Korth
- John Patrick Leece
- Jeffery Scott Jacobs
- Jennifer L. Jackson
- John Christ Massel
- Christopher Michael Mores
- Jeffery Wade Maser
- William C. Matzke
- Brian James Mlady
- Travis Scott Mooney
- Thomas Patrick Olmer

B.S. in Natural Resources
- Jeff Jason Vifquain
- Gretchen Marie Wieker

M.S. in Administrative Management
- Rhonda Marie Ott
- Garold Wayne Schlatz
- Sheri Lynn Scott
- William G. Strong
- Russell James Vering
- Elizabeth Ann Westcott
- Brit Ann Wrightman

The nationally-acclaimed Scarlet Cream Singers will perform at the Graduate Breakfast. Please join us at 7:30 am, Beef Barbecue Pit, Fairgrounds.

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